

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
MIMAROPA Region

REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION  
1st Committee Meeting  
November 16, 2021 via Zoom

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

**Represented by**

1. Dir. Maria Angelita C. Cells

DBM MIMAROPA  
Chairperson

2. Dir. Wilhelm M. Suyko

DILG MIMAROPA  
Co-Chairperson

ARD Rey S. Maranan

**Regional Directors of National Government Agencies**

3. Dir. Agustin C. Mendoza

NEDA MIMAROPA

4. Dir. Consolacion Q. Agcaoili

BLGF MIMAROPA

Mr. Dennis Bunag

5. Dir. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer

DENR MIMAROPA

ARD Donna Mayor-Gordove

6. Dir. Fernando R. De Villa, Jr.

DSWD MIMAROPA

Ms. Editha Ocampo

7. Dir. Mario S. Baquilod

DOH MIMAROPA

Ms. Baj Datinguinoo

8. Dir. Nicolas T. Capulong

DEPED MIMAROPA

ARD Atty. Suzette Medina

9. Dir. Jesus T. Tamang

DOE MIMAROPA

Mr. Michael Leabres

10. Ms. Ma. Eileen B. Blanco

NNC MIMAROPA

11. Dir. Reynaldo O. Wong

POPCOM

12. Atty. Erwin N. Aquino

DOLE MIMAROPA

Mr. Jhomer Greg P. Acedillo

13. Mr. Paul E. Escobar

OPAPP

14. Dir. Joel B. Valera

DTI MIMAROPA

15. Usec. Ruben S. Reinoso

DOTr MIMAROPA

Mr. Francisco Tampus

16. Dir. Christopher V. Morales

DOT MIMAROPA

Ms. Gladys Quesea

17. Engr. Romuel P. Alimboyao

NHA MIMAROPA

Engr. Maximo Cabasal

18. Dir. Cheryl C. Ortega

DICT Luzon Cluster 3

Ms. Maria Graciela Bucad

19. Atty. Arnolfo Ricardo B. Cabling

SHFC

Ms. Carmela Cecille Artates

20. Engr. Ronald B. Cabute, PECE

NTC

Ms. Aileen R. Dotig

21. Dir. Julius Ervin O. Enciso

DHSUD MIMAROPA

Ms. Anne Ortega

22. Dir. Marie Grace T. Pascua

NCIP

23. Atty. Jose Teodoro S. Matta

PCSDS

Mr. John Francisco Pontillas

**Private Sector Representatives**

24. Mr. Darius M. Guerrero

DAC Chairperson

25. Mr. Delfin M. Natal, Jr.

IDC Chairperson

46	26. Ms. Marvi R. Trudeau	SDC Chairperson	
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48	<b>Leagues</b>		
49	27. Gov. Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr.	Province of Marinduque	Ms. Marian M. Cunanan
50		and Regional Representative	
51		of the Leagues of Provinces of	
52		the Philippines	
53	28. Mayor Arnan C. Panaligan	Calapan City and Regional	Mr. Joey Benter
54		Representative of the Leagues	
55		of Cities of the Philippines	
56	29. Mayor Gerard S. Montojo	Municipality of Romblon and	
57		Regional Representative of Leagues of	
58		Municipalities of the Philippines	
59	30. Mayor Ma. Fe V. Brondial	Municipality of Socorro and	
60		Regional Representative of Leagues of	
61		Municipalities of the Philippines	
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63	<b>Provincial Governors</b>		
64	31. Gov. Jose C. Alvarez	Province of Palawan	Ms. Eden Aniar
65	32. Gov. Humerlito A. Dolor	Province of Oriental Mindoro	Represented
66	33. Gov. Jose R. Riano	Province of Romblon	Ms. Evelyn Magayam
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68	<b>Capital Towns and City Mayors</b>		
69	34. Mayor Armi D.C.Carrion	Boac, Marinduque	Ms. Rocy Forca Moreno
70	35. Mayor Angelina F. Tria	Mamburao,Occidental Mindoro	Ma. Shella Cabrera
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72	<b>Absent</b>		
73	36. Dir. Antonio G. Gerundio	DA MIMAROPA	
74	37. OIC-Dir. Gerald A. Pacanan	DPWH MIMAROPA	
75	38. Atty. Ernesto C. Mendoza	DOJ MIMAROPA	
76	39. Usec. Ryan R. Enriquez	NYC	
77	40. Dir. William P. Ragodon	NIA MIMAROPA	
78	41. Mr. Rodne R. Galicha	EDC Chairperson	
79	42. Gov. Eduardo B. Gadiano	Province of Occidental Mindoro	
80	43. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron	Puerto Princesa City and	
81		Regional Representative of the	
82		Leagues of Cities of the Philippines	
83	44. Hon. Abelardo S. Pangilinan	Regional Representative of	
84		Liga ng mga Barangays sa Pilipinas	
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86	<b>Guests</b>		
87	45. ARD Alexander P. Calma	DBM MIMAROPA	
88	46. Crystine S. Cuartero	DBM MIMAROPA	
89	47. Christian G. Mendoza	DBM MIMAROPA	
90	48. Jerdy Paul A. Mercene	DBM MIMAROPA	

