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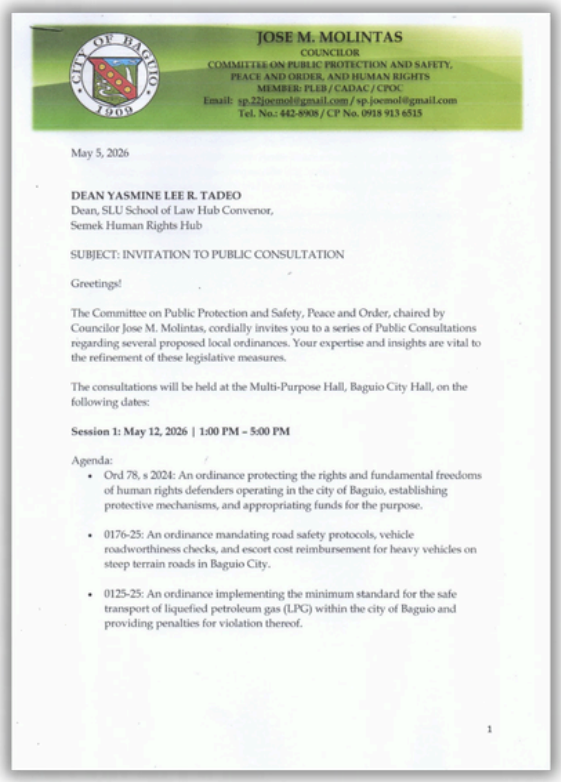
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SLU co-authors IRO Manual

Saint Louis University (SLU), as part of the ANTENA Consortium, collaborated with 10 Philippine Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the crafting of the International Relations Office (IRO) Management Guide for Philippine Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). This Management Guide serves as a resource for HEIs in the implementation of their internationalization programs.



SLU CONTRIBUTES TO THE REFINEMENT OF PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCES



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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Greetings!

The Committee on Public Protection and Safety, Peace and Order, chaired by Councilor Jose M. Molintas, cordially invites you to a series of Public Consultations regarding several proposed local ordinances. Your expertise and insights are vital to the refinement of these legislative measures.

The consultations will be held at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Baguio City Hall, on the following dates:

Session 1: May 12, 2026 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Agenda:

- Ord 78, s 2024: An ordinance protecting the rights and fundamental freedoms of human rights defenders operating in the city of Baguio, establishing protective mechanisms, and appropriating funds for the purpose.
- 0176-25: An ordinance mandating road safety protocols, vehicle roadworthiness checks, and escort cost reimbursement for heavy vehicles on steep terrain roads in Baguio City.
- 0125-25: An ordinance implementing the minimum standard for the safe transport of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) within the city of Baguio and providing penalties for violation thereof.

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Saint Louis University School of Law (SLU-SOL) Dean, Atty. Yasmine Lee Tadeo participated in the consultations on proposed City ordinances. As a participant, she shared insights for the refinement of the said proposals.

SLU-SOL's engagement in these activities accentuates the University's commitment to SDG 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions and SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals.

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CJMM CLAO EQUIPS BENGUET GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES LEGAL KNOWLEDGE

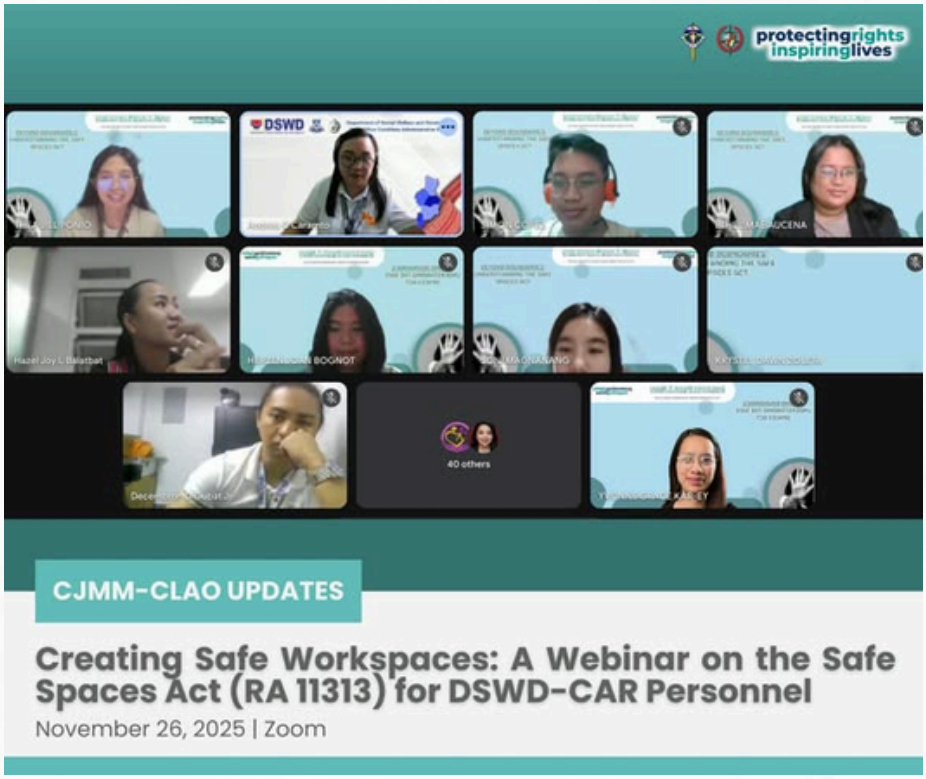
On October 17, 2025, the Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran Community Legal Assistance Office (CJMM CLAO) of Saint Louis University School of Law, in partnership with the Benguet Provincial Government Employees' Association (BPGEA), conducted an online webinar titled "Orientation on Laws, Employment Benefits, and Parliamentary Procedures" for 30 public employees. Supervised by Atty. Victoria Dines, Certified Law Student Practitioners Level 1 Trishia Mae P. Abaya, Jeza Kamille R. Correos, and Sherilyn T. Angayan—supported by team leaders Sixto L. Bayangan Jr. and Kristine Faye C. Lumanlan—delivered lectures on the Local Government Code, employee benefits (RATA and productivity incentives), Robert's Rules of Order, and Collective Negotiation Agreements (CNA). By educating civil servants on their statutory rights, fair employment standards, and structured decision-making processes, this joint institutional initiative directly advances Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by building transparent, rule-of-law-driven, and highly accountable public sector governance.



