



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN**



**JUN 06 2024**

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR/TO :** All Undersecretaries  
All Assistant Secretaries  
The Head Executive Assistant  
The Special Assistant to the Secretary  
The Director, Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service  
The Head, Special Projects and Priority Programs  
All Regional Executive Directors  
All Regional Directors, Environmental Management Bureau  
All concerned Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officers  
All concerned City Environment and Natural Resources Officers  
Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff and Supervising Undersecretary  
for Strategic Communications  
Staff, Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and  
International Affairs  
Staff, Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service  
Staff, Special Projects and Priority Programs  
Staff, Administrative Service  
Staff, Knowledge Information Systems Service

**FROM :** The Chief of Staff and Supervising Undersecretary for  
Strategic Communications

**SUBJECT :** **PROJECT TRANSFORM COLLOQUIUM 2024**

With reference to Special Order No. 2024-302 dated 30 May 2024, authorizing the conduct of the Project TRANSFORM Colloquium on 20 June 2024, please be informed that this event will be held at the Function Room 2, 2/F, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

The Regional Executive Directors may be accompanied by at least one representative. Attached is the concept note for reference.

For your guidance and information.

  
MARILOU G. ERNI



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
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**MAY 30 2024**

**SPECIAL ORDER  
No. 2024 - 302**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF THE PROJECT TRANSFORM  
COLLOQUIUM 2024**

In the interest of the service and in view of streamlining the development process of implementing Project TRANSFORM with the Regional Offices in partnership with its Development Partners, the conduct of the Project TRANSFORM Colloquium 2024 on June 20, 2024 in a venue to be determined within the Metro Manila is hereby authorized.

This activity shall serve as an avenue to showcase and highlight the milestones, accomplishments and exemplary practices of our partners in the implementation of Project TRANSFORM as well as help streamline the development and implementation process of Project TRANSFORM to the Regional Offices.


The Project TRANSFORM Management Office (PTMO) and the Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS) shall take the lead in the conduct of the activity in coordination with the concerned Organizations, Partners, Stakeholders and other DENR Offices.

All expenses to be incurred during the activity including food, venue, supplies and materials and other incidental expenses shall be charged against funds of PTMO and SCIS. Transportation, accommodation and travel/airfare expenses of representatives from Central Office, Bureaus, Services and Regions shall be charged against their respective office funds. All expenses are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The Chief of Staff and Supervising Undersecretary for Strategic Communications is authorized to reschedule the activity in case of conflict with other activities of the Department.

A report shall be submitted to the undersigned within fifteen working days (15) days upon the completion of the activity.

This Order shall take effect on the date specified therein.

  
**AUGUSTO D. DELA PEÑA**  
Undersecretary for Organizational  
Transformation and Human Resources



## PROJECT TRANSFORM COLLOQUIUM 2024

Theme: **“From Science to Action: Transformative Pathways towards Resilience and Environmental Sustainability”**

20 June 2024 | 9:00 am- 4:30 pm  
SMX Convention Center, Pasay City

### Concept Note

#### I. Introduction

The Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 states that *“by 2028, communities, institutions, and the natural and built environment in the Philippines are more resilient to the impacts of natural hazards and climate change. To realize this goal, the government will strengthen cross-sectoral convergence and coordination and implement a comprehensive risk management approach to reduce intersecting vulnerabilities and address complexities in managing the compounding and cascading risks posed by climate change across different sectors.”*

The continuing challenges posed by climate change and disaster risks highlight the importance of resilient local government unit (LGU) systems that are able to develop and implement evidence-informed and inclusive resilience actions. The interconnectedness of risk, the stakeholders in each locality, as well as the development challenges of the Philippines heightens the complexities of resilience building.

LGUs often face difficulty in accessing relevant information that can aid in development planning and implementation, resulting in strategies that lean towards disaster response rather than resilience. Any intervention therefore must be practical, inclusive, and context-driven to ensure active community engagement in disaster risk reduction.

