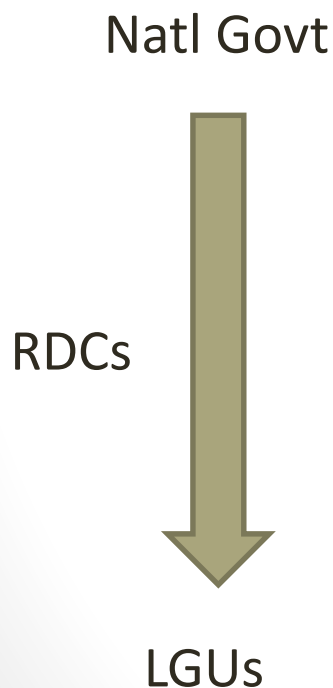


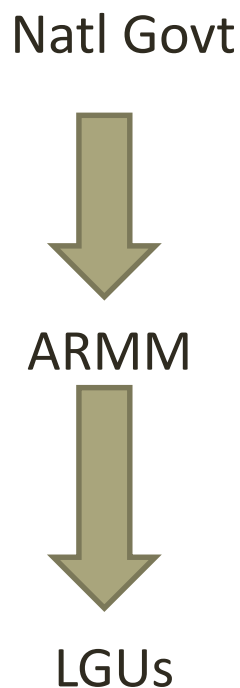
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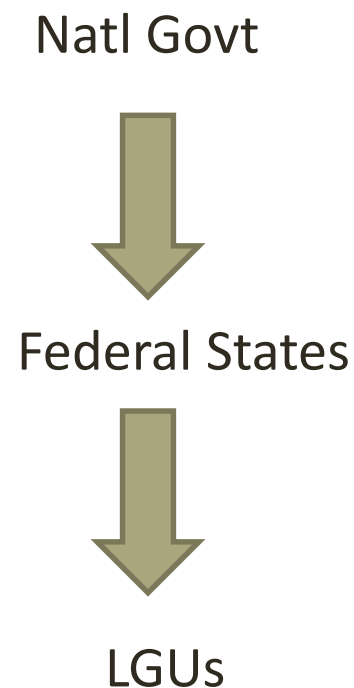
## Administrative Decentralization to LGUs



## Decentralization of Powers (autonomous Regions)



## Shared Rule Self Rule (Federalism)



# Why Federalize?

- **Efficiency:** as a means of improving service delivery, ensuring that decisions are made at the most appropriate level, protecting against the over-concentration of power and creating more opportunities for democratic participation.
- **Identity:** As a means of ensuring peace, stability and mutual accommodation in countries that have territorially concentrated differences of identity, ethnicity, religion or language.

# Federalism and Local Governments

- Federalism as a political reform measure restructures government including local governance within a federal state.
- Evolving a cohesive and working federal states composed of federal state governments and constituent local government units.
- Delienation of powers between federal states and LGUs is as critical as central-state relations.

# Autonomy and Federalism to Address Identity and Sovereignty-Based Conflicts

Autonomy Arrangements or a federal constitution may be more appropriate than a unitary constitution in managing multi-ethnicity and a plural society.

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines.

# Issues

Constitutionality of Peace Agreements and  
Implementing Laws (ARMM Organic Law,  
Proposed BBL)

Moro Autonomy vs. Autonomy of the Rest

Incremental Approach

# Constitutional Issues

What is unconstitutional, FRAMEWORK or PROVISIONS?

A Bangsamoro sub-state has no place in a unitary framework/constitution. No less than a federal system can accommodate the new political entity.

Refining the BBL provisions and/or at most surgical amendments to the Constitution are sufficient.

# President's Inaugural Address

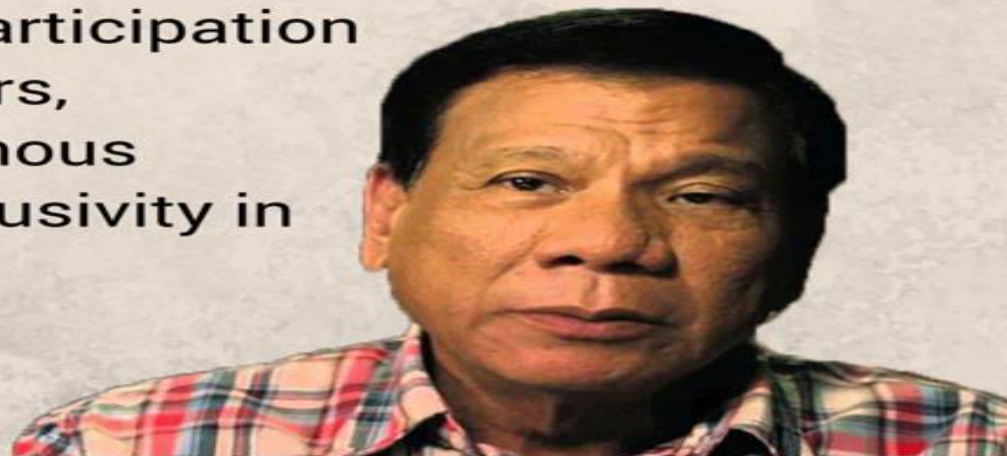
On the domestic front, my administration is committed to implement all signed peace agreements in step with constitutional and legal reforms.