91	49. April Grace Halili	DILG MIMAROPA
92	50. Cidney Pamela Bejasa	DILG MIMAROPA
93	51. Ma. Teresita G. Iglesia	DILG MIMAROPA
94	52. Jr Palanca- Golifrado	DILG MIMAROPA
95	50. Joel Jimenez	DOH MIMAROPA
96	51. Rio Faeldan	DOH MIMAROPA
97	52. Kim Baña	DOLE MIMAROPA
98	52. Reynaldo Gatchalian	DOTr MIMAROPA
99	53. Yolanda Cabigao	DOT MIMAROPA
100	54. Rey Tupas	NCIP MIMAROPA
101	55. Joemer Samong	NCIP MIMAROPA
102	56. Marilyn Limpiada	DENR MIMAROPA
103	57. ARD Bernardino Atienza, Jr.	NEDA MIMAROPA
104	58. Chara Eje	NEDA MIMAROPA
105	59. Aprille Joy Delica	NEDA MIMAROPA
106	60. Belti Garcia	NEDA MIMAROPA
107	61. JC Hilado	NEDA MIMAROPA
108	62. Kim Lineses	NEDA MIMAROPA
109	63. Kimberly Ann Pilongo	NEDA MIMAROPA
110	64. Marissa M. Morales	NEDA MIMAROPA
111	65. She Sarabia	NEDA MIMAROPA
112	66. Jakeson Alcones	NEDA MIMAROPA
113	67. Mirabelle Lanuza	NRO MIMAROPA
114	68. Mel Ateinza	NRO MIMAROPA
115	69. Ruther John Col-ong	NRO MIMAROPA
116	70. Jun Mendoza	OPAPP
117	71. Gloren Hinlo	POPCOM
118	72. Sharmaine C. Ricardo	POPCOM
119	73. Engr. Madrono Cabrestante	PCSDS
120	74. Cherrylyn Jalover	PCSDS
121	75. Aireen Marcaida	PPDO – Palawan
122	76. Diwani Arrogancia	PPDO – Palawan
123	77. Sharlene Viches	PPDO – Palawan
124	78. Donabelle Edep	PPDO – Palawan
125	79. Ruth Cervo	PDOHO – Romblon
126	80. Rachel Rowena R. Garcia	
127	81. Jobelle Cruzado	
128	82. Naden Ortega	
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130	<b>Secretariat</b>	
131	83. Michael M. Lacsamana	DBM MIMAROPA
132	84. Michael P. Gedaca	DBM MIMAROPA
133	85. Ma. Eunice R. Delos Santos	DBM MIMAROPA
134	86. Novalyn D. Asuncion	DBM MIMAROPA
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136 I. PRELIMINARIES

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138 The meeting started at 9:02 in the morning with a welcome message from the Regional  
139 Committee on Devolution Chairperson and DBM MIMAROPA Regional Director Maria  
140 Angelita C. Cells. It was followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, an  
141 invocation and the MIMAROPA hymn.

