



Gov. Anthony G. Del Rosario is New Chairperson of the Mindanao Area Committee of the NEDA Board-Regional Development Committee



Caption: Gov. Anthony Del Rosario presiding during the meeting



Caption: (bottom, from left) RDC XI Vice Chairperson Dir. Maria Lourdes D. Lim, RDC XI Chairperson Gov. Anthony G. Del Rosario, Assistant Secretary Mercedita A. Sombilla of the NEDA-Regional Development Office, RDC XII Chairperson Mayor Ronnel C. Rivera of General Santos City; (top, from left) RDC IX Acting Chairperson Dir. Teresita Socorro C. Ramos, RDC X Secretary Asst. Regional Director Mae Ester T. Guiamadel, ARMM-RPDO Exec. Dir. Baintan A. Ampatuan, and RDC XI Acting Secretary Priscilla R. Sonido

(Davao City, 7 April 2017). RDC XI Chairperson Gov. Anthony G. Del Rosario was selected as the new Chairperson of the Regional Development Committee-Mindanao Area Committee (RDCCom-MAC), the Mindanao arm of the NEDA Board-Regional Development Committee (ND-RDCCom), during its reorganization meeting on April 7, 2017. Gov. Del Rosario was selected by and among the chairpersons of the five Regional Development Councils of Mindanao and the ARMM-Regional Economic and Development Planning Board. On the other hand, RDC XII Chairperson Mayor Ronnel C. Rivera of General Santos City was also selected as the Co-Chairperson of the RDCCom-MAC. Architect Michael T. Ang, a Private Sector Representative of the Regional Development Council XII, was nominated as the Mindanao Regional Development expert to the Mother RD Committee.

The RDCCom-MAC is one of the three area committees of the NEDA Board Regional Development Committee, which was created on 15 December 2003 by virtue of Executive Order No. 257. The NB-RDCCom is chaired by the NEDA Secretary. Its members are the Secretaries of Budget and Management and of the Interior and Local Government, RDC

Chairs or Co Chairs from the Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao Area Committees, and four regional development experts from business and academe.

Among the functions of the ND-RDCom are to formulate and monitor the implementation of policies on regional growth and equitable allocation of resources among regions, as well as the national framework for regional development. The Committee also directs the formulation and review of the guidelines for regional allocation of agency budgetary resources. On July 27, 2007, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order 257 were amended to include the creation of the Area Committees, including the Mindanao Area Committee, whose primary function is to serve as clearing houses for inter-regional concerns.

The RDCom-MAC meeting also discussed priority programs and projects of the six regions in Mindanao for implementation in the next 6 years up to 2022. The total proposed cost of 75 major infrastructure projects throughout Mindanao amounted to P419.3 billion. The list of priority programs and projects was endorsed by the RDCom-MAC to the NEDA Board-RDCom and the Department of Budget and Management for consideration in planning and investment programming of the National Government.

Among the other attendees during the meeting were Assistant Secretary Mercedita A. Sombilla of the NEDA, RDC IX Acting Chairperson Dir. Teresita Socorro C. Ramos, RDC-CARAGA Acting Chairperson Dir. Mylah Faye B. Cariño, RDC X Secretary Asst. Regional Director Mae Ester T. Guiamadel, Exec. Director Baintan Ampatuan of the ARMM-Regional Planning and Development Office, and RDC XI Vice-Chairperson Dir. Maria Lourdes D. Lim, Head of the RDCom-MAC Secretariat.

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