

**Message for the CBMS Network Policy Conference/15th CBMS Philippines National Conference,
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Greetings of Peace to all delegates of this year's CBMS Network Policy Conference!

The DLSU Community shares in our nation's vision and commitment towards achieving the sustainable development goals. In 2016, DLSU initiated an SDG Localization Project comprised of four components specifically addressing key social concerns in the sectors of education, health, environment, and social entrepreneurship. These programs are the Lasallian Accessible, Relevant, and Alternative Learning (L-ARAL), the Lasallian Health Education, Health Services and Training Services (L-HEARTS), the Lasallian Environmental Sustainability and Governance (L-EnviSaGe); and the Lasallian Social Enterprise for Economic Development (L-SEED). Through this SDG Localization Project, the University aims to strengthen its collaboration with key partners and stakeholders while calibrating its community engagement to become more socially relevant and impact-driven.

This year's CBMS conference theme of *Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Through CBMS* is aligned with DLSU's mission for its SDG initiative—that of fulfilling the global goals by engaging people, influencing institutions and empowering communities. Complemented with its CBMS partnership research and capacity program initiatives, both at the national and international levels, the University continues to reach out to policy stakeholders and local communities through knowledge sharing, and provision of technical support for bridging data gaps in development planning and program implementation, particularly in the context of meeting the SDG targets.

May our joint efforts towards meeting these global goals and creating more empowered-communities truly bring equal opportunities and improved quality of life for ALL!