

## AN INVITATION TO THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO CAGLIARI CONFERENCE

The European Network of Filipino Diaspora (**ENFiD.org**) is holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> European regional conference under the theme -- Overseas Filipinos (**OF**) for Transnational Development Make a Self-Assessment (**Ako ay Pilipino, Ganito Ako Ngayon, Paano Ako Bukas**).

**Project description:** Strengthening the Filipino-European Identity to Harness the Development Impact of Socio-Cultural and Psycho-Emotional Remittance of Overseas Filipinos in Europe

**Background:** Filipinos uprooted themselves from the home country in search of better economic life. Absorbed with earning decent income in the host country most are left with little time to examine the value, potential and richness of their multicultural life experience. Many are mired in their past life in the Philippines clinging to old customs and time-frozen habits of long ago usually out-of-sync with the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.

With no clear guide to parenting in a multi-cultural environment, parents hark to nostalgic traditional symbolisms, albeit their meaning largely undefined. An undefined identity is a handicap for OF to effectively enrich the culture of the host country with their home culture. Often, there is **confusion** among the OFs, especially children and youth, about their **dual identity** as Filipino and European leaving them out of the society mainstream and a threat to ghettoized living.

Conducting a self-assessment and **defining the Euro-Pinoy** can help develop competence of the Filipino community equipped to fully participate in the social and cultural processes of the host countries at the same time continue supporting the homeland. Furthermore a **strong European-Filipino identity** that understands socio-cultural and psycho-emotional realities in a multi-cultural environment can greatly build confidence of OF parents in the upbringing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.

**Objective:** Allow the opportunity to debate, self-examine and analyze “What and Who” is a Filipino living overseas in a multicultural environment; and define the OF as a Euro-Pinoy in the conduct of their Personal Life, Social Behavior, Cultural Awareness and Economic Preparedness

**Date and Venue:** The conference takes place on **31- July - 2 August 2015** in **Cagliari, Sardegna, Italy** assisted by the Phil Honorary Consulate in Cagliari.

**Participants:** The conference is open to all Overseas Filipinos, primarily those in the European Region.

ENFiD is a non-profit networking association of Filipino communities in Europe formed at the 1st Overseas Filipinos regional conference held in Rome in 2012, registered in **Malta and the EU Transparency Registry**. Presently ENFiD has **18-country** and an institutional partner of the **Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) and the PhilAm Life Foundation**.

We appreciate a strong endorsement and encouragement to spread the invitation to all Filipinos in your area.

Respectfully,



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**Conference Program  
(Work in Progress)**  
Hotel & Conference Center

**Date: Thursday, 30 July 2015 - Arrivals**

Morning: Arrivals / Registration  
Afternoon: ENFiD Board Meeting  
Finalization of Agenda for General Assembly

**Date: Friday, 31 July 2015**

Morning: Call to **Order of General Assembly**  
Coffee Break: Sponsored host  
Lunch: Sponsored host  
Afternoon: ENFiD General Assembly  
Coffee Break: Sponsored host  
Evening: ENFiD General Assembly

**Date: Saturday, 01 August 2015**

Morning: Opening of Conference  
Simultaneous First 2 topics  
Coffee Break: Sponsored host  
Lunch: Sponsored host  
Afternoon: Simultaneous 6 workshops  
Coffee Break: Sponsored host  
Evening: Plenary Sessions

**Date: Sunday, 02 August 2015**

Morning: Adoption of Resolutions  
Formation of ENFiD-So Italy, ENFiD-No Italy  
Coffee Break: Sponsored host

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GANITO AKO NGAYON-PAANO AKO BUKAS?

31 JULY - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
1-2 AUGUST - OVERSEAS FILIPINO SELF-ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE  
CAGLIARI, SARDEGNA,  
ITALIA



Lunch: Sponsored host  
Afternoon: Departures

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