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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Quezon City

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Item No. 1: Minutes of the Third Quarter EDC Meeting

**Republic of the Philippines**  
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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
Third Quarter Meeting  
03 August 2023                      Quezon City

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

**Represented by**

**EDC Officers**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Armi D.C. Carrion         | Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque and EDC Chairperson    |
| 2. Mr. Delfin M. Natal, Jr.       | Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement and EDC Co-Chairperson |
| 3. Dir. Agustin C. Mendoza        | NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director and RDC Vice-Chairperson        |
| 4. ARD Apollo Edwin S. Pagano     | NEDA MIMAROPA Assistant Regional Director RDC Secretary         |
| 5. Mr. Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr. | NEDA MIMAROPA and EDC Secretary                                 |

**Regional Directors of National Government Agencies**

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 6. MGen. Roberto S. Capulong, PA 2ID-AFP | Maj. Michael O. Malacad, PA   |
| 7. Dir. Emmanuel H. Asis                 | Mr. Raymund dela Cruz         |
| 8. Atty. Tomas J. Cariño, Jr.            | Mr. Keith Edward S. Hidalgo   |
| 9. Sec. Robert E.A Borje                 | Mr. Joe Mari S. Francisco     |
| 10. Dir. Alberto A. Sabarias             |                               |
| 11. RED Ma. Christine C. Inting          | Mr. Nex Basi                  |
| 12. Atty. Marvin V. Bernal               | ARD Josefina M. Lopez         |
| 13. RED Felix S. Mirasol, Jr.            | Ms. Cecilia G. Sawit and      |
|                                          | Ms. Marie Grace S. Dela Cueva |
| 14. Dir. Ma. Josefina P. Abilay          | Ms. Jelyn A. Doctor           |
| 15. Dr. Roberto P. Alabado III           | Ms. Gladys A. Quesea          |
| 16. Dir. Joe Amil M. Salino              | Ms. Ma. Siena N. De Luna      |
| 17. Dir. Arnold G. Alindada              |                               |
| 18. Engr. Felizardo A. Gacad, Jr.        | Ms. Nheslaine C. Eval         |
| 19. RM Bibiano C. Concibido, Jr.         | Marilyn Ramos-Clenuar         |
| 20. Dir. Niño Rey C. Estoya, MNSA        | Mr. John Francisco Pontillas  |
| 21. Dir. Piolito C. Santos               | Ms. Bella Calivara            |

**City and Provincial Planning and Development Offices**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 22. EnP. Anthony A. Dantis      | PPDO-Occidental Mindoro | Ms. Emelita G. Agpalo         |
| 23. EnP. Lydia Muñeca S. Melgar | PPDO-Oriental Mindoro   | Ms. Sofia Alexandra A. Logmao |
| 24. EnP. Sharlene D. Vilches    | PPDO-Palawan            | EnP. Kathleen Aisa Estacio    |
| 25. EnP. Joselito R. Bautista   | CPDO-Calapan            | EnP. Cristy M. Gaud           |

**Private Sector Representative**

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| 26. Mr. Rodne R. Galicha | Bayay Sibuyanon, Inc |
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**Absent**

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| 27. Dir. Rodolfo J. Mariposque | DTI MIMAROPA    |
| 28. Dir. Marie Grace T. Pascua | NCIP MIMAROPA   |
| 29. Engr. Ronilio M. Cervantes | NIA MIMAROPA    |
| 30. EnP. Marian M. Cunanan     | PPDO-Marinduque |

60	31. Dir. Jose L. Catalla	PhilFIDA Region 4
61	32. EnP. Willard B. Mortos	PPDO-Romblon
62	33. Engr. Jovenee C. Sagun	CPDO-Puerto Princesa
63	34. Engr. Ana Margarita L. Malijan	PCCI-Puerto Princesa City
64	35. Usec. Mark Cristo R. Gimenez	PMS-ORC
65	36. Mr. Solomon C. Rosario	Taw Kabui for a Child, Inc.

