

Headline: National Government Agencies - Local Government Units in Davao Region Firms up Priority Programs, Activities and Projects for the Next Six Years



Main Photo: (Left to Right) Development Administration Committee Co-Chairperson Dolores Alegarbes; Regional Development Council (RDC) XI Acting Chairperson Maria Lourdes D. Lim, CESO II, RDC XI Acting Secretary Priscilla R. Sonido;
Inset Photos: Agency Regional Offices and Local Government Units during the Consultation-Workshop

(Davao City, 29 November 2016). Representatives of thirty six (36) Agency Regional Offices and five (5) Local Government Units converged to iron out the priority Programs, Activities and Project (PAPs) for the next six years of the Duterte Administration, during the Consultation Workshop for the Preparation of the Davo Region Investment Program (RDIP), 2017-2022 on November 29, 2016 at the NEDA-RDC XI Center, Bangkal, Davo City.

Following President Rodrigo R. Duterte's issuance of Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 12, series of 2016, directing the Formulation of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and the Public Investment Program (PIP) for the period 2017-2022, the Regional Development Council XI has stepped up its facilitation of the formulation of the Regional Development Plan (RDP), 2017-2022 which espouses the President's 0+10 Socioeconomic Agenda. The RDIP is the translation of the thrusts and directions set forth in the RDP to achieve the foundations of inclusive growth, a high-trust society and a globally competitive knowledge economy.

The general objective of the RDIP Consultation-Workshop is to provide a venue for implementing Agencies/State Universities and Colleges/ and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations, LGUs and Congressional Representatives to discuss and achieve a consensus on priority PAPs that shall be implemented in Davao Region. Likewise, this activity allowed the different planning committees (PCs) to cross-check and validate whether the PAPs are indeed supportive of the achievement of the development objectives as outlined in the draft successor RDP.

Forming an integral part of the said consultation was the report on the extent of funding and implementation of the terminating RDIP for the midterm period 2014-2016 which revealed that only about 58.75% of the proposed funding for the Region's priority PAPs were actually included in the General Appropriations Act for the three-year period. About 75.3% of the proposed PAPs have been completed or are ongoing as of the said report.

In her Message, Director Maria Lourdes D. Lim, Acting Chairperson of the RDC XI, stressed that through the conduct of the Consultation; the RDC XI shall be able to strengthen more the linkage among planning, investment programming, monitoring and evaluation and further strengthen the collaboration efforts in the region.

Before the event concluded, the outputs of the Consultation were presented in a plenary and these shall form an integral part of the RDIP, 2017-2022 which shall be presented to the RDC XI Full Council. The final RDIP is expected to be approved by the RDC XI before the end of the year.
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