SLU PROVIDES EXPERT ADVICE TO GOVERNMENT THROUGH WEBINAR

WEBINAR ON SAFE-SPACE ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (CAR)

On November 26, 2025, the Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran Community Legal Assistance Office (CJMM CLAO) of Saint Louis University School of Law, under the supervision of Atty. Arvin Itliong, conducted an in-depth webinar on the Safe Spaces Act (Republic Act No. 11313) for personnel of the Department of Social Welfare and Development – Cordillera Administrative Region (DSWD-CAR). Hosted by Thea Jill Ponio with key lectures delivered by Simon Copez—and supported by law student practitioners Ethel Mae Aucena, Joanne Chavez, Yvonne Grace Kar-ey, Joni Magnanang, Herzen Bognot, and Dawn Zoleta—the virtual session equipped social welfare officers with practical legal knowledge to prevent, identify, and address gender-based sexual harassment across physical and online environments. By providing civil servants with the legal tools necessary to maintain dignified, harassment-free public service spaces, this institutional partnership directly advances Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by promoting equal rights, upholding the rule of law, and strengthening the ethical governance and institutional integrity of public social services.



SLU STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY HARMONY THROUGH BARANGAY CONCILIATION

On November 24, 2024, the Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran Community Legal Assistance Office (CJMM CLAO) of Saint Louis University School of Law, through its Community Dispute Resolution Clinic and under the supervision of Atty. Arvin Itliong, conducted a legal education seminar titled “Strengthening Community Harmony through Barangay Conciliation: Understanding the Katarungang Pambarangay Law” at the DPS Compound Barangay Hall. Organized in coordination with local DPS Barangay officials, law student practitioners delivered practical training on alternative dispute resolution, outlining the procedural steps, objectives, and legal necessity of amicable settlements prior to formal court litigation. By empowering local officials and residents with effective conflict resolution skills and promoting peaceful dialogue, this municipal collaboration directly aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by improving equal access to justice, reducing judicial backlog, and strengthening inclusive, community-based governance systems.



SLU OPENS DIALOGUE ON SMART URBAN MOBILITY FOR A BETTER BAGUIO

SLU HOSTS DIALOGUE ON SMART URBAN MOBILITY PROJECT

In a decisive push for youth-driven governance, Saint Louis University hosted an impactful dialogue between Louisian students and Metro Pacific Tollways on August 26, 2025, centering on Baguio City's proposed Smart Urban Mobility (SUM) Project. Serving as the culmination of 30 sector-wide consultations spearheaded by the City Government's Public-Private Partnership Interim Negotiation Committee, the event brought together students across disciplines from engineering to healthcare. They were invited to evaluate solutions for road congestion, transport fragmentation, and traffic management alongside industry leaders.

Beyond supporting urban mobility, this initiative highlights the vital spirit of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). By providing a direct, interactive platform for young citizens to challenge ideas and influence civic policy, SLU and the City Government of Baguio demonstrate how inclusive, participatory decision-making strengthens democratic governance and builds responsive, accountable institutions from the ground up.



