

**Suggested Talking Points  
for Shannon Stone  
Reinforcing The Reinvented Local School Board  
Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
8:30 a.m.**

- Good Morning
- Thank you to you the Mayors, Governors, and Local School Board members who came here today to participate in this important training focused on strengthening the capacity of Local School Boards.
- It is important to reaffirm your commitment to education at the community level and continue to encourage participation of the community and Parent Teacher Community Associations in education.
- It is important for Local School Boards to recognize the role that the community plays in education and the value they add to strengthening education programs.
- It is essential for Local School Boards to develop mechanisms that will enable and foster community participation in the development and implementation of education programming.
- By increasing their community participation, Local School Boards are increasing transparency and accountability and thus strengthening the oversight of education programs.
- Local School Boards should maximize all potential resources for education, including tapping into the Special Education Fund. This Fund is a great resource for promoting innovation in education.
- As you participate in this training over the next two days, please keep in mind the overall goal of good education governance, to increase student achievement.
- This year is a very special year for the United States Agency for International Agency (USAID) because we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the years, USAID is pleased to support the education sector, among others.