

# Philippine Higher Education System and Opportunities for Collaboration: Philippines-Canada Network for Sustainability (PCNS)

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# Philippines Higher Education System



**Transnational Higher Education Act**  
(Republic Act No. 11448)

experiences from UPLB

## Policy & regulatory guidance on:

- Collaborative Arrangements
- Recognition and registration requirements
- Recognition guarantees on qualifications
- Exemptions on qualified partners
- Focus on Philippines' niche and priority programs
- Equity, diversity and inclusion
- Transfer of technology or co-creation of knowledge
- Quality assurance
- Whole of government approach

# Opportunities for Partnership & Collaboration

## LOCAL

### UPLB HEAL Academy

- ✓ Higher Education Academic Leadership

**129** partner HEIs (with signed MOU as of October 2025)

#### 81 SUCs

- Luzon (39)
- Visayas (15)
- Mindanao (27)

#### 9 LUCs

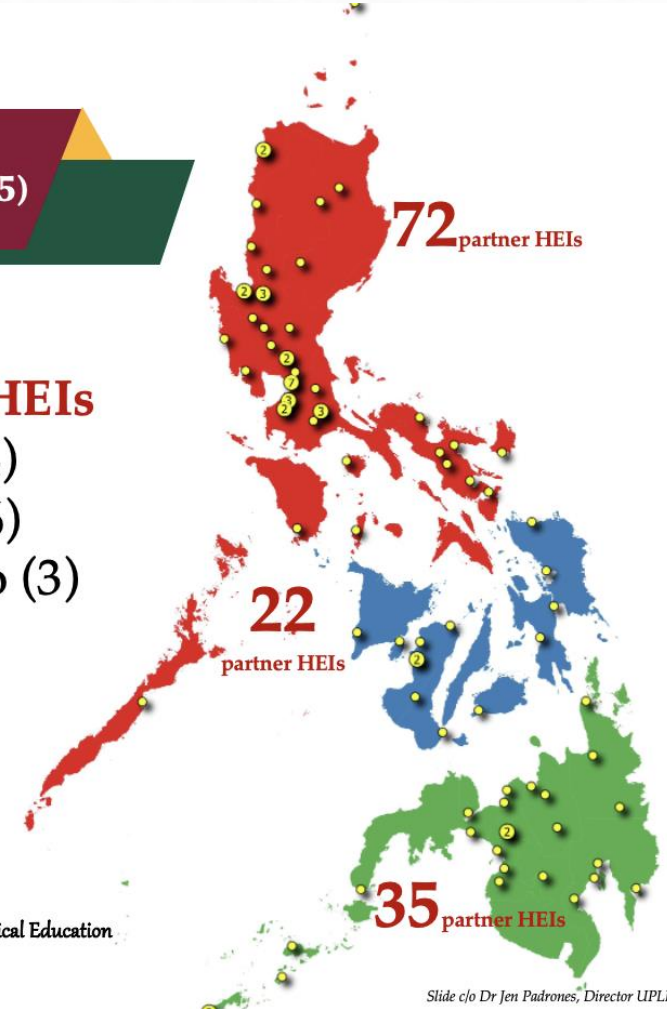
- Luzon (8)
- Visayas (1)

#### 33 Private HEIs

- Luzon (24)
- Visayas (6)
- Mindanao (3)

### UPLB HELM Program

- ✓ Higher Education Leaders Mentorship Program



List includes 1 Military Educational Institution(Luzon) and 5 Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (Mindanao)



# Opportunities for Partnership & Collaboration GLOBAL



Philippines Canada Network for Sustainability PCNS

<https://pcns.uplb.edu.ph>

a collaboration  
among Philippines  
and Canadian higher  
education institutions  
to promote  
academic, research,  
and leadership  
initiatives on  
sustainability



# CFLI-funded PCNS project

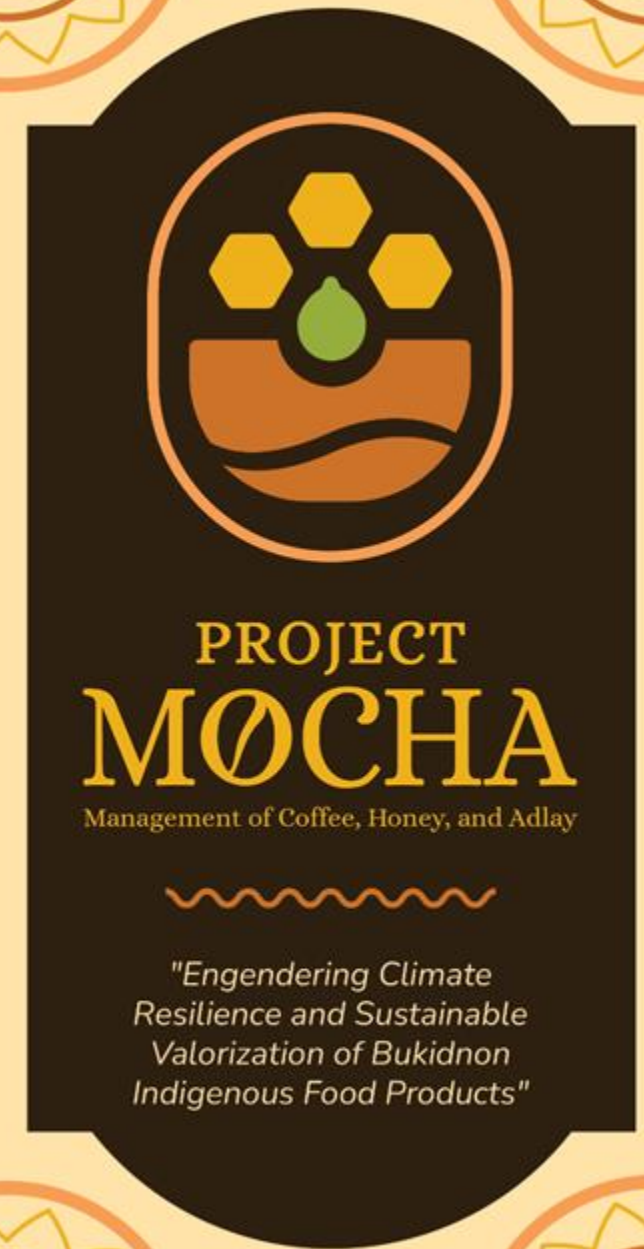
An example of the first project that PCNS did through the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives

## Proposals submitted to GAC RCE

Action research project on potato seed system with Dalhousie University

Bridging regional connections in food systems with Dalhousie University

Climate action research project with Royal Roads University











# 2026 promises to be a banner year for the Canada - Philippines partnerships in education and research

- ✓ Philippines is host of ASEAN in 2026
- ✓ Partnerships through the Philippines-Canada Network for Sustainability PCNS



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