

Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
MIMAROPA Region     Calapan City

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER MIMAROPA  
REGIONAL TOURISM COMMITTEE (MRTC) MEETING ON  
28 SEPTEMBER 2021 THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCING**

**MRTC Resolution No. 2021-01**

**APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
IN CORON AND EL NIDO, PALAWAN AS A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE  
MIMAROPA REGIONAL TOURISM COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009, states that the State shall seek to recognize sustainable tourism development as an integral aspect towards the achievement of national socioeconomic development efforts to improve the quality of life of the Filipino people, providing the appropriate attention and support for the growth of this industry;

WHEREAS, the updated MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 identified the creation of regional and local tourism councils, the strict implementation of RA 9593, and the promotion and development farm to tourism areas as priority strategies to achieve socioeconomic development in the industry and services sector;

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism (DOT) is mandated to implement the Transforming Communities towards Resilient, Inclusive, and Sustainable Tourism Program (TouRIST Program) that will address key challenges in the Philippine tourism sector as identified in the National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP);

WHEREAS, the TouRIST Program has identified and developed TouRIST Projects such as the Sustainable Tourism Development Project (STDP) in Coron and El Nido, Palawan with assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) as the Executing Agency;

WHEREAS, the NEDA – Investment Coordination Committee (ICC)-Technical Board has endorsed the STDP in Coron and El Nido for ICC-Cabinet Committee approval and referendum during a meeting on 04 August 2021;

WHEREAS, the NEDA-ICC Secretariat recommended to formalize the creation and establishment of a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) that shall provide technical guidance and ensure proper coordination among member agencies/organizations until 2026 or upon project completion;

WHEREAS, NEDA, DOT and ADB agreed and recommended the creation of RAC which shall be composed of the Regional Directors of NEDA, DOT, DENR, DILG, TESDA, DTI, DPWH, and Executive Director of PCSD with the DOT MIMAROPA as Chairperson during a consultation meeting on 08 September 2021;

WHEREAS, the RAC shall perform the following functions:

- a. Provides local oversight and guidance for the implementation of STDP activities;
- b. Ensures coordination of project activities with those undertaken by members' agencies/organizations represented on the Committee;
- c. Provides technical advice and support as needed; and
- d. Provides regular reports on the progress of the projects in Coron and El Nido to the Economic Development Committee and the Regional Development Council.

WHEREAS, the RAC shall conduct regular meetings every 1<sup>st</sup> week of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of each quarter and special meetings as requested by the Chairperson during the project implementation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve the creation of the Regional Advisory Committee on Sustainable Tourism Development Project in Coron and El Nido, Palawan as a Sub-Committee of the MIMAROPA Regional Tourism Committee.

DONE during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 MIMAROPA Regional Tourism Committee Meeting on 28 September 2021 at 1:00 p.m. through videoconferencing.

Certified Correct:

  
**GLADYS A. QUESEA**  
MRTC Secretary

Attested:

  
**ENGR. CHRISTOPHER V. MORALES**  
MRTC Chairperson