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Occupation: Development Consultant and Indigenous Activist

UNPFII Portfolio: Economic and Social Development, Health, Methods of Work

EDUCATION

- 1976 - Graduate in Nursing, University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH), School of Nursing, Manila, Philippines
- 1998 - enrolled in Masters of Humanities, Major in Women's Studies, St. Scholastica's College, Manila, Philippines.
- 2001 June: Shumacher College, Devon, UK "Thinking Beyond Development" (3-weeks short course) with Arturo Escobar, Kamla Chowdhry and Manfred Max-Neef. Topics: development discourse analysis, spirituality and development, human scale development, deep ecology and system thinking.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- 1996- Present: Founder and Executive Director, Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education)
- 1987-1995 : Founder and Executive Director, Cordillera Women's Education and Resource Center, Inc. (CWERC),
- 1983- 1987: Founder and Program Coordinator, Clergy-Laity Formation Program-Northern Luzon (CLFP-NL)
- 1981-1983: Founder/Consultant: Community Health Education, Services, and Training in the Cordillera Region (CHESTCORE, Inc.)
- 1978-1980: Founder/ Nurse-Organizer: Community-Based Health Program among Indigenous Peoples

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Oct. 2004 - appointed as a Board member and Member of Program Committee of Cultural Survival: This is from
- 2004-2007 September 2004 - appointed as member of Advisory Panel of the 2nd Millennium Development Goals Report of the UN-ESCAP (UN- Economic and

- Social Council of Asia-Pacific) May 2004 - elected as member of the Board of Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) GAIN's founding donors are Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation, USAID, Govt. of Netherlands, CIDA, Govt. of Germany. This position is from 2004-2007 October
- 2003-January 2004: Member of the Advisory Panel of the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Human Development Report 2004 on Cultural Liberty and Diversity. December 2002 - Present: Member of the Board of Trustees of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), CGIAR institution based in Cali, Colombia Feb. 2002 - Feb: 2004: Member, World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization established by the International Labor Organization. Feb. 2002 - Present: Member of National Selection Committee of the Ford Foundation, International Fellowships Program (IFP) Philippines . September 2001 -Present: Member, World Council of Churches Working Group on Ethics of Genetic Engineering, WCC, Geneva, Switzerland.
 - Sept. 2001 to Present : Member, DTP Advisory Committee, Diplomacy Training Program, Affiliated with the University of New South New South Wales, (A Training Program for Peoples of the Asia-Pacific Region):
 - 2001 - 2004: Commissioner of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) representing indigenous peoples - the national machinery for women in the Philippines.
 - 2000 - to present: Member - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP-CSO) Civil Society Organizations Advisory Committee. - this is a body set up by the UNDP Administrator, Mark Malloch Brown, to provide him advise on the orientation, thrusts and programs of UNDP from a civil society perspective. She pushed for the creation of a UNDP Policy of Engagement with Indigenous Peoples. This was formulated and deliberated upon by the staff and Board and finally on August 2001 this was passed
 - 2001 -Present: Board Member, Edmonds Institute - This is a US-based NGO which is engaged in the promotion of the Biosafety Protocol of the Convention on Biological Diversity and in the campaigns for the regulation of genetic engineering and biopiracy
 - 1997 - Present: Board Member of the International Forum on Globalization (IFG): This is an international network of people who are doing awareness raising and campaigns on globalization and the issues around it.
 - 1997 - Present: Vice President - International Training Center of Indigenous Peoples (ITCIP), This is a training center which is based in Nuuk, Greenland It provides training for indigenous peoples to hone their knowledge, skills and capacities for promoting and protecting their rights as distinct peoples.
 - 2000 - June (two weeks) Trainor for the first batch of trainees of ITCIP which was held in Nuuk.
 - 1996-2005: Member, Advisory Committee of the UN Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.
 - 1997-2005: Chairperson, Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.
 - 1994-1997: Member, Board of Trustees - United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

