



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. **1378**, s. 2024

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To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Division DRRM Coordinators  
All Others Concerned

**1<sup>st</sup> MINDANAO YOUTH CONVERGENCE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE  
AND SUSTAINABILITY**

1. The Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), in partnership with the National Youth Commission (NYC)-Davao and BARMM, and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD-XI), will conduct the **1<sup>st</sup> Mindanao Youth Convergence (MYC) on Disaster Resilience and Sustainability on December 18-19, 2024 (new schedule), in Davao City.**
2. The activity aims to engage youth leaders from various regions in workshops and action planning to craft the **Mindanao Youth Action Plan on Disaster Resilience and Sustainability**, aligned with the proposed Mindanao Disaster Resilience Resource Center (MDRRC).
3. This office encourages all interested student leaders to participate in the convergence. Attached is the Notice of Invitation and Advisory from the Mindanao Development Authority (MDA) detailing the mechanics of the activity to include the specific configuration of MYC's participating youth leaders.
4. Participating youth leaders are selected for equitable distribution on the account of geographical location, youth sectoral representation, Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), and leadership and basic knowledge and exposures on disaster resilience-related activities both in school, community, and workplace. Hence, the following are the specific configuration of MYC's participating youth leaders:

Academe (Senior High School Students):

- Age: 16-18
- Geographical Location: All Regions
- GEDSI: Must be complied
- Endorsing Institution: DepEd Regional or Division Offices

5. Participants must apply online via this link : <https://bit.ly/MYC2024RegistrationForm>, submitting an endorsement letter and a parent's consent form for those below 18.



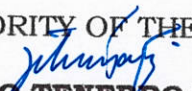
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6. Qualified youth leaders will be provided with a three-day overnight accommodation, local transportation, food, convergence kits, certificate of participation, and an access to a site visit in Davao City.
7. Participation is voluntary and expenses beyond those covered by the organizers will be borne by the participants.
8. Participation must comply with DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2005 and DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2027 on class disruptions and off-campus activities. The approval of the Schools Division Superintendent is required.
9. For further details, you may contact the Secretariat:  
  
Ms. Gianelli Mercado at indamyc@gmail.com or 0927-671-0557  
Mr. Natan Asibal - npasibal@minda.gov.ph, 0991-450-7542  
Ms. Aminah Sultan - aminah.sultan@minda.gov.ph, 0915-457-0740
10. For immediate dissemination.

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Director III  
Officer In-charge  
Office of the Regional Director

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

  
**PEDRO TENEBRO ESCOBARTE JR.**  
Director III  
Assistant Regional Director 

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: As stated  
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**NOTICE OF INVITATION AND ADVISORY**

FOR : FOR MINDANAO REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL OFFICES OF NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION (NYC), DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd), DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP), OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS (OSA) OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs), AND PROVINCIAL/CITY DISASTER RISK AND REDUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE (DRMO)

FROM : **LEO TERESO A. MAGNO**  
Chairperson, Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA)  
and Philippine Signing Minister for BIMP-EAGA

SUBJECT: **INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION AND REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT OF PARTICIPATING YOUTH LEADERS SUPPORTING THE CONDUCT OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MINDANAO YOUTH CONVERGENCE (MYC) ON DISASTER RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY, 10-11 DECEMBER 2024, DAVAO CITY**

DATE: 29 OCTOBER 2024

1. The Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), the highest public office in Mindanao, is organizing the **1<sup>st</sup> Mindanao Youth Convergence (MYC) on Disaster Resilience and Sustainability** on **10-11 December 2024** in **Davao City**, in partnership with **National Youth Commission (NYC)-Davao** and **BARMM** and **Office of Civil Defense (OCD) – XI**.
2. The MYC gathers 140 youth leaders, government agencies, private sector partners, and international organizations to collaboratively explore sustainable and inclusive solutions for disaster management and resilience building in Mindanao. It will also highlight the leadership skills, passion for community engagements, and collective voices and aspirations of participating youth leaders towards nation-building at the grassroots level.
3. In addition, the participating youth leaders from various regions will engage into insightful workshops and action planning to craft the Mindanao Youth Action Plan on Disaster Resilience and Sustainability, in support of the proposed Mindanao Disaster Resilience Resource Center (MDRRC).
4. In view of this, as MinDA's strong partners for development of the island region, we seek the support of your good offices in successfully staging the said inaugural youth gathering on disaster resilience and sustainable development. Specifically, we would deeply appreciate it if you can provide an **endorsement letter** to the interested youth leaders in your area or region. The endorsement will be the fundamental basis of

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MinDA's MYC Secretariat in accepting the application of a youth leader, alongside other established criteria for selection process.

