Welcome Note

Esteemed Board of Directors, Members and Staff of Imbuto Foundation,

Good afternoon.

It is my great pleasure being with you today for this institutional memory roundtable discussion, as we celebrate 20 years of PACFA/Imbuto Foundation under the theme “An Edifying Past. An Empowered Future.”

The purpose of today’s gathering is to recollect the non-written memories from the early days of PACFA and Imbuto Foundation, but also acknowledge the challenges and milestones reached over the years, as we saw many catalytic initiatives take root around our country.

Today, I look forward to exchanging with all of you, whether you were part of the very first days of this Office or joined later during this journey.
As we travel down memory lane, my wish is that we reflect upon the *raison d’être* of our organization, and that we keep at the heart of all our human-centered projections, the vision of our Government.

Today, I wish to also challenge you all once again, to think about the position you must take, in your different capacities, to move this country forward to where it needs to be.

I wish for us all to further sharpen our critical thinking skills, and become even more deliberate in the choices we make, and the roles we endorse in our everyday lives.

And as we take this moment to remember where we come from, and where we need to take our communities, I hope we never lose sight of our collective purpose in the rebuilding of this nation.

I thank you for your attention and look forward to our discussion.