

The Philippine Local Government Election Dataset Project: Electoral Competition and Local Fiscal Governance | A Roundtable

CONCEPT NOTE

The integrity of democratic institutions lies in the pillars of robust governance and transparent electoral processes. And in modern democratic institutions, data plays a central role in strengthening the government and the electorate. For this purpose, the Philippine Local Government and Election Dataset Project endeavors to gather a comprehensive dataset encompassing the intricate elements of local governance in the Philippines, alongside detailed electoral information, particularly relevant to the upcoming 2025 elections.

By establishing a comprehensive and public-access repository of local governance and election data, the project empowers citizens, researchers, policymakers, and the media to gain valuable insights into the Philippine political landscape.

This roundtable offers a platform to explore suggestions on the prospective repository's framework and design. Furthermore, it aims to engage key stakeholders to explore the project's value proposition, explore potential use cases, and address the challenges and opportunities surrounding its implementation.

This roundtable focuses on three key areas. Emphasizing data-driven approaches is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability within local elections. Firstly, is to examine how data informs decision-making regarding public policy, resource allocation, and the design of public services.

Secondly, the RTD will explore the role of data in empowering citizens and the media to effectively monitor government performance.

Finally, the discussion hopes to address challenges in data collection, management, and dissemination, seeking guidance from international best practices. Additionally, a critical point for exploration is the development of robust partnerships and collaborations between government, academia, civil society, and technologists to fully realize the potential of this data.

The roundtable discussion will employ a moderated panel format followed by an open Q&A session.