5. We view the significance of your endorsements in ensuring equitable distribution of opportunity to participating youth leaders on the account of **geographical location, youth sectoral representation, gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI)<sup>1</sup>, and leadership and basic knowledge and exposures on disaster resilience-related activities** both in school, community, and workplace. Hence, the following are the specific configuration of MYC's participating youth leaders, to wit:

| Youth Sectoral Representation <sup>2</sup>         | Geographical Location | Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) | Endorsing Institution                               |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Academe (University Students) <sup>3</sup>      | All Regions           | Must Be Complied                                          | Office of Student Affairs (OSA) – SUCs/Private HEIs |
| Academe (Senior High School Students) <sup>4</sup> | All Regions           | Must Be Complied                                          | Regional or Provincial/Division DepEd               |
| 2. Young Professional/ Working Youth <sup>5</sup>  | All Regions           | Must Be Complied                                          | Provincial or City DRRMO                            |
| 3. Out-of-School Youth (OSY) <sup>6</sup>          | All Regions           | Must Be Complied                                          | Provincial or Regional DSWD                         |
| 4. IP Youth <sup>7</sup>                           | All Regions           | Must Be Complied                                          | Provincial or Regional NCIP                         |
| 5. SK Youth <sup>8</sup>                           | All Regions           | Must Be Complied                                          | Provincial or Regional NYC                          |

6. The youth leaders who will successfully qualify based on the selection criteria and assessment by the MYC Secretariat will be provided of 3-night accommodation, local transportation, food, conference kits, Certificate of Participation, and an opportunity to listen and engage with key government officials and private sector/civil society leaders, as well as a site visit or tour in Davao City.
7. The interested youth leader must apply through MYC online registration, which will be provided soon through MinDA's official Facebook page. He or she must attach or upload the endorsement of his or her endorsing institution based on youth sectoral representation. Further details shall be also provided the said Facebook page.
8. Thank you and we look forward to your favorable response in this regard.

<sup>1</sup> At least one of these fundamental elements is met per region.

<sup>2</sup> A total of 140 participating youth leaders across 6 regions in Mindanao.

<sup>3</sup> A total of 32 youth leaders or 22.86%. Ages 18-24.

<sup>4</sup> Ages 16-18.

<sup>5</sup> A total of 32 youth leaders or 22.86%. Ages 20-40.

<sup>6</sup> A total of 32 youth leaders or 22.86%. Ages 15-30.

<sup>7</sup> A total of 22 youth leaders or 15.71%. Ages 15-30.

<sup>8</sup> A total of 22 youth leaders or 15.71%. Ages 18 but not over 24 (SK Chairman); ages 18 but not over 30 (Secretaries and Treasurers)





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**1<sup>ST</sup> MINDANAO YOUTH CONVERGENCE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE  
AND SUSTAINABILITY (MYC-DRS)**

*Theme: "Empowering the Mindanawon Youth (EMY) Towards a Disaster Resilient  
and Sustainable Mindanao"*

