

**Title: BaLinkBayan**

**Location: Pathway 3: Entrepreneurship / Business in the Philippines**

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BaLinkBayan is the program offering of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) that seeks to link overseas Filipinos to social and economic development initiatives in the Philippines and in its various localities wherever they may be in the world, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Serving as a one-stop online portal for diaspora engagement, CFO's BaLinkBayan provides an array of options for overseas Filipinos to partner with national and local governments in starting a business, opportunities for donation and volunteer service, and accessing online government services.

BaLinkBayan works at two levels. First, it links OFs to development-oriented diaspora initiatives including investment opportunities in the Philippines through the national portal ([www.balinkbayan.gov.ph](http://www.balinkbayan.gov.ph)). Second, it provides options for business and investment opportunities in select partner local governments including automated transactional processes at the local level.

The following local governments have partnered with CFO for the development of their localized BaLinkBayan web pages: Sorsogon City, Sorsogon Province, Ligao City, Tabaco City, Legazpi City, Masbate City, Bacoor City, Cagayan de Oro City, Antique, Iloilo City and Naga City (featuring Naga City's online real property tax assessment and payment).

CFO also entered into partnership agreements with the provinces of Pangasinan, Iloilo and Aklan, Iriga City, Cuenca, Batangas, and Guinobatan, Albay for the development of their localized BaLinkBayan web pages.