



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



**MEMORANDUM**

**NOV 08 2024**

**TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS  
ALL STAFF BUREAU DIRECTORS  
ALL LINE BUREAU CENTRAL OFFICE DIRECTORS  
ALL HEADS OF ATTACHED AGENCIES**

**ATTN : YOUTH DESK OFFICERS/FOCAL PERSON**

**FROM : THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND SUPERVISING UNDERSECRETARY  
FOR STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE DENR YOUTH FOR RESILIENCE (Y4R)  
MODULE ENHANCEMENT WRITESHOP AND STRATEGIC  
PLANNING ON NOVEMBER 19-20, 2024**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Youth Desk is currently developing a Youth for Resilience (Y4R) Program that empowers a new generation of environmental champions equipped with knowledge and skills on DRR and resilience. The program aims to foster a sense of environmental stewardship among the youth and drive sustainable solutions to address the impacts of climate change and reduce risk.

In 2023, the DENR Youth Desk conducted a series of training activities on the basics of disaster risk reduction (DRR), wherein the youth were able to share their personal experiences. For 2024, the DENR Youth Desk, in collaboration with U-INSPIRE Philippines and UNICEF Philippines have begun developing a disaster resilience training module which will serve as a guide in implementing Youth for Resilience Training in select local government units. Technical representatives from various national government agencies, the private sector, civil society, academe, and youth-led organizations participated in the initial meeting to review and enhance the draft DRR training module in August 2024.

With the integration of experts' inputs and recommendations, the current draft of the Y4R module which identified three areas of focus (1) Basics of Climate Change, DRR and resilience, (2) Youth in Climate Action and DRR, and (3) Resilience Building, was pilot tested on September 3-6, 2024 in Ormoc City, Leyte.

To ensure that the Y4R module contains relevant discussion that addresses the realities on the ground by the youth, a module enhancement writeshop will be conducted on **November 19-20, 2024 at Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA**. One of the intended outputs is the development of a playbook that promotes children and youth participation in climate action and disaster resilience. The activity also aims to reconvene the DENR youth focal persons to discuss additional inputs and set the direction of youth-related activities for 2025-2028.

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In this regard, Principal Youth Desk Officers are provided (1) slot for the face-to-face activity and Alternate Youth Desk Officers are encouraged to join via Zoom. We have attached the concept note and program for your reference. Registration for the workshop may be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/Y4REnhancementWriteshop>.

Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to reach the undersigned through Ms. April Casas at 0917-816-0772 or youthdesk@denr.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action.

  
MARILOU G. ERNI  
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## INFORMATION NOTE

### SCHEDULE AND VENUE

The workshop will take place on **November 19-20, 2024** at **Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA**, from **9:00 am - 5:00 pm**. For proper guidance, kindly scan the provided QR code for directions and recommended routes to the venue.



**Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA**  
North Towers SM North EDSA, North Avenue,  
corner Epifanio de los Santos Ave, Quezon City  
(scan the QR code for directions via Google Maps)

### ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION, AND MEALS

Principal Youth Desk Officers from the regional offices outside the National Capital Region including Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) and Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) will be provided accommodation at Radisson Hotel. A designated service vehicle will be available for airport transfers. To arrange pick-up schedules, kindly provide your flight details using this link: <https://bit.ly/PYDOsPickupDetails>

Other related travel expenses of the participants shall be charged against their respective office funds.

Provision of meals including AM snacks, Lunch, and PM snacks will be available at the venue.

### ATTENDANCE

Registration will begin at exactly 8:30 AM. Attendance shall serve as one of the requirements for the issuance of the certificate of participation. Face-to-face attendees must sign the attendance sheet at the registration area, while online participants are required to complete the Google attendance form.

Only those who completed the workshop and submitted the workshop outputs and session evaluation forms shall receive a certificate of participation.

### MATERIALS

At the end of the workshop, participants will receive access to all presentations and outputs via a Google Drive link, which will be shared to the email addresses provided on the attendance sheet.

### THINGS TO BRING

Participants are advised to bring a pen, notebook, and laptop for note-taking key information throughout the workshop.

### ZOOM

Alternate Youth Desk Officers attending online may access the Zoom details through this link: <https://bit.ly/Y4RModuleEnhancement>.

## **YOUTH FOR RESILIENCE (Y4R) MODULE ENHANCEMENT WRITESHOP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

### **I. RATIONALE**

As climate change accelerates, the need for resilient communities and empowered youth leaders has never been more urgent. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Youth for Resilience (Y4R) program seeks to develop a new generation of environmental champions equipped with knowledge, skills, and networks needed to advocate for climate action and resilience within their communities.