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143 II. BUSINESS PROPER

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145 A. Welcome Remarks and Messages

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147 In behalf of DILG MIMAROPA Dir. Wilhelm M. Suyko and ARD Maranan, Ms. Cidney  
148 Pamela Bejasa, welcomed the members of the committee. She recognized that the  
149 activity is indeed timely in the preparation of National Government Agency (NGAs) and  
150 Local Government Units (LGUs) Devolution Transition Plans (DTPs). She hoped that  
151 through the committee there will be converged and harmonized efforts in assisting LGUs  
152 to full devolution.

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154 Dir. Agustin C. Mendoza of NEDA MIMAROPA, also welcomed the members and all  
155 colleagues in government present in the call. He was grateful that NEDA is part of the  
156 committee that will carry out the implementation of relevant laws as stipulated in  
157 Executive Order No. 138. He reported that since the issuance of the EO, NEDA has  
158 participated in the series of roll out orientation on the preparation of LGUs and Agency  
159 DTPs. He shared that during the rollout orientation, presented the alignment of national  
160 regional local plans including the integration and harmonization of goals and targets. He  
161 mentioned the premises on the creation of the committee from the presentation of the  
162 salient features of the IRR of EO 138 during the 76<sup>th</sup> RDC full council meeting to the  
163 recommendation of the creation of Regional Committee on Devolution. He thanked  
164 everyone for the unwavering support to the development initiatives of the MIMAROPA  
165 RDC. He assured to provide technical assistance to LGUs through various capacity  
166 development programs.

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168 In behalf of DOF-BLGF-MIMAROPA, Dir. Consolacion Q. Agcaoili, Mr. Dennis Bunag,  
169 welcomed and thanked all participants. He assured full support and assistance from BLGF  
170 as the LGUs go through the devolution process.

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172 B. Declaration of Quorum

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174 Mr. Michael P. Gedaca of DBM MIMAROPA called the roll and declared a quorum. Of the  
175 44 members, 12 were present and 23 were represented registering 79.55% attendance.

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177 C. Proposed Agenda

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179 Dir. Maria Angelita Cells presented the Proposed Agenda with eight (8) items under  
180 Matters for Discussion/Information and three (3) items under Other Matters.

181 D. Approval of the Proposed Agenda

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183 On motion duly seconded, the proposed agenda was approved as presented.

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185 E. Matters for Discussion/Information

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187 a. Implementation of the Supreme Court Ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Case  
188 Salient Features of EO No. 138 and its IRR

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190 Ms. Ma. Eunice Delos Santos of DBM MIMAROPA presented the salient features of  
191 EO No. 138 that highlight the full devolution of certain functions and services of  
192 the executive branch specifically the NGAs, and GOCCs which have devolved  
193 functions to the LGUs. The IRR of the EO was issued and approved by the  
194 committee on devolution which was also created under the same EO.

195 The salient features of the Executive Order No. 138 include: 1. Delineation of NG  
196 and LGU Rules; 2. Preparation of Devolution Transition Plans; 3. Creation of  
197 Committee on Devolution; 4. Establishment of Growth Equity Fund; 5. Capacity  
198 Building for LGUs; 6. Roles of LGUs; 7. Strengthening of Planning, Investment  
199 Programming, and Budgeting Linkage and M&E Systems; and 8. Options for  
200 Affected NGA Personnel.

201 The Guidelines on the preparation of Devolution Transition Plans as well as the  
202 Annex A of the IRR were also presented.

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204 b. Preparation of the Devolution Transition Plans of National Government Agencies

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206 Mr. Michael Lacsamana of DBM MIMAROPA highlighted that with the Mandanas-  
207 Garcia ruling and the issuance of EO No. 138 the affected NGA needs to prepare  
208 the DTPs. The significance of DTPs were presented as follows: 1. Identify and  
209 clarify the functions and services devolved to LGUs; 2. Identify the strategy for and  
210 phasing out of the devolution to the LGUs; 3. Define the standards for the delivery  
211 of devolved services; 4. Strategize the capacity development of the LGUs; 5. Define  
212 the framework for monitoring and performance assessment of LGUs; and 6.  
213 Proposal for organizational effectiveness. The key contents of the NGA DTPs were  
214 briefly highlighted and enumerated as: Strategy for Capacity Development;  
215 Performance Monitoring and Assessment Framework and Organizational  
216 Effectiveness Proposal. Also presented was the list of the twelve (12) agencies  
217 with submission of DTPs to DBM as of November 3, 2021: POPCOM, DOH, DSHUD,  
218 DSWD, DTI, DOF, NIA, DILG, DOST, DOTr, DPWH and DOJ.

