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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City



**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
(FOURTH REGULAR SESSION)**

BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 31

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Friday, the 29th day of March, 2019.

**AN ACT
CREATING THE BANGSAMORO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, DEFINING
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “The Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board Act of 2022”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policies. – The Bangsamoro Government declares the following policies:

- a. To protect and advance the rights of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature;
- b. To protect and improve the quality of life of its inhabitants through careful planning of the development of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, taking into consideration the ecological balance and the natural resources that are available for the use of current and future generations;
- c. It shall promote the effective use of economic resources and endeavor to attain food security, economic development, and social justice;
- d. It shall likewise provide equitable opportunities for the development of constituent local government units and shall strengthen governance systems to ensure people’s participation;
- e. It shall ensure every inhabitant within its territorial jurisdiction the provision of basic necessities and equal opportunities in life. Social justice shall be promoted in all aspects of life and phases of development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;
- f. It recognizes the important role and contribution of women and youth in nation- building and regional development, ensuring their representation in the Bangsamoro Government’s other decision-making and policy determining bodies; and
- g. It recognizes and promotes the rights of Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples within the framework of the Constitution and national laws.

Section 3. Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Framework. – The Board shall formulate and adopt a Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Framework, which shall be guided by the principle of Moral Governance. Moral Governance is the set of rules, practices, and processes completely devoid of all the evils of graft and corruption, and explicitly driven by the moral principles of utmost dedication, devotion, honesty, justice, and integrity. It shall serve as the compass and the balancing power of other the principles, found below, which shall likewise guide the formulation of the Framework:

(1) Environmental Vicegerency. – The physical and biological cycles that maintain the productivity of natural ecosystems must always be kept intact. For this purpose, “*Khalifa*” shall be employed to highlight the vicegerency, trustee, steward of *Allah (Subhanallahu Wa Ta’alah)* on earth.

(2) Social Justice and Well-Being. — The people themselves, through participatory processes, should be fully committed to support sustainable development activities by fostering equity in access to resources and the benefits derived from them; provision of the basic necessities and equal opportunities in life including basic services; housing and human settlements; labor rights; rights, protection, and participation of women in the Bangsamoro Government; rights of the youth; rights of children and settler communities.

(3) Respect to Culture, Belief and Heritage. – This ensures that different cultures, beliefs and heritage of various ethno-linguistic groups in the Bangsamoro are respected, as this will form part of the Bangsamoro identity.

(4) Economic Progress with Equity. – This refers to the gradual improvement or growth of the Bangsamoro economy through increasing goods and services with high respect to culture, beliefs, and social justice and well-being.

Section 4. Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board. – There is hereby created and established the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, composed of representatives from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government, which shall ensure the integration and harmonization of economic, social, and environmental considerations as vital dimensions of sustainable development policy and practice in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

Section 5. Composition. – The Board shall be chaired by the Senior Minister and co-chaired by the appropriate official from the National Government, with its members being the following:

- a. Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE);
- b. Minister of the Interior and Local Government (MILG);
- c. Minister of Finance, and Budget and Management (MFBM);
- d. Director-General of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA);
- e. Chair of the BTA Parliament Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy;
- f. The representative of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) shall be elected from among the nominees submitted by recognized NGOs, in a forum to be organized by the Bangsamoro Government: *Provided, further,* That the elected representative of the NGOs shall be a member, not in their personal capacity, but as head of the organization they represent given that they possess the required qualifications; and *Provided, finally,*

That the Board shall include the criteria, the process for elections, and other details on the representation shall be included in the Board's internal rules and procedures.

The National Government shall nominate its representatives to the Board, including the Co-Chair: *Provided*, That the number of National Government representatives shall not be more than six (6).

Section 6. Powers and Functions. – The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Develop a comprehensive framework for sustainable development that will ensure proper conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources, guided by the principles provided in Section 3 hereof;
- b. Formulate policies and plans for the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;
- c. Provide measures for environmental justice and governance, as well as for the reduction of the vulnerability of women and marginalized groups to climate change and variability;
- d. Promote the effective and responsible use of economic resources and endeavor to attain economic development that facilitates growth and full employment, human development, gender equality, and social justice;
- e. Call upon any representatives from the National Government agencies operating within the jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, or any representative of the Local Government Units or the private sector for opinions or advice on relevant issues and concerns affecting sustainable development policies, programs and projects; and
- f. Monitor and review the implementation of the policies and plans adopted by the Board; and
- g. Perform such other functions as may be directed by competent authority.

Section 7. Secretariats. – The National Government and the Bangsamoro Government shall organize their respective Secretariats that shall provide administrative and technical support to the Board. The Bangsamoro Government's Secretariat shall be the MENRE.

The Board shall define the functions of the Secretariats.

Section 8. Internal Rules and Procedures. – The Board shall adopt its own Internal Rules and Procedures.

Section 9. Board Meeting. – The Board shall meet at least once every quarter at such time, place, and date as may be determined and fixed by it: *Provided*, That, there shall be, in all its meetings, prior notices served to all the members thereof.

A simple majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to do business. The Board shall adopt its own internal rules and procedures in the conduct of its business. Every member of the Board shall be entitled to travel expenses and honoraria for every meeting attended in an amount to be fixed by the Board.

Section 10. Appropriations. – The initial funding for the operations of the Board shall be charged against the Contingent Fund of the 2022 General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro,

while the funding for succeeding years' operations shall be included in the regular budget of the MENRE: *Provided*, That an amount equivalent to not less than one percent (1.0%) of the revenues collected from the exploration, development, and utilization of any natural resources within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall be allocated for the operation of the Board; *Provided, further*, That the said amount allocated shall not be included in the amount to be deducted from the block grant under Section 21, Article XII of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL); and *Provided, finally*, That the National Government shall bear the expenses for the operations of its Secretariat and its representation in the Board.

Section 11. Mandatory Review. – The Bangsamoro Government, through the Board, shall undertake a mandatory review of the implementation of this Act, five (5) years after its implementation, and every five (5) years thereafter. The Bangsamoro Parliament shall be part of the process.

Section 12. Separability. – If, for any cause any part of this Act is declared void, unconstitutional, or contrary to the provisions of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Section 13. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, modified, superseded, or amended accordingly.


Section 14. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in a newspaper of general or regional circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).


ATTY. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Parliament on Dhu Al-Qa'dah 24, 1443/June 23, 2022.


PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
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APPROVED:


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Chief Minister

Date: _____