Risks contribute to the vulnerability-poverty cycle and these are linked to the broader national development context. The Philippines has always prioritized disaster risk reduction in addition to preparedness, response, recovery, and climate change adaptation and this is reflected in the Philippine Development Plan and other national plans and strategies. In recent years, the Philippine Government has emphasized the critical importance of local governance and community-based action that responds to the actual needs of communities. National Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Plans highlight the need for actions to be “gender responsive, sensitive to indigenous knowledge systems, and respectful of human rights” (National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010) and for the country to have a “gender-sensitive, pro-children, and pro-poor perspective in all climate change and renewable energy efforts, plans, and programs” (Climate Change Act of 2009).

In this context, new strategies and mechanisms built upon the foundations of strategic partnerships will be even more critical as the need to transform towards adaptive and inclusive

governance and sustainable development can only be achieved through collaborative climate action and disaster risk reduction. By undertaking a programmatic and participatory approach that brings together a diverse set of implementing partners, more effective, efficient, and sustainable impacts can be achieved at the local level and at significant scale.

It is against this backdrop that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources partnered with the National Resilience Council, First Philippine Holdings Corporation, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Peace and Equity Foundation, and the Zuellig Family Foundation in developing Project TRANSFORM (Transdisciplinary Approach for Resilience and Environmental Sustainability through Multistakeholder Engagement).

The 2024 Project TRANSFORM Colloquium will provide a space for local governments to learn and share experiences along their resilience building journey. It aims to highlight how the multistakeholder approach in disaster risk reduction enables stakeholders to harness science and technology and local and traditional knowledge to inform both policy and practice at the local government level. It will showcase how the national and local governments (provincial, city, municipality, and barangay levels) are able to constructively link their current programs with the expertise, opportunities, and networks from their stakeholders from the private sector, civil society organizations, people's organizations, academe, and the local communities themselves. The colloquium will also highlight the importance of sustainability and development continuity in disaster risk reduction.

## **II. Objectives**

- Highlight how Project TRANSFORM and the multistakeholder approach in disaster risk reduction is aligned with international commitments and national and local strategies, plans, and programs
- Provide a platform for local governments to showcase their accomplishments and milestones, and exchange experiences along their resilience journey
- Provide tailored capacity-building support to Project TRANSFORM Focal Points (DENR Regional Executive Directors and LGU representatives) on the development of their locality's Project TRANSFORM/resilience roadmap
- Strengthen local governments' knowledge and understanding on alternative and multistakeholder approaches for resilience investments

## **III. Expected Participants**

The Colloquium is expected to convene 300 pax including:

### **Implementing Partners**

- National Resilience Council
- First Philippine Holdings, Corp.
- Philippine Business for Social Progress
- Peace and Equity Foundation
- Zuellig Family Foundation

#### **Local Chief Executives**

- Governor of the Province of Bataan
- Mayor of Limay, Bataan
- Mayor of Mariveles, Bataan
- Mayor of Orion, Bataan
- Mayor of Ormoc City, Leyte
- Governor of the Province of Rizal
- Mayor of Antipolo, Rizal
- Mayor of San Mateo, Rizal
- Mayor of Baras, Rizal
- Mayor of Tanay, Rizal
- Mayor of Rodriguez, Rizal
- Governor of the Province of Surigao del Norte
- Mayor of Malimono, Surigao del Norte
- Mayor of Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte,
- Mayor of San Francisco, Surigao del Norte
- Mayor of Burgos, Surigao del Norte
- Mayor of Quezon City
- Mayor of Baguio City
- Governor of the Province of Sarangani
- Mayor of Alabel, Sarangani
- Mayor of Glan, Sarangani
- Mayor of Kiamba, Sarangani
- Mayor of Maasim, Sarangani
- Mayor of Maitum, Sarangani
- Mayor of Malapatan, Sarangani
- Mayor of Malungon, Sarangani
- Governor of the Province of Pangasinan
- Mayor of Dagupan City, Pangasinan
- Governor of the Province of Eastern Samar
- Governor of the Province of Batangas
- Governor of the Province of Palawan
- Governor of the Province of Marinduque
- Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro
- Governor of the Province of Oriental Mindoro
- Governor of the Province of Romblon
- Governor of the Province of Lanao Del Norte
- Governor of the Province of Masbate
- Governor of the Province of Palawan