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220 c. Preparation of the Devolution Transition Plans of LGUs  
221 Capacity Development Framework

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223 Ms. Sidney Pamela Bejasa from DILG presented the Preparation of the Devolution  
224 Transition Plans of LGUs outlined as follows: Rationale/Legal Framework; Guiding

Principles; Significance of LGU DTPs; Components of LGU DTP; Updates on the Status of LGU DTPs; Preparation of LGU DTPs; and CapDev Roadmap.

d. Implementation of Personnel Policies and Options pursuant to EO No. 138

Ms. Ma. Eunice Delos Santos of DBM MIMAROPA briefly discussed the highlights of the Personnel Options and Policies pursuant to EO No. 138. The general policies were carefully explained and listed as follows: 1. No forced/involuntary separation, termination, or lay off of permanent national government personnel affected by the full devolution effort; 2. No diminution in the basic salaries of incumbent affected employees who would opt to be transferred to any department/agency within the Executive Branch as a result of the implementation of full devolution under EO No 138; 3. Personnel shall enjoy security of tenure in the agencies where they have been transferred to as a result of the implementation of full devolution under EO No 138; 4. Positions of personnel who may be affected by the full devolution effort and will not opt to retire or separate from the service shall be marked coterminous with the incumbent (CTI); 5. Option to be taken by an affected employee pursuant to Section 12 of EO No 138 is considered final once the department/agency/GOCC Devolution Transition Plan (DTP) is approved by the DBM, and shall preclude the availment of other options; 6. LGUs shall have the discretion/authority to hire any personnel from the NGAs affected by the implementation of the full devolution effort under EO No. 138; 7. Hiring by the LGUs of affected personnel from the NGAs shall be subject to the related provisions of RA No 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991 and Civil Service Law, rules, and regulation; and 8. Any internal operationalization guidelines that may be instituted or issued by departments/agencies/GOCCs concerned shall be made consistent with the provisions of the JMC. Likewise, the options presented are briefly outlined: 1. Transfer to other units within the agency; 2. Transfer to other agencies within the Executive Branch; and 3. Retire or separate from the service, and may be given preference to vacant positions in LGUs.

e. Growth Equity Fund pursuant to EO No. 138

Mr. Jerdy Paul Mercene of DBM MIMAROPA thoroughly explained the Growth Equity Fund pursuant to EO No. 138 purposely to assist the poorest LGUs that are financially incapable of allocating funds to implement the devolved services as a top-up to their NTA. This is so, for no LGU will be left behind in the transition towards full devolution.

f. Devolution Communications Plan and Strategy

Mr. Jerdy Paul Mercene of DBM MIMAROPA provided the updates on the Communications Plan and Strategy on Full Devolution. The updates were outlined as: 1. Approval of the Communications Plan, that is, approved with the theme - Angat Lokal: Communications Plan and Strategy on Full Devolution during the 2nd

270 Sub-Committee Meeting last September 7, 2021; 2.Orientation. DBM held an  
271 orientation meeting on the Angat Lokal: Communications Plan and Strategy on Full  
272 Devolution on September 29, 2021; 3.Campaign Brand Development. Templates  
273 for Branding were shared; 4. Full Graphics Campaign AVP. The teaser has already  
274 been released and the full AVP completion is at 70%.; 5. Facebook Page. The  
275 Angat Lokal PH is now live on Facebook, which is co-administered by the DBM with  
276 DILG and PCOO, launched last November 5, 2021; 6. Website FAQ Series. Draft  
277 FAQs has already been forwarded to the ROs for review and inputs last October  
278 13, 2021 and currently being updated by the technical team for the NEDA & DILG  
279 inputs; 7. EO 138 Briefer. The briefer on EO No. 138 has already been uploaded in  
280 the DBM website; 8. Media Training. The Concept Note for the proposed Media  
281 Training has already been developed to effectively communicate core messages to  
282 key stakeholders, media and the public. The project is being coordinated with the  
283 DILG and the PCOO for funding and implementation.  
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#### 285 F. Other Matters

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- 287 a. Adoption of the rules on the conduct of the business including the constitution of a  
288 quorum for purposes of convening a meeting or voting on issues and proposals, if  
289 a consensus is not reached.

