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

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTER RDC FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021, THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

## RDC Resolution No. <u>2021-076-1013</u>

## ENJOINING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN MIMAROPA TO ADOPT THE POLICY GUIDELINES ON THE CREATION, STRENGTHENING, AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF LOCAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, based on the assessment indicated in the updated Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022, the country is facing several challenges on science, technology, and innovation (STI), which include limited linkages among the players in the STI ecosystem, slow commercialization and underutilization of outputs of STI activities, inadequate research and development (R&D) infrastructure, and low level of awareness on the results of R&D activities;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RRDIC), a special committee under the Regional Development Council (RDC), which aims to bridge the gap and challenges of regional socio-economic development by ensuring researches, innovations, and other science and technology-based projects are relevant, responsive, and aligned to regional development thrusts proposed a policy guidelines on the creation, strengthening, and institutionalization of an STI Committee in the local government units (LGUs) in MIMAROPA;

WHEREAS, the proposed policy guidelines of STI at the local level (attached and shall form part of this resolution) will institute engagement, commitment, and active participation of LGUs in STI-related R&D programs and activities in the region and ensure the attainment of STI targets in accordance with the Regional Development Plan, the PDP, the MIMAROPA Regional R&D Agenda, the Harmonized National R&D Agenda, and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals;

WHEREAS, the local STI committee will also pave way to empower the communities to articulate their needs as they participate in the decisionmaking process, program planning, implementation, and monitoring at the local level, which could enhance the responsiveness and efficiency of local governments in delivering STI services;

WHEREAS, the RRDIC, during its third quarter virtual regular meeting on August 04, 2021, approved the proposed policy guidelines and recommended RDC endorsement to and enjoining the local government units to adopt the proposed policy guidelines; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to enjoin the local government units in MIMAROPA to adopt the policy guidelines on the creation, institutionalization, and strengthening of local science, technology, and innovation committee.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the copy of this resolution be provided to DILG MIMAROPA to assist in the creation of local STI committee.

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