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I live in Baguio City and a member of an Indigenous Community in the Cordillera Administrative Region, Philippines. I am a Registered Social Worker and for the past seven years, I have been dedicating my skills and knowledge to community and grassroots development work. My experience includes the advocacy on Gender and Development; Women and Youth Empowerment; and Sustainable Development.

Because of my interest to mobilize the youth for environmental advocacy, I had the opportunity to attend and meet young people from around the world who share the same advocacy. I attended the European Youth Meeting for Sustainable Development in Tallinn, Estonia on June 2011, and the Global Power Shift in Istanbul, Turkey on June 2013. Global forums for the environment have helped me to connect the dots on the challenges we face with the escalating problems related to climate change and natural disasters. My country has been ranked 1st in terms of mortality rate due to climate change related disasters. Hence, there is greater work to mobilize our people to become more resilient when it comes to the impact of climate change.

My participation to the 7th Youth Peace Ambassador Workshop held in Kathmandu and Lumbini, Nepal on 19-25 January 2014 has opened new doors on widening my network on the environmental advocacy. I am looking forward to the success of a Youth Environmental Campaign to be conducted in the Philippines and Nepal. I am hopeful that this movement will call for a wider youth led action for the environment.

Moving forward, I strongly believe that human beings are just stewards of the Earth; hence it is our responsibility to protect and sustain this planet for the next generations to come.