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67 **Guests**

68	37. Mr. Joseph C. Manicad	DA Central Office
69	38. Engr. Maria Teresa B. Carido	DA MIMAROPA
70	39. Ms. Pearl Angella Patoc	DA MIMAROPA
71	40. Dir. Raquel P. Alvendia	DOST Central Office
72	41. Ms. Maria Corazon M. Bala	DOST Central Office
73	42. Ms. Janette Puerto	DOST Central Office
74	43. Mr. Glenn Sebastian	DOST MIMAROPA
75	44. Ms. Alyssa Pogiongko	CCC
76	45. Mr. Joseph C. Bautista	DENR Central Office
77	46. Mr. Deniel Salvador B. Morillo	MGB MIMAROPA
78	47. Mr. Kenneth A. Solidum	MGB MIMAROPA
79	48. Mr. Matthew Dennis M. Garcia	MGB MIMAROPA
80	49. Ms. Jamie Lagrada	PPDO Palawan
81	50. Fr. Edwin A. Gariguez	PSR, Mangyan Mission
82	51. Hon. Walter B. Marquez	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
83	52. John Reniel A. Barroca	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
84	53. Ms. Edelita Malabute	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
85	54. Mr. Raul Eviota	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
86	55. Mr. Jasper Francisco	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
87	56. Ms. Fe D. Santos	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
88	57. Mr. Mark Anthony Legaspi	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
89	58. Mr. Jun Jun Ventura	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
90	59. Ms. Conchita H. Dimaculangan	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
91	60. Mr. Manny Tadeo	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
92	61. Mr. Abraham Padua	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
93	62. Ms. Helen Taggug	MLGU Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

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95 **Secretariat**

96	63. Ms. Jobelle M. Cruzado	NEDA MIMAROPA
97	64. Ms. Pamela L. de Torres	NEDA MIMAROPA
98	65. Mr. Joel M. Paule	NEDA MIMAROPA
99	66. Mr. Dean M. Baja	NEDA MIMAROPA
100	67. Mr. Wilfred Anthony P. Dela Cruz	NEDA MIMAROPA
101	68. Mr. Joel Tobias	NEDA MIMAROPA
102	69. Mr. Walter Balancio	NEDA MIMAROPA
103	70. Mr. Reyson G. Luceriano	NEDA MIMAROPA

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105 **A. PRELIMINARIES**

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107 The meeting started at 1:20 PM with the singing of the Philippine National  
 108 Anthem followed by an invocation and the singing of the MIMAROPA Hymn.

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110 **B. BUSINESS PROPER**

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112 **A. Declaration of Quorum**

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114 EDC Secretary and NEDA MIMAROPA Chief Economic and Development  
 115 Specialist Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr. called the roll and declared a  
 116 quorum. Of the 34 members, six were present and 18 were represented  
 117 registering 70 percent attendance.

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119 **B. Welcome Remarks**

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121 EDC Chairperson and Boac Mayor Armi D.C. Carrion welcomed the  
122 members and enumerated the matters for action of the Committee such  
123 as the 2023 MIMAROPA Regional Development Report Guidelines, Pang-  
124 agraryong Tulay para sa Bagong Bayanihan ng mga Magsasaka (PBBM  
125 Bridges) Project of the Department of Agrarian Reform, the proposed  
126 inclusion of Verde Island Passage in the ENIPAS, and the proposed  
127 amendment to EO 325. She also welcomed the representatives from the  
128 Central Offices of DA, DOST, and DENR who will provide feedback on  
129 the MIMAROPA Top 30 Priority PAPs that will be included in their priority  
130 investment programs.

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132 **C. Proposed Agenda**

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134 On motion duly seconded, the proposed agenda was approved with  
135 changes on the order of agenda.

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137 **D. Approval of the Minutes of the previous EDC Meeting**

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139 On motion duly seconded, the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter EDC meeting  
140 conducted on 04 May 2023 was approved.

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142 **E. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

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144 Mr. Atienza Jr., reported the status of agreements during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
145 EDC meeting. He said that the following RDC resolutions which  
146 emanated from the EDC meeting were approved by the MIMAROPA RDC  
147 during its 82<sup>nd</sup> full council meeting held on 02 June 2023 in Pasay City  
148 and were transmitted to the concerned agencies for their appropriate  
149 action:

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151 a. **RDC Resolution No. 2023-082-1186** *“Approving the 2022*  
152 *Regional Development Report;*
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154 b. **RDC Resolution No. 2023-082-1179** *“Favorably endorsing the*  
155 *Proposed Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) Scale*  
156 *Up (MIMAROPA Component) of the Department of Agriculture*  
157 *to the NEDA Investment Coordination Committee”;*
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159 c. **RDC Resolution No. 2023-082-1180** *“Approving the Creation*  
160 *of the Corridor Alliance Advisory Committee (CAAC) for the*  
161 *Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Project”;* and
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163 d. **RDC Resolution No. 2023-082-1181** *“Favorably Endorsing the*  
164 *Proposed Improvement/Upgrading of the Marinduque*  
165 *Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center*  
166 *(PTADC) to Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone*  
167 *Authority (TIEZA)”;*
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169 PSR Rodne R. Galicha made an inquiry if the MGB have provided  
170 updates on the mining issue in Brooke’s Point, Palawan and Sibuyan  
171 Island, Romblon. RD Mendoza replied that there is a pending case  
172 relative to mining issue in Palawan. On mining in Romblon, he said that  
173 based from the MGB report, the DENR MIMAROPA, EMB MIMAROPA,

and MGB MIMAROPA issued a Joint Order on February 06, 2023 to Altai Philippines Mining Corp. to cease its operation. He added that the Altai mining voluntarily stopped all exploration and related activities to address the concerns and issues that were raised against them. He also said that on June 13, 2023, the Supreme Court en Banc issued a Writ of Kalikasan under GR No. 265146 (Veronica R. Batan, Elmar A. Borda, and Alfredo B. Pascual vs. MGB, DENR, and Altai).

