



# Roles and Functions of the Regional Development Council

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## Legal Basis

Articles X, Section 14, of the Constitution provides that the President shall create regional development councils (RDCs) and other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the region.

Executive Order No. 325, s. 1996, provided for the reorganization of the RDC, including, among others, the membership; functions of the council, its officers, and the secretariat; and the committees under it.



## Functions of the RDC

- Coordinate the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- Integrate approved development plans of LGUs, RLAs, SUCs, GOCCs, and special development authorities in the region into the regional development plan.

- Review, prioritize, and endorse to the national government the annual and multiyear sectoral investment programs of the region for funding and implementation.
- Review and endorse to the national government the annual budgets of agency regional offices, state colleges and universities, and special development authorities.
- Promote and direct the inflow and allocation of private investments in the region to support the regional development objectives, policies, and strategies.



- Review and endorse national plans, programs, and projects proposed for implementation in the regions.
- As required by the Investment Coordinating Committee (ICC), review and endorse projects of national government agencies that have impact on the region and projects of LGUs in the region requiring national government financial exposure which may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations, or subsidies, among others.

- Initiate and coordinate the development, funding, and implementation of regional and special development projects such as those involving several agencies or LGUs.
- Coordinate the monitoring and evaluation of development projects undertaken by government agencies, LGUs, state colleges and universities, GOCCs, and special development authorities in the region.
- Perform other related functions and activities as may be necessary to promote and sustain the socio-economic development in the region.





# Members of the RDC MIMAROPA

## Local Government Units (15)

- Provincial Governors (5)
- City Mayors (2)
- Presidents of the Provincial Leagues of Municipalities (5)
- Mayors of Capital Towns (3)

## Regional Directors of the following government agencies (25):

- NEDA
- DTI
- DILG
- DSWD
- DA
- DAR
- DOH
- DEPED
- DOST
- DOLE
- DOT
- DENR
- DOTC
- DFA
- DPWH
- DBM
- BLGF
- TESDA
- CHED
- BSP
- CDA
- DHSUD
- DICT
- DOE
- PMS





## Special Non-Voting Members (SNVMs)

The RDC shall select SNVMs coming from both the public and private sectors, upon concurrence of the majority of the regular members, in addition to the regular voting members.



## Private Sector Representatives (PSRs)

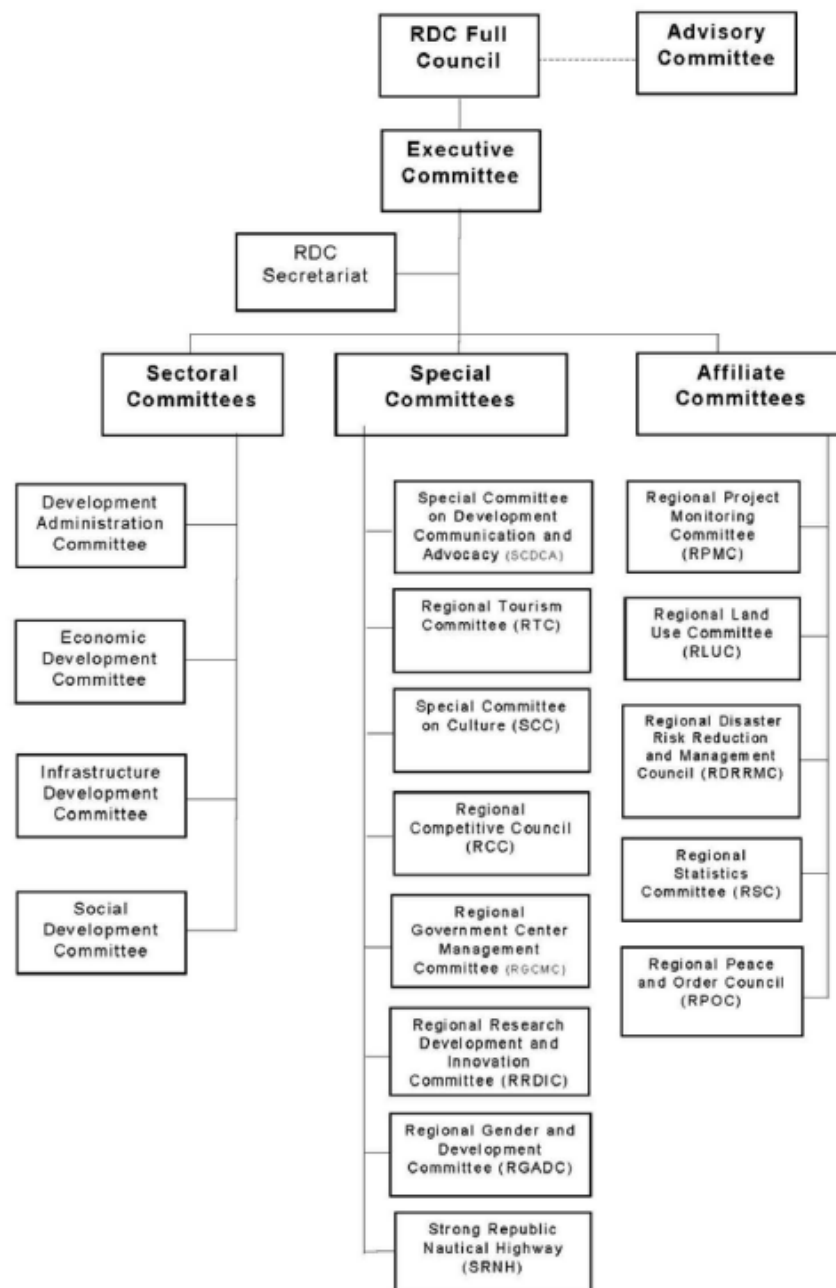
The total representation of the non-government or the private sector to the RDC shall comprise one-fourth of the fully constituted Council.