- 1995- present: Member, International Advisory Council of the Third World Network and Gender and Indigenous Peoples' Expert.
- 1993- Present: Co-Chairperson of the Indigenous Caucus of the UN Commission of Sustainable Development NGO Steering Committee
- 1999-Present - Member and part of the Management Committee of the Crucible Group - This is a multi-stakeholder group which came up with a 2- volume book project. This group is composed of individuals from NGOs like RAFI, Dag Hammarskjold Foundation,etc., intergovernmental bodies like IPGRI, the World Bank, donor agencies like IDRC, SIDA-SAREC, etc., government agencies, and indigenous peoples. The First Volume is called Seeding Solutions: Policy options for genetic resources, People, Plants and Patents Revisited.
- 1993 - Present: Convenor of the Asian Indigenous Women's Network (AIWN). This is a network of 80 indigenous women's organizations in Asia which includes members from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Mongolia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Sri-Lanka, Vietnam.
- March 2004 - Organized the Second Asian Indigenous Women's Conference: More than 100 indigenous women from 13 Asian countries took part in this conference. This came up with the Baguio Declaration of Asian Indigenous Women which was one of the documents published by the UN for the 3rd Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- Dec. 2002 - Organized the visit of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Fundamental Freedoms and Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples to the Philippines - This is an official mission of the Rodolfo Stavenhagen, the UN Special Rapporteur, to the Philippines to investigate cases of human rights violations of indigenous peoples. It was held from
- Dec.1-11,2002. September 2002 - Co-organized the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus during the 5th Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organization (WTO) held in Cancun, Mexico.
- 2001-2002 - Co-Convenor of the Indigenous Peoples' Major Group of the WSSD (World Summit on Sustainable Development) She helped organize the indigenous peoples' participation in the entire WSSD process which culminated in the "Indigenous Peoples' International Summit on Sustainable Development) in Kimberly, South Africa where 300 indigenous peoples from all over the world took part. From here indigenous peoples participated the official Summit in Johannesburg. This came up with the Kimberley Declaration of Indigenous Peoples and the Indigenous Peoples' Implementation Plan of Action for Sustainable Development.
- 1993-2000 - Convenor of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus in the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) - After the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), she was chosen to convene the indigenous caucus at the CSD. She did this from 1993 up till the year 2000.
- 2000 - Organized the "International Conference on Conflict Resolution, Peace Building, Sustainable Development and Indigenous Peoples" - This was done in Philippines in December 2000 and was attended by 100 indigenous peoples from all the regions of the world.

- 1999 - Co-organizer of the Indigenous Caucus during the Seattle Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organization. She drafted the Indigenous Peoples' Seattle Declaration which got adopted by the indigenous peoples present and others signed on later. This gathered more than 500 signatories.
- 1996: Convenor and organizer of the Indigenous Women's Caucus in Beijing during the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. This brought 130 indigenous women from all over the world. She drafted the Beijing Declaration of Indigenous Women which was deliberated upon and adopted by the participants.
- 1994 : Founding member of Indigenous Initiative for Peace, an organization set up by Nobel Peace Laureate, Rigoberta Menchu Tum which is composed of indigenous leaders. She took part in the Fact-Finding Mission in Chiapas, Mexico in February 1994 a month after the Chiapas Uprising by the Zapatistas (EZLN).
- 1993 January : Organized the First Asian Indigenous Women's Conference which was held in Baguio City in January. Around 150 indigenous women from all over Asia and some guests from Latin America. She is now the Convenor of the Asia Indigenous Women's Network (AIWN) which is the network borne out of the conference.
- 1992-1994: Chairperson, Cordillera Peoples' Alliance (CPA), a federation of around 120 indigenous peoples' organizations in the Cordillera region. This federation which was organized in 1984, promotes the struggles of the Igorot peoples of the Cordillera for self-determination and regional autonomy.
- 1988-2000: Chairperson, Center for Development Programs in the Cordillera, Inc. (CDPC): This is a consortium of 13 development NGOs based and working in the Cordillera region in the Philippines.