## **F. Matters for Approval/Review/Endorsement**

### **1. Regional Development Report (RDR) Preparation Guidelines**

Mr. Atienza presented the salient features and timeline in the proposed RDR guidelines highlighting the seven chapters concerning the economic sector: (1) Chapter 1: Overview of the Regional Economy, Development Context, and Trends (Economic, Technological, and Environmental Trends); (2) Chapter 7: Modernize Agriculture and Agribusiness; (3) Chapter 8: Revitalize Industry: Science, Technology, and Innovation-driven Industrialization; (4) Chapter 9: Reinvigorate Services; (5) Chapter 10: Advance Research and Development, Technology, and Innovation; (6) Chapter 11: Promote Trade and Investments; and (7) Chapter 16: Accelerate Climate Action and Strengthen Disaster Resilience.

The guidelines for the preparation of the 2023 MIMAROPA RDR are intended to: 1) provide standard procedures, data requirements, and schedule of activities in the preparation of the report; and 2) ensure consistency with the Philippine Socioeconomic Report (SER) submitted to the President.

RD Mendoza explained the importance of the RDR in terms of determining the interventions needed to attain the goals and objectives stipulated in the MIMAROPA RDP.

On motion duly seconded, the 2023 RDR preparation guidelines was recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **2. Pang-agraryong Tulay para sa Bagong Bayanihan ng mga Magsasaka (PBBM Bridges) Project**

OIC ARD Josefina Lopez of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) MIMAROPA presented the highlights of the proposed Pang-agraryong Tulay para sa Bagong Bayanihan ng mga Magsasaka (PBBM Bridges) Project to be implemented from 2024-2028.

ARD Lopez stressed that the project aims to construct 350 well-designed permanent bridges using high-quality materials and technology for modular steel bridges in the identified sites within or near the agrarian reform communities (ARCs). She also mentioned that a total of 26 bridges in the MIMAROPA region were included in the proposal consisting of six bridges in Marinduque, four bridges in Occidental Mindoro, two bridges in Oriental Mindoro, and 14 bridges in Palawan.

Mayor Carrion requested the inclusion of additional bridges in Gasan and Boac, Marinduque, subject to compliance on the requirements of the



project. ARD Lopez answered that she will advise the PARO of Marinduque to review and validate the proposed additional bridges.

PSR Galicha suggested to DAR the creation of a map showing the agrarian reform communities and proposed steel bridges.

Mr. Francisco of CCC also suggested to include in the design a 100-year flood projection including hazard prone area in the map presentation, other climate risk information, and requested the proponent to ensure that the project includes climate budget proposals. RD Mendoza mentioned that most bridges are on a 50-year design as the 100-year design will be costly.

ARD Lopez was requested to provide comparative analysis on the cost of steel bridge vs concrete bridge and collaborate with DA on their PRDP project regarding social environmental safeguards.

RD Mendoza also suggested to include gender disaggregated data to make it gender responsive and secure the endorsements of all provinces.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PBBM bridges was endorsed for RDC approval subject to compliance on the comments and recommendations provided by EDC members.

### **3. Inclusion of the Verde Island Passage (VIP) as Part of the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS)**

Mr. Atienza, Jr. presented the secretariat's review on the proposal including the comments and recommendations.

Ms. Ma. Cecilia Sawit of DENR MIMAROPA provided an update on the VIP Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) wherein they have conducted public consultations in Marinduque and Occidental Mindoro while consultations for Romblon and Oriental Mindoro are ongoing. She identified issues which hampers the conduct of PASA like the: 1) oil spill in Oriental Mindoro, 2) mining issue in Sibuyan, 3) limited manpower, and 4) corresponding budget.

RD Mendoza expressed that spot zoning shall be done in order to ensure that concerns on implementing development projects will be addressed. Mr. Joseph Bautista of DENR Central Office was requested to discuss the zoning details in the protected areas. He added that zoning is one of the regular activities within the PA and emphasized that if the area falls under the multiple use zone, developments can be introduced.

On motion duly seconded, EDC recommended RDC support to the Inclusion of Verde Island Passage in the ENIPAS.

