

2017 and 2018 1st Semester RDC IV-A Accomplishments

A. Development Planning and Policy Formulation

Accomplishments of the Calabarzon Regional Development Council (RDC) in 2017 include the approval of the Sub-Committee on Culture and Heritage. The RDC acknowledges the contribution of culture and heritage as catalyst towards inclusive, sustainable, and human-centered development. The RDC also approved the Calabarzon Traffic Management Plan 2017-2022 which was formulated to address the worsening traffic problems in major roads in Calabarzon.

In the 1st semester 2018, the RDC further approved the following: 1) 2017 Regional Development Report; 2) Calabarzon Regional Development Research Agenda (RDRA) 2018-2022; 3) Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Plan 2018-2022; and 4) AmBisyon Natin 2040 and Regional Development Plan (RDP) Communication Plans. The Calabarzon RDRA 2018-2022 contains the research areas to respond to the issues and challenges in support to the Calabarzon RDP 2017-2022. The RDRA was published on the 2nd Quarter of 2018 and disseminated to the academe and research institutions in Calabarzon. The Calabarzon ICT Plan 2018-2022 aims to make Calabarzon as the center of ICT development, enabling industries, government and society given the current trends. It contains the priorities in harnessing ICT development of Calabarzon. The RDP-AmBisyon Natin 2040 Communication Plan contains strategic directions in the dissemination and advocacy of the RDP-AmBisyon Natin 2040 in Calabarzon. The RDC also approved the Real, Infanta, General Nakar (REINA) Tourism Development Plan. The plan includes objectives on various tourism aspects, corresponding strategies, infrastructure and soft projects and includes complementary tourism circuit themes per municipality and sample tour packages.

The RDC endorsed to the Office of Secretary Arthur Tugade of the DOTr the request to expedite the signing of the memorandum of agreement with Secretary Mark Villar of the DPWH for the road right of way acquisition of SLEX Toll Road 4 project. The RDC also endorsed the Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan for Typhoon Nina affected areas in Calabarzon and Batangas Earthquake Swarm affected areas to the NDRRMC and agency central offices for funding.

B. Investment Programming and Budgeting

The RDC approved the updated Three-year Rolling Investment Programs (TRIP) 2017-2019. It includes programs and projects of BFAR, DA, DENR, DENR-EMB, DOST, DOT, PhilFIDA, DILG, DPWH, NIA, DepEd, DOH, DOLE, DSWD, TESDA, BatStateU, CvSU, and LSPU. The TRIP seeks to continuously translate the Calabarzon development goals and strategies of the Regional Development Agenda 2010-2020 into viable P/Ps.

The RDC also approved the Calabarzon Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2017-2022 in September 2017 and approved the RDIP 2017-2022 Updating Guidelines in June 2018. This will serve as the basis for AROs, SUCs, GOCCs to give inputs to their mother agency for the PIP Updating which serve as input for the FY 2020 Budget Preparation.

The RDC conducted two Calabarzon Investment Fora on January 12, 2017 and November 29, 2017 in Lucena City and Tayabas City, respectively to provide interventions for the Calabarzon Convergence Areas. The forum served as one stop shop venue for the LGUs in the convergence areas to propose and request funding for projects, and to network with government agencies and the private sector for projects and services.

Prior to the conduct of the second Calabarzon Investment Forum, the RDC conducted three batches of Project Development Training for CCA. For the FS Training, Module 2 was conducted to Cavite, Batangas, Quezon, and Rizal. The FS for Lipa-Padre Garcia road was also endorsed on 1Q 2017. Currently, there are three FS for review of RDC.

C. Project Monitoring and Evaluation

In 2017, the Calabarzon Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (RPMC) conducted field monitoring visits to 12 priority projects and implemented the following: a) the Calabarzon Project Monitoring System wherein 365 projects were uploaded; and b) five problem solving sessions. The RPMC also prepared policy proposal on inclusion of the Local Project Monitoring Committee as sub-criteria in the Department of the Interior and Local Government's Seal of Good Local Governance. The RPMC also facilitated in the two project monitoring visits of the DOT-DPWH Convergence.

In the 2018 1st Semester, the following were the accomplishments of the project monitoring and evaluation team: a) monitoring of 15 major projects; field monitoring priority projects such as the bypass roads of Lopez, Atimonan-Mauban, Gumaca, Pagbilao, Sariaya, and Alaminos-San Pablo; b) monitoring of Tagkawayan Municipal Fish Port, Tanauan City Public Market Redevelopment, Batangas Port Passenger Terminal, and Calatagan Senior High School; c) three on-going impact evaluation studies; and d) two problem solving sessions for the projects of NIA and DPWH.

D. Other significant accomplishments in relation to Regional Development

The RDC conducted the 1st Calabarzon Jobseekers' Summit cum Provincial Job-Skills Matching on October 2017 where it convened job seekers in the region, representatives from the academe, industries, and RLAs and identified, discussed major challenges faced by job seekers during the pre-employment stage and proposed actions to improve their ability to acquire job.

The RDC conducted a community outreach activity in Barangays Bamban, Landing and Mapulot Tagkawayan, Quezon on August 31, 2017. Among the goods distributed to 1,020 students were school and dental supplies, nutritional snacks, milk, cupcakes, and slippers. The activity was participated by representatives from the regional offices of NEDA, SolCom, DOH, DOST, DA, DSWD, League of Local Planners- Southern Luzon, SLSU, Zobel Foundation, DOLE, DTI, PICE, Kabisig ng Lahi, Carmona LGU, Office of Cong. Tan, and Tagkawayan LGU.

The RDC also approved the inclusion of the hosting the Houston Inbound Mission in the 2018 Investment Promotion Group (IPG) Work and Financial Plan (WFP).

The RDC also oversee the competitiveness of the region through the Regional Competitiveness Committee and facilitated in the conduct of the Cities and Municipalities Index Orientation to the provinces.

On July 2018, the RDC also conducted a community outreach activity in Castañas Elementary School, Guis-guis San Roque Elementary School, and Lutgarda Elementary School in Sariaya, Quezon.

2017 and 2018 1st Semester Luzon RDCom Accomplishments

In 2017, the Luzon Regional Development Committee (RDCom) conducted four regular meetings and one special meeting. The Luzon RDCom endorsed the following: a) calibration on the restrictions of poultry products from Luzon; b) implementation of preventive measures to control spread of Bird Flu Disease; c) conduct of joint RDC and RPOC meetings; and d) effect of water hyacinth and wastes on the shorelines of Batangas.

In the 1st semester of 2018, the Luzon RDCom approved the following: a) encouraging local government units to enhance information, communication and technology, and virtual connectivity; b) adoption of the Luzon Pacific Highway; c) position of the League of Provinces of the Philippines on the Federal Form of Government; and d) supporting the application of the Indigenous People's Act in the estimation of irrigable areas. Upon the recommendation of the Luzon RDCom, the Metro Manila Development Authority conducted clean-up drives to major water ways of Laguna Lake going to Manila Bay, and preventive measures to avoid washed-up wastes.