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291 Dir. Maria Angelita Cells presented the proposal that the Regional ComDev adopts  
292 the internal rules of similar Special Committees created by the RDC MIMAROPA as  
293 contained in the RDC Manual of Operations.  
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295 On motion duly seconded, the proposed adoption of the rules on the conduct of  
296 the business was approved as presented.  
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- 298 b. Designation of Permanent and Alternate Representatives to the RComDev  
299 Members

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301 Dir. Maria Angelita Cells presented the proposal that all members of the Regional  
302 ComDev designate their permanent and alternate representatives to ensure the  
303 uninterrupted representation of all the members to the committee, requiring  
304 submission of names and contact details to RComDev Secretariat c/o DBM  
305 MIMAROPA Mr. Michael M. Lacsamana at [dbm\\_ro4b@dbm.gov.ph](mailto:dbm_ro4b@dbm.gov.ph) on or before  
306 November 29, 2021.  
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308 On motion duly seconded, the proposed designation of Permanent and Alternate  
309 Representatives to the RComDev Members was approved as presented.  
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- 311 c. Designation of Communications Focal Persons

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313 Dir. Maria Angelita Cells presented the proposal that all member-agencies of the  
314 Regional ComDev designate their Communications Focal Persons, requiring

315 submission of names and contact details to RComDev Secretariat c/o DBM  
316 MIMAROPA Mr. Michael M. Lacsamana at [dbm\\_ro4b@dbm.gov.ph](mailto:dbm_ro4b@dbm.gov.ph) on or before  
317 November 29, 2021.

318 On motion duly seconded, the proposed designation of Communications Focal  
319 Persons was approved as presented.

#### 320 321 G. Open Forum

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323 DTI Director Joel Valera opened the discussion with his comments regarding the  
324 presented Implementation of Personnel Policies and Options pursuant to EO No. 138.  
325 The concerns presented were: 1. Retention of basic salary; 2. Is it compulsory for the  
326 LGU to accept the personnel who were affected by the devolution? ; and 3. Security of  
327 tenure for the affected personnel.

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329 To which the Chairperson and DBM RD Maria Angelita Cells carefully explained the  
330 three (3) options for affected personnel also citing examples. Option 1, transfer within  
331 the same agency – example was from DTI CO to DTI RO. Option 2, transfer other  
332 agencies within the executive the executive branch – citing a transfer from DTI to  
333 DENR and with this, the policy of no diminution in the basic salary and security of  
334 tenure will apply. Lastly, option 3, retire and get separated – should there be a  
335 vacancy in the LGU, the affected personnel may opt to apply but will be subjected to  
336 compensation guidelines and policies of the LGU. She reiterated that there will be no  
337 direct transfer from NGA to LGU – the personnel should retire from NGA and apply in  
338 the LGU.

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340 Dir. Valera commented that most of the affected personnel will choose option 3 which  
341 is the retirement. He added that the instruction to manage LGU budget cannot be  
342 imposed since LGUs – which mainly provide basic functions (i.e. health, social welfare  
343 and environment) to its constituents, are autonomous from NGAs.

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345 Dir.Cells mentioned that for Options 1 and 2, policy number 4 will apply to which  
346 affected personnel shall be marked coterminous with the incumbent (CTI).

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348 Dir. Valera was pleased with the explanation on the Personnel Options.

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350 Dir. Cells confirmed that DTI has already submitted their DTP along with the required  
351 eleven (11) annexes which are being evaluated by DBM.