CONSULTANCY WORK

- 2004 August and 2003 July-August: Member of Academic Faculty - UNEP-Gene Ecology Institute - Norway (GENOK) Capacity Building Course for Biosafety: . This is a course held for scientists, biosafety regulators, negotiators and NGO representatives which is done at the University of Tromso, Norway where the GENOK is based.
- 2004 January: Team Member of Stocktaking Mission to Review Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility of the UNDP in Bangladesh: The mission was held in Bangladesh under the UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (UNDP-RBAP). It involved talking with government officials, UNDP staff and other staff from various UN agencies, visit to the Hill Tracts to talk with the tribal people and visit their villages.
- 2003 August-October: co-evaluator of the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity Programme Initiative of the International Development Research Centre, Canada (SUB-PI of IDRC).
- 2002: March-December: Consultant of Project of the Department of Education-Bureau of Non-Formal Education (Philippines) and the Asian Development Bank: Project to Assess how appropriate non-formal education programs are for indigenous peoples:

- 2001: Aug-December: Evaluator of the Asia Pacific Women's Forum on Law and Development (APWLD): She was hired by the APWLD, a regional NGO dealing with Gender Issues and Concerns, to do an external evaluation of their performance from 1997-2000.
- 2000 Sept. Consultancy work for Project "Advisory Service to the SEPA" on the Potential Social and Environmental Impacts of China's Accession to WTO : September 2000. The GTZ (German Development Cooperation) in Beijing with the State Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) of the Peoples' Republic of China hired her to prepare a paper on "Potential Environmental and Social Impacts on China with its Entry to WTO".
- 2000 August Trainor-Educator: First Training held by the International Training Center for Indigenous Peoples (ITCIP) in Nuuk, Greenland.
- 1993-1994 : Evaluator of the Third World Network - She was hired by the consortium of donors (NOVIB, HIVOS (both of Holland)and EZE (of Germany) which are funding the Third World Network to evaluate the effectiveness of TWN in their international lobbying and advocacy work.Keynote speaker in many international conferences and public symposia. The most recent ones are;
- 2004 Oct. 2: UNESCO and UN Permanent Forum Conference on "Knowledge for the Next Generations", Tromso, Norway.
- 2004 September 25: Speaker on Closing Plenary of the Barcelona Forum, Barcelona, Spain.And on the Panel on Cultural and Biological Diversity.
- 2004 May 25-28: World Trade Organization (WTO) Public Symposium "Multilateralism at a Crossroads" held in Geneva. 2003 : International Conference on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights" which was organized by the IESCR Network based in New York. This was held in Chiangmai, Thailand.
- 2004 January: Third World Social Forum in Mumbai, India 2003 January: Second World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil 2002 January: First World Social Forum Porto Alegre, Brazil

PUBLICATIONS

1. Co-editor, Beyond the Silencing of the Guns: Tebtebba .2004: Author of Chapters on "Synthesis and Reflections" and "Conclusion and Ways Forward".
2. Co-editor , Reclaiming Balance: Indigenous Peoples, Conflict Resolution and Sustainable Development: Tebtebba and Third World Network. 2004: Author of Chapter on "Self-Determination and Sustainable Development, Two Sides of the Same Coin"
3. Co-author: Engaging with the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of fundamental freedoms and human rights of Indigenous Peoples. Tebtebba. 2004
4. Biodiversity, Traditional Knowledge and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Third World Network, Penang, Malaysia, 2003.
5. co-author, Alternatives to Economic Globalization: A Better World is Possible: A Report of the International Forum on Globalization, Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc. San Francisco, USA, 2002.
6. Innayan Just Don't Do It, Yes! A Journal of Positive Futures, Fall 2001, Issue #19, Positive Futures Network, Canada, 2001.