### **4. Regional National Investment Programming (RNIP) Dialogue**

Mr. Atienza Jr., presented the Top 30 priority regional programs and projects (PAPs) from 12 economic sector agency central offices (ACOs). The PAPs will be presented in the Regional National Investment Programming (RNIP) Dialogue on 17-18 August 2023. The RNIP Dialogue

aims to facilitate the linking of the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) to the Public Investment Program (PIP) by aligning regional priorities with national / sectoral priorities.

The following are the response of the ACO representatives to the presented priority PAPs of the RDC.

#### Department of Agriculture

Mr. Joseph Manicad of DA Central Office expressed affirmative action of the five PAPs proposed for DA. These are 1) Bagtingon Small Reservoir Irrigation Projects, 2) Lipitan Small Reservoir Irrigation Projects, 3) Ransang River Irrigation Project, 4) Acquisition and Distribution of Reefer Vans, and 5) Aquaculture Feed Mill.

#### Palawan Council for Sustainable Development under Department of Environment and Natural Resources

According to Mr. Bautista, the Strengthening Palawan Landscape Governance Program for Recovery, Resiliency, and Self-Sufficiency in the Age of Pandemic and Rapidly-Changing Climate and Palawan Wildlife Management Program are included in the PIP of DENR. He said that he will coordinate with PCSD to validate the cost of the projects for consistency. However, the proposed purchase of portable real-time water quality monitoring equipment under EMB is not yet included in their PIP. He said that the proposal will be reviewed further upon coordination with EMB MIMAROPA.

#### Department of Science and Technology

Dir. Raquel P. Alvendia of DOST Central Office affirmed the inclusion of the proposed projects for DOST. Ms. Jelyn Doctor of DOST MIMAROPA also requested the inclusion of relatively new national programs: 1) SMART and Sustainable Communities Program, and 2) Technology Business Incubator Program which the Secretariat noted.

On motion duly seconded, the Top 30 priority PAPs with the inclusion of two PAPs from DOST was endorsed by the EDC for RDC approval.

### **5. Support to EO 325 “Reorganization of the Regional Development Councils”**

RD Mendoza presented the Secretariat's review of the proposed amendments to EO 325 “Reorganization of the Regional Development Councils”.

PSR Galicha inquired about increasing the honoraria of PSRs to cover their travel expenses considering that many are from island provinces in MIMAROPA. RD Mendoza answered that the Secretariat will review the possibility of increasing the honoraria of PSRs or to at least cover their transportation and accommodation when attending RDC and sectoral committee meetings.

Mr. Pontillas also commented to ensure in the revision the equal privileges among special members and regular members of the RDC.

On motion duly seconded, the Proposed Amendment to EO 325 on the Reorganization of the Regional Development Councils was recommended for RDC endorsement.

## **G. Matters for Information**

### **1. Proposed restoration and development of Sabang River in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro**

Hon. Walter B. Marquez of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro presented the proposed restoration and development of Sabang River in Sablayan highlighting the municipality profile and challenges, project rationale, benefits and impacts, goals, and components. He stressed that the proposed project aim to address the widespread flooding in urban barangays due to overflowing of Sabang River as risk of climate change. This caused immense damages to infrastructure and agriculture.

The integrated infrastructure component of the said project which include the following: a) Riverbank rehabilitation (clearing of waterway, embankment of riverbanks, installation of concrete piles, riprapping, and installation of streetlights); b) Resettlement of informal settlers; c) Removal of illegal structures; d) Improvement of Tabuk Suspension bridge; e) Development of parks and recreation spaces; f) Construction of permanent irrigation system; g) Construction of local access road connecting Buenavista - Sto. Niño - Ibud (construction of two bridges and cross drainage); h) Construction of wastewater treatment facility; i) Reforestation of the upstream portion; and j) Formulation of development master plan (drainage and sewerage master plan, urban barangays road network plan, and resettlement plan), is envisioned to push for robust socio-economic and tourism development.

PSR Galicha informed the proponent about the People's Survival Fund (PSF) which the proponent can tap for funding. Ms. Alyssa Pogiongko of CCC answered that the Commission is willing to provide assistance in the preparation of PSF proposal for the development of Sabang River. They requested the proponent to send a letter addressed to the CCC Secretary regarding the concern.

RD Mendoza said that the Secretariat will prepare the corresponding letter and communicate with LGU Sablayan to facilitate the request.

### **2. Commendation for Dir. Azucena C. Pallugna, former DOT MIMAROPA Regional Director**

Dir. Azucena C. Pallugna, former DOT MIMAROPA Regional Director, was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by the EDC due to her valuable contribution in the development of tourism sector in the region.