December 10-11, 2024 | Davao City

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES**

| TIME/SCHEDULE                                                       | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                | DISCUSSANT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| DAY 1 (10 December 2024, Tuesday)                                   |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>OPENING CEREMONY, PLENARIES, BREAK-OUT SESSIONS, MOC SIGNING</b> |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8:00-9:00 AM                                                        | <b>PRELIMINARIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Arrival and Registration of Guests and Youth Delegates</li><li>MYC Exhibit Viewing</li></ul> | MinDA Secretariat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9:00-9:05 AM                                                        | <b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ecumenical Prayer</li><li>Philippine National Anthem</li></ul>                            | Rizal Memorial Colleges (RMC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:05-9:15AM                                                         | <b>WELCOME REMARKS</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>SECRETARY LEO TERESO A. MAGNO</b><br>Chairperson, Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) & 1 <sup>ST</sup> MYC Lead Convenor                                                                                                                                               |
| 9:15-9:50AM                                                         | <b>MESSAGES OF SUPPORT</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH FRANCISCO ORTEGA</b><br>CEO, National Youth Commission (NYC) & 1 <sup>ST</sup> MYC Co- Convenor                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>SECRETARY MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA</b><br>Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>SECRETARY GENERAL KIM ROBERT C. DE LEON</b><br>Director IV, Boy Scout of the Philippines (BSP)                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>UNDERSECRETARY ARIEL F. NEPUMOCENO</b><br>Administrator, Office of Civil Defense (OCD) & 1 <sup>ST</sup> MYC Co-Convenor                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9:50-10:10AM                                                        | <b>KEYNOTE MESSAGE</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>SECRETARY GILBERTO C. TEODORO JR.</b><br>Department of National Defense (DND) & Chairperson, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)                                                                                                              |
| 10:10-10:20AM                                                       | <b>PHOTO OPPORTUNITY</b>                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>PLENARY SESSION 1 – MORNING</b>                                  |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10:20-11:20AM                                                       | <b>The Role of Youth in National Disaster Preparedness and Response</b>                                                                                 | <u><b>Government</b></u><br><b>SECRETARY JUANITO VICTOR REMULLA JR.</b><br>Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)<br><br><b>SECRETARY REX GATCHALIAN</b><br>Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) & Vice Chairperson for Disaster Response (NDRRMC) |

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| PLENARY SESSION 1 – MORNING       |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Youth Sector</b></p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH FRANCISCO ORTEGA</b><br/>National Youth Commission (NYC)</p> <p><b>SECRETARY GENERAL KIM ROBERT C. DE LEON</b><br/>Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP)</p> <p><b>Private Sector/Civil Society</b></p> <p><b>RENE S. MEILY</b><br/>President, Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF)</p> <p><b>IOs/Development Partners</b></p> <p><b>OYUNSAIKHAN DENDEVNOROV</b><br/>Country Representative<br/>UNICEF Philippines</p> <p><b>Academe/Research Institutions</b></p> <p><b>REV. FR. KAREL S. SAN JUAN, SJ</b><br/>President, Ateneo de Davao University (AdDU)</p> |
| 11:20-11:40AM                     | <b>Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC)</b>                                                                                                                 | MinDA, BSP, NYC, and OCD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:40-12:00NN                     | <b>Convergence Commitment and Signing Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signing of 'Youth for a Resilient and Sustainable Mindanao' Wall</li> </ul> | MinDA, DND, Plenary Session 1 Resource Speakers, Youth Leaders, Other Key Partners                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12:00-1:00PM                      | Lunch Break & Exhibit Interaction<br>Intermission Number                                                                                                              | Rizal Memorial Colleges (RMC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| DAY 1 (10 December 2024, Tuesday) |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PLENARY SESSION 2 - AFTERNOON     |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1:00-2:30PM                       | <b>Sustainability in Disaster Management and Resilience Building</b> | <p><b><u>Government</u></b></p> <p><b>DR. RENATO U. SOLIDUM, JR.</b><br/>Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) &amp; Vice Chairperson for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (NDRRMC)</p> <p><b>DR. ARSENIO M. BALISACAN</b><br/>Director General, National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) &amp; Vice Chairperson for Rehabilitation and Recovery (NDRRMC)</p> <p><b><u>Private Sector/Civil Society</u></b></p> <p><b>MR. ANTONIO JOSELITO G. LAMBINO II</b><br/>President, Ayala Foundation</p> <p><b><u>Academe/Research Institution</u></b></p> <p><b>ALFREDO MAHAR FRANCISCO LAGMAY, PhD</b><br/>Executive Director, University of the Philippines Resilience Institute (UPRI)</p> <p><b><u>IP Community</u></b></p> <p><b>JENNIFER PIA "LIMPAYEN" SIBUG-LAS</b><br/>Chairperson, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples</p> |
| 2:30-3:00PM                       | Open Forum                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3:00-3:15PM                       | Break and Exhibit Interaction                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3:45-5:30PM                       | Break-Out Sessions                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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| DAY 1 (10 December 2024, Tuesday)       |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3:15-3:45PM                             | <b>The Philippine Disaster Risk and Reduction Management (DRRMM) Systems and Concepts</b> | <b>USEC. ARIEL F. NEPUMOCENO</b><br>Administrator, Office of Civil Defense & Executive Director, NDRRMC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>BREAK-OUT SESSIONS (3:45-5:30PM)</b> |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                         | <b>Session 1: Building Disaster-Resilient Communities</b>                                 | Facilitator: <b>Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – XI</b><br><br>Panel Members:<br><br><b>MICHAEL K. NOVELL</b><br>Chairperson<br>Save the Children Philippines<br><br><b>MR. EDWIN G. PATALAGSA</b><br>Chapter Service Representative for<br>Disaster Management Services<br>Philippine Red Cross<br><br><b>CARLO FRANCO SANTOS</b><br>President<br>Junior Chamber International Davao, Inc.<br><br><b>ENGR. DEXTER LO</b><br>Executive Director<br>Xavier University Engineering Resource Center                                                                  |
|                                         | <b>Session 2: Innovations in Disaster Prevention and Mitigation</b>                       | Facilitator: <b>University of the Philippines Resilience Institute</b><br><br>Panel Members:<br><br><b>MANUEL V. PANGILINAN</b><br>Chairman<br>Smart Communications Inc.<br><br><b>PAVIT RAMACHANDRAN</b><br>Country Director, Philippine Country Office (PHCO)<br>Asian Development Bank<br><br><b>TERESITO C. BACOLCOL</b><br>Director<br>Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology<br><br><b>JEANETTE ELSWORTH</b><br>Chief<br>UNDRR - Communication, Advocacy<br>and Knowledge Management Section<br><br><b>EVAMAY C. DELA ROSA</b><br>Director, Region XI<br>DICT Region XI |