7. Globalization Erodes Indigenous Economic Systems and Cultures, Does Globalization Help the Poor? A Special Report by the International Forum on Globalization, IFG, San Francisco, August 2001.
8. Interface Between Traditional Religion and Ecology Among the Igorots, in John Grim (ed.) *Indigenous Traditions and Ecology: The Interbeing of Cosmology and Community*, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, USA, 2001.
9. Colonization, Racism and Indigenous Resistance, in ALAI, eds. *Global Feminism and Plural Leadership*, Agencia Latinoamericana de Informacion (ALAI), Ecuador, 2001
10. The Resistance of the Indigenous Peoples of Asia Against Racism and Racial Discrimination, *Indigenous Affairs* 1/01, Copenhagen, 2001.
11. Biotechnology and Indigenous Peoples, in Brian Tokar (ed.) *Redesigning Life: The Worldwide Challenge to Genetic Engineering*, Zed Books, London, 2001.
12. The Birth of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, *Tebtebba*, Vol.2. Issue No. 1-4, Baguio City, Philippines, January - December, 2000.
13. The World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and the Erosion of Indigenous Economic Systems, Victoria Tauli Corpuz (eds.) *Indigenous Perspectives*, Vol.3, No.1, Baguio City, Philippines, June 2000.
14. The Indigenous Women's International Forum and Reflections on Beijing Plus Five, *Third World Resurgence*, Issue No. 120-121, Aug.-Sept. 2000, Penang, Malaysia, pp. 57-59.
15. Making Sense of Globalization, *Tebtebba*, Vol.1, Issue No.1, Baguio City, Philippines, Jan.-March 1999.
16. The UN Draft Declaration on the Rights Of Indigenous Peoples: Is There Hope?, *Tebtebba*, Vol. 1, Nos. 2-3, Baguio City, Philippines, April-Sept. 1999.
17. The WTO: Colonizing Lands and Minds, *Tebtebba*, Vol. 1, Issue 4, Oct.-Dec., 1999, Baguio City, Philippines.
18. TRIPS and its Potential Impacts on Indigenous Peoples, *Echoes* 15/1999, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, pp.17-19.
19. Globalization and its Impacts on Indigenous Women: The Philippine Case, *IWGIA Document No. 88*, 1998, Copenhagen, pp.196-225.
20. Also published in *Rural and Indigenous Women Speak Out on the Impact of Globalization*, Sept. 1998, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), Chiangmai, Thailand, pp. 13-37.
21. Thirty Years of Lobbying and Advocacy by Indigenous Peoples in the International Arena, *Indigenous Affairs*, IWGIA No. 1, 1999, Copenhagen, pp. 4-11.
22. Concluding Reflections from an Indigenous Perspective, in *Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas in South and Southeast Asia; From Principles to Practice*, Proceedings of the conference in Kundasang, Sabah, Malaysia, 14-18 December 1998, Marcus Colchester and Christian Erni, eds. *IWGIA Document No. 97*, Copenhagen, 1999
23. The Implementation of Agenda 21 and Indigenous Peoples, in *Implementing Agenda 21: NGO Experiences from Around the World*, UN Non-Government Liaison Service (NGLS), Geneva, 1997.

24. Reclaiming the Earth-Based Spirituality of Indigenous Women in the Cordillera", in Women Healing Earth, Third World Women on Ecology, Feminism, and Religion, Ruether, Rosemary, Ed., Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York, 1996 Also published In God's Image, Vol. 12, No.3, 1993 (Autumn) - publication of the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT), Manila
25. Three Years After Rio: An Indigenous Assessment, in Indigenous Peoples, Environment and Development, Proceedings of the conference, Zurich, May 15-18, 1995, IWGIA Document No.85, Silvia Buchi, Christian Erni, eds. International Workgroup for Indigenous Affairs and the Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of Zurich, Copenhagen, 1997.
26. Asian Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives on Environment and Development, UN Conference on Development and Environment (UNCED), United Nations Headquarters, New York, 1992.,
27. Depoliticising Gender in Beijing, Third World Resurgence, Issue No. 61-62, Sept./Oct. 1995, Penang, Malaysia.
28. Will the Beijing Platform of Action Address the Totality of our Oppression as Women?, Chaneg, Vol. 1V No. 2 and 3, June-Dec. 1995, Cordillera Women's Education and Resource Center, Inc.
29. The Environmental Disaster in the Philippines: Impact on Women and Implications for Action, in Lila: Asia Pacific Women's Studies Journal, No. 4, 1994, Institute of Women's Studies, St. Scholastica's College, Manila
30. Organizing Indigenous Women in the Cordillera" Laya Women's Journal: Manila, March 94.
31. The Human Genome Diversity Project: Will This Be for the Benefit of Humankind, or Will it Further Commodify Life?" , TUGON, (Journal of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines - NCCP), Quezon City, Philippines, June, 1994
32. Empowerment of Indigenous Women in the Cordillera, The Clique, Women's Journal, Vol.1, No. 12, Manila, April, 1993.
33. We are Part of Biodiversity; Respect our Rights, Third World Resurgence, No. 36, August 1993, Penang, Malaysia, pp. 25-26.
34. Women Evolving a Liberating Culture, Third World Resurgence, Oct. 1993, Penang, Malaysia, p. 40.