### **3. Measures to Mitigate the Effects of El Niño in the Agriculture and Fisheries Sector**

Engr. Maria Teresa B. Carido of DA MIMAROPA presented the Updates on the Strategies to Mitigate the Adverse Effects of El Niño including vulnerable rice and corn areas in MIMAROPA as well as the activities

and interventions of the members of the El Niño Task Force. This include  
1) distribution of El Niño-ready rice seeds with drought-tolerant  
characteristics (suitable for rainfed and upland areas, and early-  
maturing rice varieties); 2) monitoring of rice varieties experiencing  
water shortages and crop failures; 3) campaign for early tillage to reduce  
cracking of soils; and 4) information dissemination on palay procurement  
to local farmers to be ready in times of calamity such as drought.

RD Mendoza also shared the analysis done by NEDA MIMAROPA on the  
possible effects of El Niño in the rice production of the region. He  
mentioned that palay production in the region is expected to decline by  
at least 21percent and 29 percent in Q4 2023 and Q1 2024, respectively  
and the total rice production is projected to drop by 11% in 2023 and 9%  
in 2024. However, he stressed that regardless of the presence of El  
Niño, the MIMAROPA region maintains a secure rice supply. He added  
that the surplus from previous quarters can be carried over for several  
quarters, ensuring sufficient rice inventory even if there appears to be a  
deficit in a specific quarter. He commended all stakeholder's efforts in  
ensuring that effective strategies are in place to ensure sufficient rice  
production.

### **C. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

**ATTESTED:**

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
EDC Secretary

**AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**  
RDC MIMAROPA Vice Chairperson

**APPROVED:**

**ARMI D.C. CARRION**  
EDC Chairperson

Item No. 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of  
Previous Meeting

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS EDC MEETING AND  
EDC RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Instructions/ Agreements</b>	<b>Status</b>
Restoration and Development of Sabang River	EDC Secretariat to assist the Municipality of Sablayan in requesting a technical assistance from the CCC for the preparation of a proposal for the PSF.	<p>NEDA MIMAROPA coordinated with CCC on the requirements for the proposed technical assistance for the preparation of a PSF proposal to LGU Sablayan.</p> <p>On 16 August, NEDA MIMAROPA sent a letter to Mayor Marquez providing the documentary requirements as provided by CCC.</p> <p>The requested technical assistance was initially scheduled for the last week of October in Calapan but was postponed</p>
Pang-agraryong Tulay para sa Bagong Bayanihan ng mga Magsasaka (PBBM Bridges) Project	<p>DAR MIMAROPA to:</p> <p>1) review, validate, and include the proposed additional bridges in Gasan and Boac Marinduque;</p> <p>2) create a map showing the following: agrarian reform communities (ARC), location of the proposed steel bridges, bridge with 50-year design period for flood projection, hazard prone area, and other climate risk information as required by DBM and CCC for climate change expenditure tagged projects;</p> <p>3) explore collaboration</p>	DAR MIMAROPA has complied with all the requirements of the EDC.

	activities with DA-PRDP program; and 4) provide comparative analysis on the cost of steel bridge compared to concrete bridge, and include gender disaggregated data	
Regional National Investment Programming (RNIP) Dialogue	DOST To include 1) SMART and Sustainable Communities Program, and 2) Technology Business Incubator Program in the list of priority programs and projects	EDC Secretariat validated the amount of projects (in millions) that were included such as 1) SMART and Sustainable Communities Program, and 2) Technology Business Incubator Program in the Top priority PAPs in MIMAROPA region and was presented during the RNIP dialogue on 17-18 August.
Support to EO 325 “Reorganization of the Regional Development Councils”	EDC Secretariat to incorporate the comments of the EDC members in the draft EO	Done.

Resolution No.	Title	Status
2023-23	Approving the 2023 Regional Development Report (RDR) Preparation Guidelines	During the 83 <sup>rd</sup> RDC full council meeting held on 01 September in Pasay City, the RDC approved through Resolution No. 2023-083-1203 the 2023 MIMAROPA RDR Preparation Guidelines.
2023-24	Favorably Endorsing the Pang-agraryong Tulay para sa Bagong Bayanihan ng mga Magsasaka (PBBM Bridges) Project of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to the NEDA Investment Coordination Committee (ICC).	The RDC, during its 83 <sup>rd</sup> RDC full council meeting held on 01 September in Pasay City, endorsed the Pang-agraryong Tulay para sa Bagong Bayanihan ng mga Magsasaka (PBBM Bridges) Project of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to the NEDA through RDC Resolution No. 2023-082-1190.  Copy of the resolution was sentd to NEDA PIS, the Head Secretariat of NEDA ICC on 02 October 2023, copy furnished