#### **DENR Regional Offices**

- 16 Regional Executive Directors
- 16 EMB Regional Directors
- 1 Representative

**LGU Representatives**

- PGENRO
- PDRRMO / CDRRMO / MDRRMO
- PPDO / CPDO / MPDO

**Representatives from Academe, Civil Society, People's Organizations, IP communities, etc.**

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#### IV. Indicative Program

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
<b>PART I</b>		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Registration</b>	
9:00 am – 9:05 pm	<b>National Anthem Prayer</b>	
9:05 am – 9:10 am	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	<b>Ms. Marilou G. Erni</b> Chief of Staff and Supervising Undersecretary for Strategic Communications, DENR
9:10 am – 9:30 am	<b>Keynote Messages</b>	<b>Hon. Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga</b> Secretary, DENR
9:30 am – 9:50 am		<b>Hon. Benjamin Abalos Jr. (TO BE INVITED)</b> Secretary, DILG
9:50 am – 10:50 am	<b>Panel Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>  From Science to Action: Transformative Pathways towards Resilience and Environmental Sustainability	<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Ms. Marilou G. Erni</b>  <b>Ms. Agnes De Jesus</b> Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, First Philippine Holdings Corporation  <b>Mr. Elvin Uy</b> Executive Director, Philippines Business for Social Progress  <b>Mr. Roberto Calingo</b> Executive Director, Peace & Equity Foundation  <b>Mr. Silvestre Barrameda, Jr.</b> Executive Director, National Resilience Council  <b>Mr. Ernesto Garilao or Mr. Austere Panadero</b> Chairman, Zuellig Family Foundation
10:50 am - 11:20 am	<b>FOSTERING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR A RESILIENT LGU: : The Story of Bataan and Ormoc City</b>	<b>Hon. Jose Enrique S. Garcia III (CONFIRMED)</b> Governor Province of Bataan

		<b>Hon. Lucy Torres- Gomez (Informed)</b> Mayor Ormoc City
11:20 am – 12:20 NN	<p><b>ALIGNMENT WITH EXISTING PROGRAMS/ MECHANISMS ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SEAL of GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SGLG)</b></li> <li>● <b>GALING POOK AWARDS</b></li> <li>● <b>SHIELD</b></li> <li>● <b>CLIMATE RESILIENT CITIES</b></li> <li>● <b>RESILIENT LGU PROGRAM</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Dir. Maria Lourdes L. Agustin, CESO III (CONFIRMED)</b> DILG</p> <p><b>Dr. Emma Porio (CONFIRMED)</b> Professor Emeritus Ateneo de Manila University</p> <p><b>Mr. Edwine Carrié (TO BE INVITED)</b> Deputy Resident Representative United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p><b>Mr. Jonas Tetangco (TO BE INVITED)</b> Catholic Relief Services (CRS)</p> <p><b>Mr. Silvestre Barrameda, Jr., (TO BE INVITED)</b> Executive Director, National Resilience Council (NRC)</p>
12:20 pm – 1:20 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:20 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Panel Reaction</b>	<p><b>Hon. Dakila Carlo Cua (TO BE INVITED)</b> Governor Quirino Province ULAP, President UCLG ASPAC, President</p> <p><b>Mr. Jose Rene D. Almendras (TO BE INVITED)</b> President, Management Association of the Philippines (MAP)</p>



		<p><b>Hon. Ma. Josefina Tanya G. Belmonte (To Be Invited)</b> Mayor Quezon City</p> <p><b>Ms. Ma. Anna de Rosas Ignacio (TO BE INVITED)</b> General Manager Kabuhayan sa Ganap na Kasarinlan Credit and Savings Cooperative (KASAGANA-KA Cooperative/K-Coop)</p>
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>Synthesis and Ways Forward</b>	<b>Atty. Jonas R. Leones</b> Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
	<b>Photo Opportunity</b>	
	<b>End of Program</b>	
<b>PART II : BRIEFING AND COORDINATION MEETING WITH DENRs' REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS</b>		
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	<b>Project TRANSFORM: Charting the Course for Shared Resilience and Environmental Sustainability</b>	<b>Regional Executive Directors and Regional Directors</b>