SLU RENEWS SUPPORT FOR DILG-CAR'S CIVIC ACADEMY

SLU REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO CIVIL LEADERSHIP IN DILG-CAR'S CIVIC ACADEMY PARTNERS' MEETING

Saint Louis University participated in the Cordillera CivicAcademy Partners' Meeting at the Department of the Interior and Local Government–Cordillera Administrative Region (DILG-CAR) Operations Center in Baguio City on July 24, 2026. The activity aimed to evaluate the initial implementation of the CivicAcademy, share participants' experiences and outputs, and identify improvements for subsequent learning components. The meeting brought together DILG-CAR officials and staff, civil society organization (CSO) leaders from Baguio City and Benguet, and representatives of higher education institutions.

SLU was represented by Dr. Stephenie Busbus, Director of the Office of Global Relations and Alumni Affairs; Dr. Leilani De Guzman of the School of Advanced Studies; and Ms. Julivette P. Milo and Mr. Kurt Zeus L. Dizon of the School of Teacher Education and Liberal Arts. Important government officials included Atty. Anthony C. Nuyda, CESO III, DILG-CAR Regional Director; Ruperto B. Maribbay Jr., CESO IV, Assistant Regional Director; Kliene P. Chunanon, Division Chief of the Local Government Capability Development Division; and Richard L. Villacorte, Program Manager II of the Support for Local Governance Program (SLGP)



SLU also emphasized its role in providing research-based evidence, documentation, and policy recommendations to improve local governance. The initiative contributes to SDG 16.3.1 by enabling the university to share academic expertise, evidence-based insights, and practical recommendations with DILG-CAR and other government partners, supporting more accountable, inclusive, and effective governance and strengthening cooperation between public institutions and civil society





CULTURALLY GROUNDED BOOKS FOR AETA LEARNERS: AN SLU-SAS PARTNERSHIP

SLU-SAS JOINS PARTNERS IN BRINGING CULTURALLY-GROUNDED BLOOM BOOKS TO AETA MAG-ANTSI LEARNERS

Saint Louis University (SLU), through its School of Advanced Studies (SAS), joined partner institutions in the culminating ceremony of *Project Aytalakad Ing Lahi*, held at the Tarlac State University (TSU) Main Audio-Visual Room, where 18 culturally grounded Bloom Books were formally turned over to Aeta Mag-Antsi learners of Manabayukan Elementary School. The initiative involved SLU faculty members, SAS Dean Faridah Kristi C. Wetherick, PhD, Teacher Education Graduate Program Coordinator Dorothy Silva, PhD, Stephenie D. Busbus, PhD, Geraldine S. Wakat, and Ms. Johnell B. Desalit. The project aimed to develop culturally relevant, mother-tongue learning materials that preserve Indigenous language, knowledge, stories, and cultural identity while supporting children's literacy and education.



Its application to SDG 16.3.1 lies in the potential use of SLU's academic and research expertise in developing and validating culturally responsive educational resources that can inform the Department of Education's curriculum development and Indigenous Peoples education initiatives. By providing evidence-informed recommendations and demonstrating community-based approaches to education, the initiative can help government agencies formulate more inclusive and culturally sensitive educational policies and programs, particularly for Indigenous learners.







SLU AND PNP TEAM UP AGAINST CYBERCRIME

LOUISIANS STRENGTHEN CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS WITH PNP'S ANTI-CYBERCRIME CARAVAN

Saint Louis University (SLU) hosted the Philippine National Police (PNP) Anti-Cybercrime Caravan on 10 April 2026 at Fr. Francis Gevers Hall, SLU Main Campus, Baguio City, organized by SLU's Data Protection Office (DPO) and Information Systems and Technology Service Department (ISTSD), in partnership with the PNP Anti-Cybercrime Group, Asia-Pacific Data Privacy Organization (APDPO), and Community Health Education Emergency Health Services Online (CHEERS).

Key participants and resource persons included Dr. Cecilia A. Mercado, Head of the DPO and ISTSD; Ms. Marie Grace (Magie) Antonio of APDPO; Dr. Sandy Montano of CHEERS; Police Colonel Alexander Lorenzo, Chief of the Cybercrime Security Unit; Police Lieutenant Anthony Mar Baldeo Keh, Team Leader of the Cyber Incident Response Section; Professor Engels Antonio, Chairman of the PNP-Information Technology Management Service Advisory Group for Police Transformation and Development; and Atty. Brian Jonathan T. Paraan, Legal Officer of SLU Sacred Heart Medical Center.



The activity gathered members of the SLU community and partner organizations to strengthen cybersecurity awareness, promote responsible handling of personal information, explain common cybercrime schemes, and discuss prevention strategies and appropriate responses to cybercrime incidents.

Its application to SDG 16.3.1 lies in the exchange of technical knowledge and practical insights between academic institutions, cybersecurity organizations, and the PNP, which can inform government strategies, policies, and programs on cybercrime prevention, data protection, and victim assistance. Through this collaboration, SLU contributes academic and professional expertise to strengthening public institutions, improving cybersecurity governance, and promoting access to responsive and accountable justice services.









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