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 2 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
 3 **BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**  
 4 Cotabato City

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 8 *First Regular Session*

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 18 **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY**  
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 23 **AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO AGRICULTURE**  
 24 **AND FISHERIES TRAINING INSTITUTE**

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 27 *Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:*

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 29 SECTION 1. Short Title. – This act shall be known as the “Bangsamoro Agriculture  
 30 and Fisheries Training Institute Act”.

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 32 SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It shall be the policy of the Bangsamoro  
 33 Autonomous State to promote agriculture as a means to alleviate poverty and food sufficiency  
 34 in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. To this end, the Bangsamoro Government shall give  
 35 priority to the promotion of science and technology training and innovation for all Bangsamoro  
 36 Farmers and Fisherfolks. It shall develop an extensive information campaign to actively  
 37 promote and disseminate available modern agriculture and fisheries techniques, innovations  
 38 and knowledge.

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 40 SECTION 3. Establishment of Bangsamoro Agriculture and Fisheries Training Institute;  
 41 Powers and Functions. – There is hereby created Bangsamoro Agriculture and Fisheries and Training  
 42 Institute (BAFTI) which shall have the following powers and functions:

- 43 (a) Lead in the formulation of the regional agriculture and fisheries extension (AFE)  
 44 agenda and budget;  
 45 (b) Prepare an integrated plan for publicly-funded training programs in agriculture and  
 46 fisheries;  
 47 (c) Formulate and issue guidelines in planning, implementing, monitoring, and  
 48 evaluating AFE programs;  
 49 (d) Assist, in coordination with State universities and colleges (SUCs), the LGU  
 50 extension system by improving their effectiveness and efficiency through capability-

1 building and complementary extension activities such as technical assistance,  
2 training of LGU personnel, improvement of physical facilities, extension cum  
3 research, and information support services.  
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5 SECTION 4. BAFTI Offices. – There are hereby established at least three (3)  
6 Bangsamoro Agriculture and Fisheries Training Institute Offices in key areas of the  
7 Bangsamoro territory. Each Office shall be headed by a Director I.  
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9 The Bangsamoro Agriculture and Fisheries Training Institute Offices shall be attached  
10 to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, all directly reporting to the  
11 Office of the Minister.  
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13 SECTION 6. Partnership with the Cooperative and Social Enterprise Authority.  
14 Farmers' and fisherfolks' cooperatives shall be the cornerstone for training development and  
15 dissemination. As such, the Cooperative and Social Enterprise Authority shall be a key partner  
16 in the dissemination of information relating to training and extension services, as well as  
17 assessment of the needs of farmers and fisherfolk.  
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19 SECTION 7. Research, Innovation, and Science and Technology. – The BAFTI shall  
20 give priority to research and keep itself updated with modern agriculture and fisheries trends,  
21 including the use of machineries. Training modules shall be created and updated regularly in  
22 partnership with the State Universities and Colleges.  
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24 SECTION 8. Training Needs Assessment and Information, Education and  
25 Communication Materials. – The BAFTI, together with the MAFAR and the LGU concerned,  
26 shall conduct a Training Needs Assessment for the Bangsamoro Farmers and Fisherfolks in  
27 order to deliver the correct, culturally appropriate, and relevant training to the Farmers and  
28 Fisherfolks. The BAFTI shall also deliver culturally appropriate Information, Education and  
29 Communication (IEC) materials in the language most appropriate to the end-user.  
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31 SECTION 9. Halal Development. – The BAFTI shall prioritize the development of the  
32 Halal industry and shall include the relevance of promoting Halal standards and its incentives  
33 in all training modules.  
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35 SECTION 10. Agriculture Short Courses. – The BAFTI shall cooperate with the  
36 Technical Education of the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education for the creation  
37 of Agriculture and Fisheries short courses, which shall include short-term training on  
38 agriculture and fisheries, and related marketing and enterprise.  
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40 SECTION 11. Private Participation. —The BAFTI shall recognize the invaluable  
41 participation of the private sector in the development of extension services all throughout the  
42 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. To this end, public-private corporations and partnerships  
43 shall be actively sought and encouraged.  
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45 SECTION 12. Appropriations. — The funds necessary to carry out the implementation  
46 of this Act shall be charged against the annual appropriations of the Bangsamoro Government.  
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48 SECTION 13. Separability Clause. - Should any provision of this Act be subsequently  
49 declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in full force and  
50 effect.

1 SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, or  
2 any part thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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4 SECTION 15. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect immediately.

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11 **HON. AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM**  
12 *Chief Minister*

  
ABDULRAUF A. MACAGUA  
Senior Minister