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353 Dir. Valera added that DTI is more on regional operations. Citing that under the  
354 Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) Law, there were basic support  
355 services devolved to implementing agencies which include trainings, product  
356 development and market promotion. While the DAR has land acquisition and  
357 distribution program which has been abolished, DAR has trainings and MSE  
358 development.



360 Dir. Cells acknowledged and noted Dir. Valera's comments.  
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362 In behalf of DSWD, Ms. Edith Ocampo joined the discussion with a rejoinder with the  
363 previously opened topic on personnel options. She mentioned that the policy pertained  
364 to permanent positions; however, DSWD has seven (7) to eight (8) programs mostly  
365 with personnel in contract of service (COS) status. Posing her question on the  
366 assurance from the government that the unemployment rate will not increase due to  
367 the affected personnel who were on COS status.  
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369 Dir. Valera commented that those personnel in COS will not be absorbed since LGU  
370 created MSWD and PSWD.  
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372 Dir. Cells recognized that what Dir. Valera described is indeed the situation on the  
373 field. She cited that in the guidelines, the LGUs should give preference to the  
374 capacitated affected COS NGA personnel but LGUs cannot be forced to accept these  
375 personnel since they have the discretion to accept or not to accept.  
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377 She mentioned of DSWD submitting the department's DTP and reiterated that among  
378 the annexes, the list of affected personnel regardless of status (permanent, contract of  
379 service) should be completed and will be evaluated by DBM.  
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381 Marinduque PPDO Marian Cunanan thanked the members of RComDev committee for  
382 holding the meeting. She mentioned that with the complete submission of LGU DTPs  
383 of Marinduque, she said that she was expecting that NGA DTPs will be presented. She  
384 further explained that in the of preparation of the Marinduque DTP, they have  
385 considered JMC 2021-1 and the EO No. 138 and its IRR along with RA 7160 and other  
386 pertinent laws. She recapped that they intend to compare the approved NGA DTP with  
387 the Marinduque DTP prior to submission to DILG.  
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389 Dir. Cells informed that as of November 3, twelve (12) out of 23 NGAs, already  
390 submitted their DTPs which are all being evaluated by DBM. She pointed out the close  
391 coordination of NGAs with the LGUs as mandated by IRR. She relayed that once the  
392 DTPs are approved, they will be available at the DBM website and accessible to the  
393 stakeholders.  
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395 Engr. Maximo Cabasal from NHA MIMAROPA expressed that the NHA submission may  
396 already been included in the DSHUD submission. He will check with their NHA Head  
397 Office.  
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399 ARD Bernardino Atienza, Jr. of NEDA MIMAROPA posed some equally challenging  
400 questions regarding DTP final documents. On the premise of the elections in 2022,  
401 comes a possibility of changes with the Local Chief Executives (LCEs). With this, he  
402 asked: 1. Can the new LCE revise / modify the submitted DTPs including the  
403 Performance indicator / target?; 2. Who will monitor the compliance of the DTPs; and  
404 3. What are the sanctions if they will not follow the LGUs' approved DTPs.

Ms. Sidney Pamela Bejasa of DILG responded that the LGU DTPs are approved and adopted through a resolution of the LGUs' local sanggunian. Answering the questions posed by ARD Atienza, Ms. Bejasa reported that due to the forthcoming 2022 elections, having an amendment is still being discussed by the national committee on devolution. She added that DBM, DILG and other NGAs are tasked to monitor the implementation of DTPs of LGUs. As far as the sanction is concerned, it is not mentioned in the EO No. 138, its IRR and JMC.

Ms. Sidney Pamela Bejasa commended the PPDO Marinduque – who have closely coordinated with the LGUs, and pro-actively prepared their DTPs, while waiting for the approved DTPs of NGAs. With this, she sought confirmation on the reviewed and approved NGA DTPs.

Dir. Cells confirmed that as of November 3, 2021 – there were only submissions but no approved DTP yet and assured that once they are available they will be posted in the DBM website.

Ms. Bejasa noted that guidance from DILG CO is to officially cascade the approved DTPs of NGA to LGU. She also acknowledged the limitations that even the regional level has challenges in disseminating to LGU the Contents of the DTPs.