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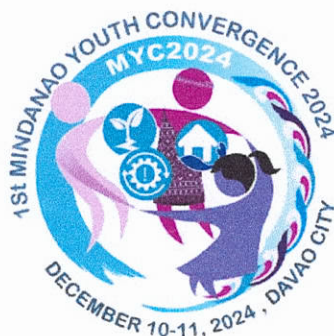


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|                         | <b>Session 3: Strengthening Disaster Response Mechanisms</b> | <p>Facilitator: <b>Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)-XI</b></p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <p><b>MA. LINDA F. LAGDAMEO</b><br/>Chairperson<br/>ANFLO Group of Companies</p> <p><b>RYAN WASHBURN</b><br/>Mission Director<br/>US Agency for International Development</p> <p><b>MGEN LUIS REX BERGANTE</b><br/>Commander<br/>Armed Forces of the Philippines<br/>Eastern Mindanao Command (EASTMINCOM)</p> <p><b>EDNAR G. DAYANGHIRANG</b><br/>Regional Director<br/>Office of Civil Defense Region XI</p>                               |
|                         | <b>Session 4: Planning for Rehabilitation and Recovery</b>   | <p>Facilitator: <b>National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)-XI</b></p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <p><b>ATTY. JOSE ANDRES CANIVEL</b><br/>Executive Director<br/>Forest Foundation Philippines</p> <p><b>JUBY B. CORDON</b><br/>Regional Director<br/>Department of Public Works and Highways XI</p> <p><b>MA. MERCEDES V. DUMAGAN</b><br/>Regional Director<br/>Department of Environment and Natural Resources XI</p> <p><b>MIGUEL RENE A. DOMINGUEZ</b><br/>Mindanao Regional Committee Head<br/>Philippine Business for Social Progress</p> |
| <b>- END OF DAY 1 -</b> |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| DAY 2 (11 December 2024, Tuesday)<br><b>WORKSHOP, ACTION PLANNING, SITE VISIT</b> |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8:00-8:15 AM                                                                      | <b>PRELIMINARIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ecumenical Prayer</li> <li>▪ Philippine National Anthem</li> </ul> | MYC Secretariat                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8:15-8:25AM                                                                       | <b>RECAP OF DAY 1</b>                                                                                                            | