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TO :CALABARZON and MIMAROPA State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Regional and Provincial Line Agencies, and Local Government Units (LGU)

Dear **Sir/Madam:**

Greetings from the Department of Information and Communications Technology Regions IV-A and IV-B!

It is our honor to share with you that five (5) of DICT's entries were shortlisted in the **World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2023**, a prestigious global competition hosted by the International Telecommunications Union. This contest was developed in response to requests from the WSIS stakeholders to create an effective mechanism to evaluate projects and activities that leverage the power of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to advance sustainable development.

As the five (5) DICT entries are representing the Philippines in an international stage, your support would greatly contribute towards the triumph and advancement of ICT programs in bridging the social, digital, economical, and education divide in the country.

Relatively, may we request your support on all five Philippine or DICT nominated entries from various categories listed below. We also request you to share this and encourage your staff and learners to vote.

Category 6 — AL C6. Enabling environment:

Empowering lives in prisons through Information and Communication Technologies

Category 2 — AL C2. Information and communication infrastructure:

Bridging and Overcoming Network and E-Service Challenges in Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan

Category 1 — AL C1. The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development:

Digital Governance Awards

Category 4 — AL C4. Capacity building:

Digital Upskilling Program for Filipinos

Category 5 — AL C5. Building confidence and security in use of ICTs:

Cybersecurity Education in the Philippines in the Face of New Normal Adversities

Below is the procedure on how to vote:

1. Register via <https://bit.ly/WSIS2023> (Click Register as New User)
2. Confirm the registration on your email
3. Click the link to log in



4. Log in with your created email and password
5. From the dashboard, click Prizes
6. Click Vote
7. Click Voting Form
8. Navigate through the categories and look for our project titles. Click Vote For This Project.
One project at a time on the five categories mentioned.

The voting period is until January 25, 2023.

There are eleven (11) categories in the WSIS Prizes 2023, you may vote only for five (5) categories with Philippine entries. For easy reference, you may refer to attached photos to guide you in the voting process.

May we also request for the sharing of our Facebook Posting in your respective social media pages: <https://bit.ly/wsis4bposting> for CALABARZON and <https://bit.ly/wsis4bposting> for MIMAROPA. Let us use our power to vote as one Philippines because the five (5) most voted projects per category will qualify and proceed to the final evaluation round where one (1) winner and four (4) champions will be named.

Once again, we would like to extend our gratitude for having you as one of our active partners in the implementation of our programs in the Region. As early as now, congratulations to our common success and we are honored to have shared this milestone!

Thank you for your usual support and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,

CHERYL C. ORTEGA

Regional Director

DICT Regions IV-A and IV-B



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Best Regards,

WSIS Team

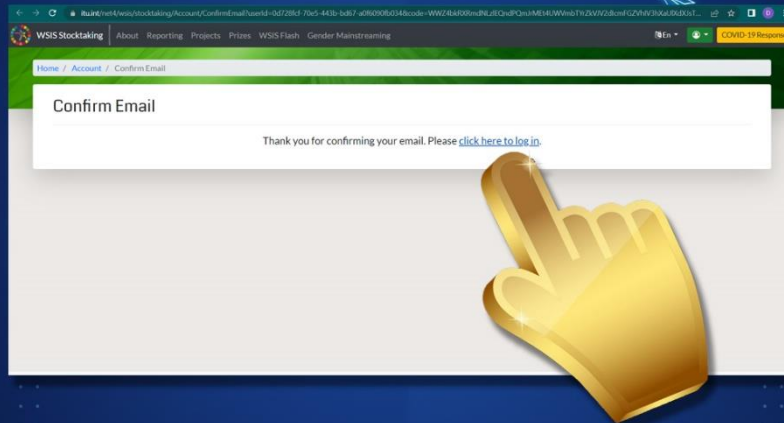


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6 Click Vote

WSIS PRIZES

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Vote ->

Deadline for casting your votes: 25 January 2023

28 DECEMBER 2022 – 25 JANUARY 2023

Phase III provides an online mechanism for all WSIS stakeholders to participate in the contest of WSIS Prizes 2023. The list of nominated projects is available [here](#). The WSIS multi-stakeholder community is invited to participate and cast its vote for one project in each of 18 categories.

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and look for our project titles.
Click **Vote For This Project**

Under Category 2 — AL C2. Information and communication infrastructure
*Bridging and Overcoming Network and E-Service Challenges in Mindoro,
Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan*

Voting Form

AL C2. Information and communication infrastructure

Bridging and Overcoming Network and E-Service Challenges in Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan
Comprising of five large group of island provinces, MIMAROPA is a sea-locked region stretching across the westernmost fringes of the Philippines with a population of 3,228,558 islanders. With significant areas unreachable by commercial telecommunications...
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Under Category 6 — AL C6. Enabling environment
Empowering lives in prisons through Information and Communication Technologies

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AL C6. Enabling environment

Empowering lives in prisons through Information and Communication Technologies
Technology Empowerment for Education, Employment, Entrepreneurs and Economic Development (Tech4ED) is a program of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) aimed to harness ICT resources and opportunities to help...
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OTHER SHORTLISTED ENTRIES FROM DICT

Under Category 1 — AL C1. The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development

Digital Governance Awards

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The Digital Governance Awards (DGA), which started in 2019 until the present is aligned with the function of Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to "promote and assist LGUs and local stakeholders in developing specialized ICT-en... [more »](#)

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Under Category 4 — AL C4. Capacity building

Digital Upskilling Program for Filipinos

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The COVID-19 pandemic pushed all people to heavily rely on information and communications technology for access to vital services on health, entertainment, commerce, and even education. Most activities have shifted from the traditional face-to-face trans... [more »](#)

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Under Category 5 — AL C5. Building confidence and security in use of ICTs

Cybersecurity Education in the Philippines in the Face of New Normal Adversities

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According to statistics from the Kaspersky Security Network, the Philippines ranks 4th among countries most targeted by web threats. In 2021 alone, more than 50 million cyberthreat attempts were monitored which entails an upsetting 433% increase from 20... [more »](#)

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