Mr. John Francisco Pontillas of PCSDS, also provided a rejoinder regarding the personnel options, noting that Dir. Valera's concern is valid. He suggested that a list of standards and/or qualifications of the affected personnel may be listed with the possibility of being adopted by the LGU.

With this, Dir. Cells pointed out the need to fully accomplish Annex C1- Registry of Service Standards for the Delivery of Devolved Functions and Services and Facilities Qualification, which will serve as a window for the LGUs to know which function(s) will be devolved to them and the corresponding service standards and qualifications.

ARD Atty. Suzette Medina of DEPED mentioned of the Department's submission to DBM CO. Similarly, she agreed with the DTI Head, regarding the Construction of School Buildings being devolved to LGUs. She then asked: 1. What will happen to the engineer positions under DEPED; 2. Who will be in charge of the repair of the school buildings constructed by the LGUs?

Dir. Cells reiterated the submission of DTP and mentioned that DEPED is yet to submit their completed DTP. Also citing that all annexes should be accomplished in order to be considered a complete submission. She explained that the Annex G-2. Summary of Positions to be Transferred, Reclassified, Converted, Retitled, Abolished, and/or Created should be accomplished. She added that since the construction is a devolved function to the LGU, also goes with it are the repair works to be done. NGAs are not restricted to co-share. Though, EO 138 ultimately and finally states that devolved

function shall be the responsibility of the LGU concerned. She advised ARD Medina to carefully check the annexes and duly accomplish them just so DBM knows of the number of affected personnel.

Dir. Joel Valera, suggested a possibility of having first a pilot run, wherein all devolved basic services are identified along with the necessary funding. He cited that positions in LGUs are sometimes co-terminus with that of the terms of the LCEs. He further commented that LGUs will most likely want the Infrastructure of Buildings.

ARD Donna Mayor – Gordove of DENR – asked if there are assessments of the previously devolved functions. They are looking into adjusting the capacity development.

Initially, Dir. Cells responded that NGAs should indeed make assessments of programs projects and activities (PPAs) and look at the process of unbundling of PPAs.

ARD Donna Mayor – Gordove further explained that what they are looking at are the previously devolved functions which might not have been successfully implemented.

Ms. Cidney Pamela Bejasa advised to make use of Annex 1. Inventory of LGU Functions Services and Facilities for Provinces /Cities /Municipalities.

Dir. Cells remarked that all LGUs should have a copy of that Inventory (Annex 1).

Ms. Bejasa added that the DTP repository of LGU submission of DTPs will be accessible to NGAs and other stakeholders. The access is being requested through the NGA CO. The concerned NGA has the full liberty to cascade the access to regional line agencies for the latter to know the components and contents of the LGU DTP particularly focusing on the level of implementation of previously devolved Function/Services/ Facilities (FSF); more importantly on the capacity development support that they need for the implementation of those devolved FSF and other functions that they may assume to scale down.

ARD Donna Mayor–Gordove stated that they will still review the assessments and remove the unnecessary PPAs.

Dir. Cells reminded Ms. Gordove that as of November 3, there are no DTP submission yet from DENR. To which, Ms. Gordove replied that the DENR DTP will be finalized on November 17, 2021. Dir. Cells advised the need to re- assess the previously devolved functions.

Mr. John Francisco Pontillas of PCDS suggested that a conforme should be present on all the forms. Dir. Cells mentioned that the forms are already approved by the principals and introducing changes therein, is not feasible at this time. But

nonetheless, it is assured that there were close coordination made between the NGAs and LGUs concerned.

Moreover, Ms. Bejasa shared the discussions on Communications Plans and Strategies. With this, she asked if the DBM templates are already available for dissemination.

Mr. Jerdy Paul Mercene of DBM assured that the status of completion is already at 70%.

The Secretariat presented the agreements made and the approved proposals. The Chairperson reiterated the deadline of the required submission of the names and contact details is November 29, 2021.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12: 25 PM

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MICHAEL M. LACSAMANA  
RComDev Secretariat

ATTESTED:



MARIA ANGELITTA C. CELLS  
RComDev Chairperson