

## SDGS RESILIART FESTIVAL/FORUM FOR HEALTH, PEACE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE: AS A HEALER OF TRAUMAS CAUSED BY COVID

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## **MR. FIRMIN EDOUARD MATOKO**

Assistant Director -General UNESCO

## Dear ADG Matoko,

*Greetings! This May for promoting Biocultural Diversity, Peace, Health and Climate Justice. International Arts Education Week!* 

We are pleased to report to your office for transmission to DG Azoulay, our gratitude for UNESCO Patronage in undertaking the **SDGs ResiliArt Earthsaving Workshops**, **Festival**, **Forum and Workshops** that was meant to be held May 2020, International Arts Education Week. However, the event has been suspended/rescheduled several times due to the pandemic and various surges but somehow through the perseverance of our artistic community in the Philippines and our International partners with funding support from the Senate, we manage to successfully complete the project in series starting December 1-10, 2021, and continued to February -April 20, 2022. Thus, we are sending you a report of all the composite activities. We have illustrations, pictorial complement of the report in a collective appendix also attached the **Manila Platform for Action** for SDGs Communications agreed upon by participants collected from all continents online and physically for those who personally attended the events.

We are pleased that we can submit it in time for appropriate use and sharing in the International Arts Education Event of UNESCO undertaken through the **International Society for Education through Arts-InSEA**. We hope that the Earthsavers DREAMS Ensemble honored as UNESCO Artist for Peace can be included as a participant in the collective action being undertaken globally by UNESCO.

We hope that the main message of the report can also be shared in the Education Summit that will be hosted in Spain this May 18. We would like to be able to participate even online or at least have the modeling of the dynamic application of all disciplines of the arts synergized with technology undertaken amidst the restrictive health protocols even closure of the world due to the pandemic but

triumphant in pursuing the goal of demonstrating the value of culture, heritage, arts and technology in popularizing science in

informing effectively and motivating the actualization of the SDGs to fulfill the global commitment to the UN 2030 agenda. We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the support that your office given through Madame Marie Theobald and her staff as well as the UNESCO Jakarta Office that provided us encouragement for this distinct honor, we passionately pursued to contribute to the vision of UNESCO. The action agenda. we submitting to our UNACOM for official transmission with endorsement of our mission in Paris it contains as well the resolution of thanks to UNESCO through several decades since I initially served as a UNESCO commissioner upon returning from exile as we assisted the return of the democracy in the Philippines in 1986, pursuing as well the initiative to help diffuse the ecological time bomb of global warming thru effective cultural communication as initiated by my departed husband, Sen. Alvarez who founded the Earthsavers Movement.

I am sending this as I enter the hospital for a cancer operation but hopefully able to join by zoom this May the UNESCO Education Meeting. By June, should there be any event that will involve Artists for Peace in Paris, I hope I can attend and seek a courtesy call with DG Azoulay and you to personally extend our deep appreciation and esteem in the Earthsavers before the end of our term as Artist for Peace.

PS. Video can be accessed on website manilasdgevent.info and in youtube ITI Philippines.

Cordially,

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