		DAR MIMAROPA.
2023-25	Favorably Endorsing the Inclusion of the Verde Island Passage (VIP) as Part of the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS)	<p>The RDC, during its 83<sup>rd</sup> RDC full council meeting held on 01 September in Pasay City, endorsed the Inclusion of the Verde Island Passage (VIP) as Part of the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) through RDC Resolution No. 2023-082-1191.</p> <p>A copy of the resolution was provided to RDC CALABARZON Chairperson Hon. Hermilando L. Mandanas on 02 October. Said resolution was also forwarded to concerned agencies on 16 October.</p>
2023-26	Favorably Endorsing the Top 30 Regional Priority Programs and Projects in the MIMAROPA Region	<p>The RDC, during its 83<sup>rd</sup> RDC full council meeting held on 01 September in Pasay City, endorsed the Top 30 Regional Priority Programs and Projects in the MIMAROPA Region through RDC Resolution No. 2023-082-1192.</p> <p>A copy of the resolution was provided to Hon. Jose Rizalino L. Acuzar, DHSUD Secretary on 04 October, copy furnished DHSUD MIMAROPA and NEDA PIS.</p>

**NO PENDING ITEMS**



Item No. 3: Updated Regional Development Investment  
Program (RDIP) 2023-2028 and FY 2025  
Annual Investment Program (AIP)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Updated MIMAROPA RDIP 2023-2028 and FY 2025 AIP

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1. Section 4 of the Executive Order (EO) 325, s. 1996 mandates the Regional Development Council (RDC) to coordinate the preparation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of short and long-term regional development plans and investment programs, regional physical framework plan, and special development plans, including the formulation of policy recommendations.
2. EO No. 14, s. 2023 directed all government entities to align and commit their support in the implementation of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 while prioritizing their programs and projects (PAPs) through the Public Investment Program (PIP) 2023-2028. Based on Section 3 of EO 14, the PIP 2023-2028 shall be updated annually or when deemed necessary by NEDA.
3. The Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2023-2028 is the counterpart document of the PIP 2023-2028 at the regional level. It is the region's six-year investment portfolio that translates the RDP's goals, objectives, and strategies into specific and viable programs and projects. The RDIP is updated annually to revalidate and enhance the investment PAPs of regional line agencies (RLAs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and other government entities to ensure that PAPs remain consistent with the goals and strategies of the PDP, MIMAROPA RDP, Results Matrices (RMs), and other local development thrusts and priorities.
4. On 20 October 2023, the RDC MIMAROPA conducted a consultation workshop for the updating of the MIMAROPA RDIP and preparation of the FY 2025 Annual Investment Program (AIP). It was attended by representatives from various RLAs, GOCCs, SUCs, LGUs as well as the RDC private sector representatives. The main outputs of the workshop are the revalidated sectoral investment programs and the FY 2025 AIP. The FY 2025 AIP shall serve as the basis for the review of agency budget proposals for FY 2025.
5. The Secretariat will present the highlights of the validated sectoral investment programs including the FY 2025 AIP. The sectoral investment programs shall form part of the updated RDIP 2023-2028 that will be presented to the RDC for approval and adoption during the fourth quarter full council meeting on 01 December 2023.
6. Action requested: For endorsement to the RDC.



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(EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 09 NOVEMBER 2023 IN  
QUEZON CITY)

EDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE UPDATED MIMAROPA REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM (RDIP) 2023-2028 AND FISCAL  
YEAR (FY) 2025 ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AIP)**

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Executive Order (EO) 325, s. 1996 mandates the Regional Development Council (RDC) to coordinate the preparation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of short and long-term regional development plans and investment programs, regional physical framework plan, and special development plans, including the formulation of policy recommendations;

WHEREAS, EO No. 14, s. 2023 directed all government entities to align and commit their support in the implementation of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 while prioritizing their programs and projects (PAPs) through the Public Investment Program (PIP) 2023-2028;

WHEREAS, based on Section 3 of EO 14, the PIP 2023-2028 shall be updated annually or when deemed necessary by NEDA;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) is the counterpart document of the PIP at the regional level that contains the region's six-year investment portfolio that translates the RDP's goals, objectives, and strategies into specific and viable programs and projects;

WHEREAS, on 20 October 2023, a consultation workshop for the updating of the MIMAROPA RDIP 2023-2028 and the preparation of the FY 2025 AIP was conducted to validate and review the updated agency investment programs submitted by the concerned agencies and identify the priority PAPs for FY 2025 funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, ON A MOTION DULY SECONDED,** be it

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** That the EDC favorably endorses to RDC the Updated MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program

(RDIP) 2023-2028 and Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Investment Program (AIP);

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Done this 9th day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three in Quezon City.