With an aim to capacitate the youth with knowledge and attitude of being a first responder, the DENR in partnership with U-INSPIRE Philippines and UNICEF Philippines have an on-going collaborative effort to develop a disaster risk resilience training module which will serve as a guide in implementing Youth for Resilience Training in pilot areas identified under Project TRANSFORM. An initial meeting set to review and enhance the DRR training module was conducted on August 27-29, 2024 at Microtel by Wyndham UP Technohub. The participants of the meeting included technical representatives with an established expertise in DRR education and other-related initiatives from the national government agencies, non-government organizations, and youth-led organizations. The developing DRR module has three areas of focus namely (1) Basics of climate change, DRR and resilience; (2) Youth in climate action and DRR; and (3) Resilience building. On September 3-6, 2024, a pilot test of the DRR module with integrated experts input and recommendations was administered in Ormoc City, Leyte.

In line with the celebration of National Climate Change Consciousness Week pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1667 s. 2008 and Presidential Proclamation 1160 s. 2015, declaring November 25 as the National Day for Youth in Climate Action, the DENR Youth Desk and Climate Change Service will conduct a module enhancement writeshop and explore the development of a playbook that will guide the implementation of activities promoting children and youth participation in climate action and disaster resilience.

### **II. OBJECTIVES**

1. To review and update the Youth for Resilience Module based on the feedback from its recent implementation during the Y4R Training in Ormoc City;

2. To facilitate the development of a playbook that will guide the implementation of activities promoting children and youth participation in climate action and disaster resilience; and
3. To reconvene youth focal persons and discuss additional inputs to the youth-related activities for 2025-2028.

### **III. EXPECTED OUTPUT**

- Enhanced and updated Y4R module; and
- Strategic plan outlining key priorities, objectives, and a year-long action plan for the Youth Desk Focal Points.

### **IV. PARTICIPANTS**

- Representatives from partner agencies and organizations:

*Offices & organizations present during the Inter-Agency Meeting and Writeshop last August 27-29, 2024:*

1. Climate Change Commission
2. National Youth Commission
3. Council for the Welfare of Children
4. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
5. UNICEF Philippines
6. Positive Youth Development Network
7. U-INSPIRE Philippines
8. National Resilience Council
9. UN Women

*Suggested additional offices/organizations to be invited (feedback from the initially conducted writeshop)*

10. Department of the Interior and Local Government
11. Office of Civil Defense
12. Department of Education
13. Department of Science and Technology
14. Department of Health
15. Department of Energy
16. Department of Agriculture
17. Philippine Commission on Women
18. Department of Science and Technology
19. Commission on Higher Education

- 20. UP Resilience Institute
- 21. UP CIFAL Philippines
- 22. Manila Observatory
- 23. Humanitarian Organizations (e.g. Red Cross, Save the Children)
- 24. Civil Society Organizations (e.g. Teach for the Philippines)
- 25. Student Organizations (e.g. BSP, GSP, YES-O)

- DENR Youth Desk Officers / Focal will join via hybrid set-up. The designated principal youth desk officer shall attend the activity face-to-face while the alternate youth desk officer shall attend via Zoom.
  - 1. Regional Offices (16)
  - 2. Bureaus (6)
    - BMB, FMB, LMB, ERDB, EMB Central Office, MGB Central Office
  - 3. Attached Agencies (4)
    - PCSDS, NAMRIA, LLDA, NWRB

**V. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

**Youth for Resilience (Y4R) Module Enhancement Writeshop**

**Date:** November 19-20, 2024, Tuesday-Wednesday

**Venue:** Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA

**Day 1 - November 19, 2024**

TIME	PROGRAM
9:00 am - 12:00 nn	Opening Program Messages from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undersecretary Marilou G. Erni</li> <li>- Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh</li> </ul> Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning and Feedback of implementation in Y4R Ormoc</li> <li>- National Adaptation Plan / Loss and Damage Fund, DENR Climate Change Service Director Elenida R. Basug</li> </ul>
12:00 nn - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Y4R Module Enhancement Writeshop <i>Facilitator: DENR Climate Change Service</i>

**Day 2 - November 20, 2024**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
9:00 am - 12:00 nn	Discussion and workshop on the Y4R playbook development
12:00 nn - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Strategic planning session on the implementation of 2025 DENR Youth Desk Initiatives