# Organizational Structure of the RDC

## RDC Organizational Chart



# Roles of the Officers of the RDC

## Chairperson

- Preside over the meetings of the Council;
- Direct members of the Council, affiliate committees and regional line agencies to perform tasks the RDC may deem necessary;
- Accept, in behalf of the Council, donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts;
- Represent the region in Cabinet meetings and other activities at the national level;
- Submit to the President through the NEDA Board regional plans, regional investment programs, annual development reports and other documents on the region as approved by the Council; and
- Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by the President.



# Roles of the Officers of the RDC

## Chairperson

- Preside over the meetings of the Council including the Executive Committee and Advisory Committee;
- Request any agency, individual member of the Council, and sectoral committee or special committee to perform other functions as the Council may deem necessary, provided that such functions are within the mandates of said office;
- Accept, after RDC resolution authorizing him or her to do so, on behalf of the council, donations, contributions, grants, bequests, or gifts in cash or in kind from RDC members, foreign governments, international offices, private entities, or any individual for purposes relevant to regional development and submit for approval of the Council a program for its utilization

# Roles of the Officers of the RDC

## Chairperson

- Call the attention of implementing agencies and LG Us to address problems as identified and deliberated upon by the Council with the end in view of instituting corrective measures;
- Supervise the monitoring of the implementation of major interprovincial and regionwide development programs, projects, and activities;
- When called upon, represent the region in Cabinet meetings and other activities at the national level;
- Direct the formulation of a comprehensive regional development plan and preparation of a system of investment programming priorities in the region;



# Roles of the Officers of the RDC

## Chairperson

- Submit to the President through the NEDA Board regional plans, regional investment programs, annual development reports, and other documents on the region as approved by the Council;
- Review, revise, and approve all policy recommendations, plans, programs, and projects originating from the secretariat before submission to the Council;
- Direct and supervise all activities of the Council; and
- Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by the President.

# Roles of the Officers of the RDC

## Co-Chairperson

- Preside over the meetings of the Council, the Advisory Committee, and the Executive Committee in the absence of the chairperson;
- Assume powers and responsibilities of the chairperson whenever the chairperson is unable to perform his or her functions or when the position of the chairperson becomes vacant;
- In the absence of the chairperson, act on matters requiring immediate decision, provided, however, that a report thereon shall be submitted to the chairperson within five working days;
- Co-direct the conduct of regional and subregional public consultations; and
- Serve as ex officio chairperson of any ad hoc committee that the Council may create, unless otherwise specified by the Council.



# Roles of the Officers of the RDC

## Vice-Chairperson

- Preside over the Council and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the chairperson and co-chairperson or the duly designated temporary chairperson;
- Act on matters requiring immediate decision of the chairperson or co-chairperson in the absence of a duly designated temporary chairperson;
- Perform the day-to-day operations of the Council in case the positions of both the chairperson and co-chairperson become vacant through resignation, reassignment, removal from office, death, or permanent disability, until a new chairperson or co-chairperson shall have been selected and appointed;
- Manage the provision of technical and administrative support to the Council and its committees; and
- Perform other duties that may be assigned to him or her by the chairperson or co-chairperson.

# Roles of the Officers of the RDC

## Secretary

- Coordinate the preparation of the agenda of the Council, the Advisory Committee, and the Executive Committee meetings;
- Keep a complete record of all the proceedings of the sessions of the Council, Advisory Committee, and the Executive Committee meetings;
- Certify to the veracity of all official records and documents of the Council, the Advisory Committee, and Executive Committee for signature of the chairperson;
- Keep custody of records of the Council, the Advisory Committee, and the Executive Committee;
- Prepare and/or review all draft Council resolutions; and
- Perform other functions as may be assigned.





## Tenure of the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson

The terms of office of the chairperson, co-chairperson, private sector representatives, and special non-voting members coincide with the regular terms of local elective officials, which is a fixed period of three years.

The vice-chairperson takes over the management of the Council after the term of the chairperson and co-chairperson shall have ended, or until a new chairperson and co-chairperson are appointed by the President for the succeeding term.



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