Certified Correct:

Attested:

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**MR. BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
EDC Secretary

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**AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**  
RDC Vice Chairperson

Approved:

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**HON. ARMI D.C. CARRION**  
EDC Chairperson

Item No. 4: 2023 MIMAROPA Regional Development  
Report (RDR)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Fourth Quarter Meeting  
09 November, 2023      Quezon City

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: 2023 Regional Development Report**

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1. The 2023 MIMAROPA Regional Development Report (RDR) serves as the first annual plan assessment of the implementation of the 2023-2028 MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP).
2. The report aims to provide a timely, useful, and relevant evaluation of the progress in implementing the strategies indicated in the plan.
3. The MIMAROPA Regional Development Council (RDC) during its 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Full Council Meeting held last 01 September 2023, passed RDC Resolution No. 2023-083-1203, "Approving the 2023 RDR Preparation Guidelines".
4. The report focuses on the accomplishments during the first three quarters of 2023 laying the groundwork for the full implementation of the strategies indicated in the RDP. The status of implementation of the major Programs, Project and Activities (PAPs), their alignment with the RDP, and recommendations for succeeding years are presented in the RDR 2023.
5. The Results Matrix (RM) of the Chapter/Subchapter were updated using latest data as of September 2023, to be vetted by concerned agencies.
6. The draft report is written using gender-fair language (GFL).
7. The draft 2023 RDR will be presented for validation and comments.
8. Action requested: For review.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
09 NOVEMBER 2023 IN QUEZON CITY)

EDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE 2023 MIMAROPA REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT REPORT (RDR)**

WHEREAS, the 2023 MIMAROPA Regional Development Report (RDR) serves as the first annual plan assessment of the implementation of the 2023-2028 MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP);

WHEREAS, the report aims to provide a timely, useful, and relevant evaluation of the progress in implementing the strategies indicated in the plan;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council (RDC) during its 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Full Council Meeting held last 01 September 2023, passed RDC Resolution No. 2023-083-1203, "Approving the 2023 RDR Preparation Guidelines";

WHEREAS, the report focuses on the accomplishments during the first three quarters of 2023 laying the groundwork for the full implementation of the strategies indicated in the RDP;

WHEREAS, the status of implementation of the major Programs, Project and Activities (PAPs), their alignment with the RDP, and recommendations for succeeding years are presented in the RDR 2023;

WHEREAS, the Results Matrix (RM) of the Chapter/Subchapter were updated using latest data as of September 2023;

WHEREAS, the draft report is written using gender-fair language (GFL);

**NOW, THEREFORE, ON A MOTION DULY SECONDED,** be it

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** That the EDC favorably endorses to RDC the approval of the 2023 MIMAROPA Regional Development Report (RDR) for the Economic Sector;

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three in Quezon City.

Certified Correct:

Attested:

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**MR. BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
EDC Secretary

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**AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**  
RDC Vice Chairperson

Approved:

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**HON. ARMI D.C. CARRION**  
EDC Chairperson



Item No. 5: Proposed Schedule of 2024 RDC and  
Sectoral Committee Meetings

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Fourth Quarter Meeting  
09 November 2023 Quezon City

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Proposed Schedule of CY 2024 RDC Meetings

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1. Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution provides the creation of Regional Development Councils (RDCs) and other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments, and other government officers and representatives from non-government organizations within the region.
2. To assist the RDC in its functions, the following sectoral committees were created; development administration (DAC), economic development (EDC), infrastructure development (IDC), and social development (SDC).
3. Executive Order No. 325, s. 1996 provides that the RDC Full Council shall meet at least once every quarter. RDC Executive Committee shall meet whenever the need arises while the RDC Advisory Committee shall be conducted in May. The RDC may adopt its own rules on constituting quorum.
4. The proposed schedule of CY 2024 RDC meetings is attached for review.
5. Action requested: Recommended RDC approval.

