

THE ROLE OF SEPANGAR BAY IN RE-EMERGING BIMP-EAGA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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BRUNEI-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA BIMP-EAGA





## The BIMPEAGA Business Council

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- granted fifth country status and its Chairman enjoys the same rank as Senior Officials
- The BEBC adopts its own rules and mechanisms regarding representation and participation in subregional meetings, consistent with but independent of the public sector institutional structure.
- Chairmanship of the BEBC is rotated among the four member countries and comes from one of the country focal organizations
- The official representations of BEBC comprises of 3 Board Members from each member countries and one (from any of the twelve members) member of the board is appointed as BEBC Chairman on a three-year rotation basis.
- Malaysia will assume the post again in 2024.

(Due to pandemic BEBC Board Meeting has been postponed and currently the Chairman is Mr Vicente Lao the Mindanao Business Council'(MBC) President. We believe the next rotation will proceed to Brunei. Indónesia opted to pass)



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The CWGs also play a critical role in consolidating and elevating BIMP-EAGA interests and agenda from the provincial, state and local governments, as well as from the private sector, to higher decision-making bodies. In addition, the CWGs work closely with the cluster representatives of the BEBC and other private sector groups in facilitating active private sector participation in cluster activities and projects

The CWGs are chaired by the four countries on a rotating basis, based on the principle of shared responsibilities especially at the operational level. The roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities of the CWGs chairs are well defined. The Cluster chairs report to the SOM on behalf of all the working groups under the cluster. The Working Group Chairs ensure the effective and timely delivery of the collective outputs of the national project implementers to achieve intended objectives and results. They are responsible for overall coordination of project implementation and delivering project results at the subregional level. Specific responsibilities include: (i) monitoring project progress and reporting these to the SOM; (ii) requesting guidance from SOM on issues and problems related to project implementation which require solutions at subregional level; (iii) convening meetings which include substantive preparations in collaboration with BIMP-FC and the NS; and (iv) providing and facilitating means for national project implementers (project teams) to coordinate in between regular meetings

## **Local Government Participation**

The LGF serves as the main platform for BIMP-EAGA's local government leaders i.e. chief ministers of Sabah and Sarawak and the chairman of the Labuan Corporation in Malaysia, and governors of the provinces of Indonesia and the Philippines; Brunei Darussalam is represented by its Ministry of Home Affairs to engage in dialogue and share experiences and lessons learned on development initiatives. The LGF also promotes cooperative activities and opportunities for cross-border trade and investment on a bilateral or multilateral basis. The LGF participates at the MM level.

## Private Sector Engagement

The BEBC is the umbrella organization representing BIMP-EAGA's private sector. It has been granted fifth country status and its Chairman enjoys the same rank as Senior Officials, with appropriate representation at the SOM. As a private sector organization, it has an independent structure at both country and subregional levels The BEBC adopts its own rules and mechanisms regarding representation and participation in subregional meetings, consistent with but independent of the public sector institutional structure. Chairmanship of the BEBC is rotated among the four member countries and comes from one of the country focal organizations. The main task of the BEBC is to consult and dialogue with the private sector regarding issues and challenges related to the sectors of cooperation.

A consolidated list of issues and challenges together with recommendations on how to improve the business environment is presented by the BEBC Chair to the SOM for appropriate actions. An important task of the BEBC is to identify private sector-led projects that support the BIMP-EAGA development agenda. The BEBC also plays a key role in the promotion of trade, tourism and investment both within and outside BIMP-EAGA, by organizing and participating in select trade, tourism and investment fairs and conferences and business matching activities. The CWGs also engage industry players within their sectors. An example of this is the ICT CEO Forum under the ICT Cluster, one of the most active private sector groups.



The BIMPEAGA has helped Aleson in the facilitation of trade in the neighbouring countries. They assist with documentations and make sure that we are compliant. This agency has given us opportunities to grow the business and expand. The BIMP-EAGA has not only helped us in the facilitation of trade with our neighbouring countries but has further promoted good governance among different government agencies and the private sector in ensuring a greater sea connectivity regardless of culture or religion.

## THE BEBC - REGIONAL CHAIRMAN & ORGANISATION

- COUNTRY DIRECTOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS:
- Chairman: Mr Vicente Lao (Philippines)
- Immediate Past Chairman: Datuk Roselan Hj Johar
- Vice Chairman: Indonesia

COUNTRY	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR
Brunei	Pengiran Hj Haris Bin Pg. Hj Duraman		
Indonesia	Abdul Khair	Daniel Pasik	Ilham Bachrie
	(Tarakan)	(Manado)	(Makassar)
Malaysia	Carl Moosom	Hj. Osaha B. Hj	Azhar Othman
,	(Sabah)	Suhaili	(Labuan)
		(Sarawak)	
Philippines	Vicente Lao	Danica Joy Tan	Hj Laudin
1 ''	(Mindanao)	(Zamboanga)	Redantor Popoy
			(BARMM)
	Cipriano		
	Barroma		
	(Palawan)		





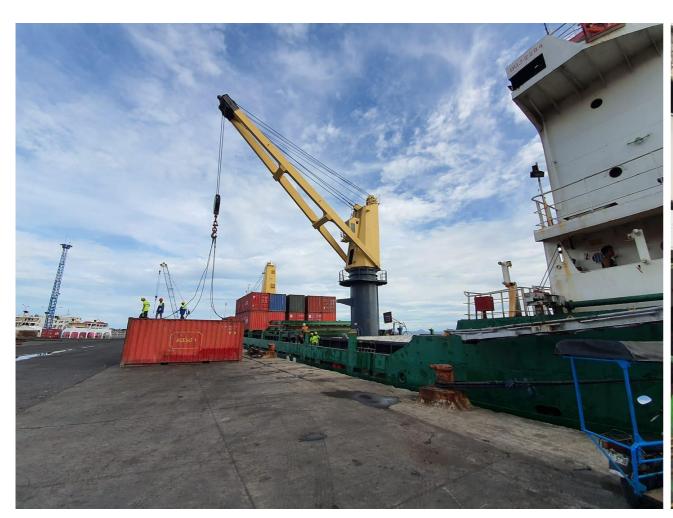
Aleson's MV Danica Joy 1 was the pioneer vessel that sailed in this route. She was then called the "Hepe De Viaje" (a Chabacano term means "The Chief of the Cruise"). Her sail made the start of all BIMP-EAGA Route in the Philippines. And the rest was history.

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- Margi Van Gogh







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