



IBON International announces new director

January 18, Manila — IBON International, a Southern-based development institution for people's organisations and civil society organisations, announced that its Board of Trustees has recently appointed Amy Padilla as Director. Antonio Tujan Jr., the previous Director, ended his term this January 2018, and continues in an advisory capacity.

Padilla has been the Deputy Director of the organisation for four years. As Deputy Director, she provided support to the Director in the overall management of the institution's various programs, staff units and hosted networks. Padilla also managed the organisation's main office in Quezon City as well as the regional offices in Nairobi, La Paz, Brussels and Dakar.

"We hope to advance our work towards peoples' development and assertion of rights, in response to continuing militarism and corporate plunder in the global South, including in the Philippines," Padilla said. IBON International is on its third year of its 2016-2020 strategic plan towards building constituencies for people-powered and rights-based democracy.

In 2017, Padilla was appointed the Executive Secretary of CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) Global Secretariat. Prior to serving as Deputy Director, she had a long track record of service in IBON, as the Programme Manager of its Food, Agriculture and Rural Development Programme. She also worked in IBON Foundation as researcher-writer and branch officer for its Mindanao region office.

She also served as Chief-of-Staff to the progressive party-list representatives of *Bayan Muna* (People First) Party from 2001 to 2011, and has served in a Church grassroots organisation and a media organisation from 1998 to 1999. Padilla earned a degree in Journalism from the University of the Philippines, where she also served as Features Editor of its campus publication, *Philippine Collegian*, in 1994 to 1995.

Padilla has been a development worker for over two decades. ###