



# Implications of the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling to Cities

*Improved capacities, better service delivery*



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# Improvement of cities' capacities

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Cities are not created equal

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Assess areas that need improvement

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Continuous training and seminars

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“Black Book” for sustainability and smooth transition of devolved functions

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Sufficient knowledge, skills, and resources to achieve meaningful devolution

# Enhancing transparency and accountability

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EO 138, Sec.9 encourages cooperation between NGAs and LGUs

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Local Governance Resource Centers as convergence platform

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SGLG to institutionalize performance standards and performance mechanisms

# Full autonomy in planning and managing resources

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LGUs free to allocate NTA

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LGUs must keep in mind mandatory budget allocations

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LGUs must strengthen local public financial management, finance new programs, and expand existing services



# This is the best time for full devolution.

We have former local officials in the Senate, at the House, in  
Cabinet and our Chief Executive is a former mayor



# The Mandanas-Garcia victory is a big boost for LGUs

Performance indicators will have to be downloaded to the LGU as a basis for monitoring and evaluation. Capacity building, technical assistance, and technology transfer on project development, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation are imperative.



# Break away from traditional mindset of silo thinking

NGAs should serve to empower LGUs, establish clarity by delineating functions from the NGAs, and provide accountability to eliminate abuses.