

Republic of the Philippines  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**  
Cotabato City

BTA Cabinet Bill No. 29

Introduced by : The Government of the Day

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3 **AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO PLANNING AND**  
4 **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BPDA) IN THE BANGSAMORO**  
5 **AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND APPROPRIATING**  
6 **FUNDS THEREFOR**  
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9 **SECTION 1. *Name*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Development Planning,*  
10 *Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation Act of 2019*”.

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12 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy*** – The Bangsamoro Government shall adopt  
13 and implement continuing integrated and coordinated long, medium, and short term  
14 development plans and policies towards sustainable development of the Bangsamoro.  
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16 It is recognized that the formulation of socio-economic policies and plans is a  
17 vital process that calls for the participation of the government line agencies, private sector  
18 and other stakeholders at the regional level.  
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20 The formulation and adoption of these policies and plans need to be coordinated  
21 by a strong planning and development agency to ensure the consistency of policies, plans  
22 and programs for the sustainable use of the region’s resources. To this end, the  
23 Parliament shall create an independent socio-economic and planning agency.  
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28 **SECTION 3. *Creation of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development***  
29 ***Authority***– Pursuant to the above mentioned policies, the Bangsamoro Planning and  
30 Development Authority (BPDA) is hereby created to serve as the socio-economic  
31 development planning and policy coordinating agency of the Bangsamoro Government. It  
32 shall serve as the Technical Secretariat of the Bangsamoro Economic and Development  
33 Council (BEDC) and the regional counterpart of the National Economic and  
34 Development Authority (NEDA) in the BARMM.  
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36 The BPDA shall generate and provide impartial, objective and evidenced-based  
37 analyses and recommendations for the socio-economic advancement of the BARMM.  
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39 **SECTION 4. *Functions and Responsibilities of the BPDA*** — The BPDA shall  
40 have the following functions and responsibilities:  
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- 42 1. Coordinate and facilitate the formulation, implementation and monitoring and  
43 evaluation of the socio-economic development plans, policies, programs and  
44 projects of the BARMM;

- 1 2. Review, evaluate and recommend short, medium and long-term development
- 2 plans, and proposed programs and projects for consideration by the BEDC;
- 3 3. Coordinate the annual and multi-year investment programming of the BARMM
- 4 ministries, line agencies and offices;
- 5 4. Provide technical assistance to the implementing ministries, line agencies and
- 6 offices, Local Government Units and other development partners in the BARMM
- 7 in identifying and developing plans, programs and projects;
- 8 5. Assist the Local Government Units in the BARMM on planning, investment
- 9 programming and other activities in support to local development;
- 10 6. Coordinate all regional, national and foreign assisted programs and projects in the
- 11 BARMM;
- 12 7. Conduct researches, statistical, and knowledge management and communication
- 13 related activities in support to planning, policy formulation, project development
- 14 and monitoring and evaluation;
- 15 8. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of programs and projects in the
- 16 BARMM;
- 17 9. Serve as the Technical Secretariat of the BEDC;
- 18 10. Perform such other appropriate tasks as may be assigned by the BEDC or other
- 19 competent authorities.
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21 **SECTION 6. *Organizational Structure*** – The BPDA shall be headed by a  
22 Director General to be assisted by Deputy Director General and three Bureau Directors.

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24 The BPDA shall be composed of the following bureaus, services and divisions:

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- 26 1. **Planning and Policies Bureau (PPB)** - The PPB shall coordinate and
- 27 facilitate the formulation of development policies and plans, investment
- 28 program, guidelines and priorities of the BARMM. It shall lead the
- 29 assessment, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of plans,
- 30 programs and projects in the BARMM. It shall ensure a strong and efficient
- 31 linkage between development planning, programming and budgeting.
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33 The PPB shall consist of the following divisions:

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- 35 a. Macro-economic Planning Division
- 36 b. Economic Planning Division
- 37 c. Infrastructure Planning Division
- 38 d. Social Planning Division
- 39 e. Monitoring and Evaluation Division
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- 41 2. **Research Development and Special Projects Bureau (RDSPB)**- The
- 42 RDSPB shall lead the preparation of relevant studies, researches and accurate
- 43 statistical data of the BARMM for timely and evidence-based planning,
- 44 project development and research agenda of the Bangsamoro Government.
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46 The bureau will also coordinate activities related to the review and evaluation  
47 of projects intended for Official Development Assistance (ODA) and national  
48 government assistance for the socio-economic development of the BARMM.

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50 The RDSPB shall consist of the following divisions:

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- 52 a. Research and Development, and Information Technology Division
- 53 (RDITD)
- 54 b. Official Development Assistance/Nationally Funded Programs and
- 55 Projects Coordination Assistance Division (ODA/NFPPCAD) and

1 c. Local Planning and Development Assistance Division (LPDAD)

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3 **3. Finance and Administrative Support Services (FASS)** - The FASS shall  
4 provide financial and administrative support services to the BPDA.

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6 The FASS shall consist of the following divisions:

- 7 a. Finance Division (FD);  
8 b. Administrative Support Division (ASD)

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10 **SECTION 7. Office of the Director General** – The operations and management  
11 functions of the BPDA shall be vested to the Director General who will also sit as Vice  
12 Chairperson of the Bangsamoro Economic Development Council (BEDC). The Director  
13 General shall also serve as the Chief Executive Officer immediately responsible for  
14 carrying out the mandate of the BPDA and the policies of the Council. The Director  
15 General shall be appointed by the Chief Minister with the following functions:

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17 1. Provide executive direction and supervision over the entire operation of the  
18 BPDA;  
19 2. Establish policies and standards for the effective and efficient operation of the  
20 BPDA in accordance with the programs of the government;  
21 3. Promulgate policies as may be necessary in carrying out the BPDA mandates,  
22 plans, programs and projects;  
23 4. Appoint, subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations, all subordinate  
24 officers and employees, who shall enjoy security of tenure and may be removed  
25 only for cause in accordance with law.  
26 5. Exercise the power to discipline subordinate officials and employees under the  
27 provisions of law;  
28 6. Coordinate the implementation of the policies and measures approved by the  
29 BEDC;  
30 7. Prepare the annual budget for the operations of BPDA; and  
31 8. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chief Minister.

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33 **SECTION 8. Staffing** – The BPDA shall determine its staffing pattern, as well as  
34 responsibilities and functions of its divisions. It shall establish a human resource  
35 management system which shall govern the selection, hiring, appointment, transfer,  
36 promotion, or dismissal of all personnel. Such system shall aim to establish  
37 professionalism and excellence in the performance of its functions and responsibilities.

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39 **SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within 90 days from the  
40 approval of this Act, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Act shall be  
41 promulgated and approved by the Chief Minister. The implementing rules and  
42 regulations provided for under this Act shall be reviewed periodically, and revised, if  
43 necessary.

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45 **SECTION 10. Appropriations** – Funds necessary for BPDA operations shall be  
46 included in the annual appropriations of the BARMM submitted to the Parliament for  
47 approval, subject to the usual auditing rules and regulations.

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49 **SECTION 11. Transfer of Functions and Assets of Regional Planning and  
50 Development Office (RPDO) to the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority.**  
51 - All functions, programs, projects and activities which are being undertaken by the  
52 Regional Planning and Development Office (RPDO) including its Assets shall be  
53 transferred to the BPDA.

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55 **SECTION 12. Separability Clause.** – Should any provision of this Act be found  
56 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of