I am elated by the expression of unity among our Moro brothers and leaders, and the response of everyone else to my call for peace.

I look forward to the participation of all other stakeholders, particularly our indigenous peoples, to ensure inclusivity in the peace process.

Rodrigo Roa Duterte  
16th President of the Philippines





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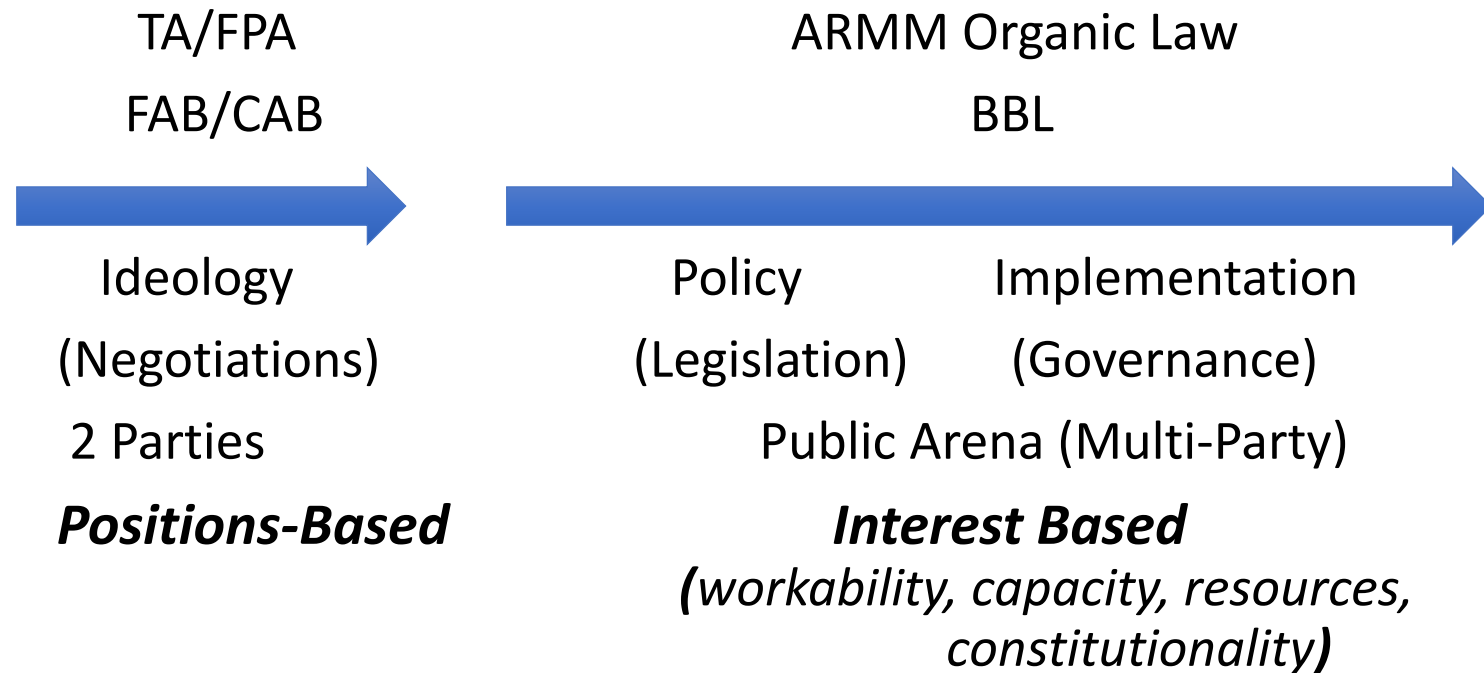
Historical Injustice (sovereignty-based aspirations) vs. Equitable  
allocation of national wealth

Moro Autonomy as Sui Generis and the case for Asymmetric  
Federalism

De-link BBL to federalism

Surgical Amendments or shift to Federalism?

# Implementing Peace Agreements



Autonomous or Special  
Regions are possible  
within a  
Federal State.

# Incremental Approach

One-time big time, winner take all, zero sum  
vs Incremental approach

Series of legislations/ charter change amendments  
and a good transitional mechanism and process

Amending ARMM Organic Law making ARMM as  
interim Bangsamoro and transitional mechanism

Implementation of Peace Agreements in step with  
constitutional reforms.

**THANK YOU**