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
MIMAROPA Region

Schedule of CY 2024 RDC Full Council Meetings  
and its Sectoral Committees

**FULL COUNCIL**

Meeting	Date
First Quarter	March 01 (Friday)
Second Quarter	June 07 (Friday)
Third Quarter	September 06 (Friday)
Fourth Quarter	December 06 (Friday)

**SECTORAL COMMITTEES**

	Date	Committee
First Quarter	February 06 (Tuesday)	Development Administration
	February 07 (Wednesday)	Economic Development
	February 08 (Thursday)	Infrastructure Development
	February 09 (Friday)	Social Development
Second Quarter	May 09 (Thursday) AM PM	Development Administration Economic Development
	May 10 (Friday) AM PM	Infrastructure Development Social Development
Third Quarter	August 01 (Thursday) AM PM	Development Administration Economic Development
	August 02 (Friday) AM PM	Infrastructure Development Social Development
Fourth Quarter	November 07 (Thursday) AM PM	Development Administration Economic Development
	November 08 (Friday) AM PM	Infrastructure Development Social Development

**Notes:**

- FY 2025 sectoral budget review will be conducted during the 1st quarter sectoral committee meetings.*
- RDC Executive Committee shall meet whenever the need arises.*
- RDC Advisory Committee meeting shall be conducted in May.*

Item No. 6: Tamaraw Conservation Program in  
Mindoro Island

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Fourth Quarter Meeting  
09 November 2023      Quezon City

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Tamaraw Conservation Program in Mindoro Island

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1. Presidential Proclamation No. 273, s. 2002 declares October of every year as a “Special Month for the Conservation and Protection of the Tamaraw in Mindoro”. The Proclamation urges all government offices, agencies, and instrumentalities in the whole island of Mindoro to implement activities geared toward the conservation of the Tamaraw (*Bubalus mindorensis*), and its habitats.
2. Tamaraw, also known as dwarf water buffalo, is the largest native land mammal in the Philippines. The estimated tamaraw population count in Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park has significantly declined from 523 in 2018 to only 325 as of the latest count in 2023.
3. The species is currently classified as critically endangered under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 2004-151 and on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.
4. The DENR has established a Tamaraw Conservation Program to protect and conserve the remaining Tamaraws and address the various factors that pose threats to its population and habitat.
5. A representative from the DENR MIMAROPA will present the salient features of the Tamaraw Conservation Program in Mindoro Island including the issues and concerns on the conservation of Tamaraw.
6. Action requested: For information.

Item No. 7: MIMAROPA Tourism Road Infrastructure  
Program (TRIP)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Fourth Quarter Meeting

09 November 2023      Quezon City

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: Status of MIMAROPA Tourism Road Infrastructure Program**

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1. To further improve the tourism sector in the region, the Regional Development Council (RDC) MIMAROPA passed Resolution No. 2016-057-559 endorsing the Tourism Road Infrastructure Program (TRIP), a convergence program of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), for implementation in the region.
2. The TRIP aims to increase government investments in roads to support tourism development in priority destination areas defined in the National Tourism Development Plan. It includes the construction of roads leading to airports and seaports, roads leading to tourism destinations and centers, softscapes such as signage, streetlights, view decks, visitor centers, green restrooms, as well as other infrastructures such as sanitation, power, and site amenities.
3. As of 2022, DOT MIMAROPA reported a total of 169 TRIP projects covering almost 185.20 kilometers of roads amounting to Php 6.37 billion. As a result, there were improvement in the mobility of tourists, tourism service providers, and investors. Estimated number of tourist that visited various destinations were more than 1.1 million for the year.
4. The MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2023-2028 identified that implementation of TRIP should be sustained as among critical investment to support the region's tourism sector. Hence, there is a need to monitor and assess the implementation of the program relative to other government investments in terms of complementation, readiness of the communities, and prioritization.
5. A representative from the DOT MIMAROPA will present the status of the TRIP projects in the region.
6. Action requested: For information.

Item No. 8: MIMAROPA Farm to Market (FMR)  
Network Plan 2023-2028



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Fourth Quarter Meeting  
09 November 2023      Quezon City

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: MIMAROPA Farm-to-Market Network Plan 2023-2028**

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1. The National Farm-to-Market Roads Network Plan (FMRNP) 2023-2028 was launched on 20 June 2023. It outlines a five-year investment program for the construction and improvement of farm-to-market roads (FMRs) to support the modernization of the agriculture and fisheries sector.
2. The plan aims to implement a whole-of-government approach by harmonizing all information on connectivity infrastructure programs such map and inventory of road networks, market facilities, agricultural and fisheries key production areas, and other related interventions.
3. The FMRNP is guided by the Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 16, s. 2020, which provides the general guidelines and procedures in the identification, validation, selection and prioritization, design, approval, and coordination arrangements with DPWH on the construction or rehabilitation and monitoring of FMRs under the FMR Development Program (FMRDP).
4. As of June 2023, a total of 335.18 km amounting to Php4.07 billion of FMRs in the region were completed while a total of 41.11 km amounting to Php863.50 million are still ongoing. On the other hand, a total of 243.16 km of FMRs amounting to Php3.08 billion are being proposed for implementation in the region based on the MIMAROPA FMRNP.
5. A representative from the DA MIMAROPA will present the MIMAROPA FMR Network Plan.
6. Action requested: For information.