

## **AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BURKINA FASO**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Burkina Faso, hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

Desirous of strengthening friendly relations and promoting a deeper understanding of each other's culture and people;

Acknowledging that culture and the arts are vital components of development and that cooperation in these fields enhances institutional networking and people-to-people exchanges;

Recalling the Convention for the safeguarding of the intangible Cultural Heritage (2003) signed under UNESCO and ratified by both Parties in 2006;

Have agreed on the following:

### **ARTICLE 1 General Objectives**

The Parties agree to promote the development of mutually beneficial relations in the fields of culture and the arts on the basis of mutual respect for sovereignty and the laws and regulations of each country, and bearing in mind the interest of their respective peoples.

### **ARTICLE II Scope of Cooperation**

The Parties shall promote and enhance knowledge and understanding among their respective peoples in the artistic and cultural education, performing arts, visual arts, literary arts, cinema and audio visual, tangible and intangible cultural heritage, and other forms of expression, activities and events of each other's country through the succeeding provisions.

### **ARTICLE III Networking and Exchanges**

1. The Parties shall promote networking, exchanges, and reciprocal access between cultural agencies, libraries, museums, archives, and other establishments and institutions.
2. The Parties shall encourage both in the public and private sectors, reciprocal visits of cultural officials, artists, experts, students and professionals, for research, training, performances, exhibitions, and participations in cultural and artistic activities.
3. The Parties shall promote the establishment of bilateral agreements between creative organizations and cultural institutions on matters of mutual interest.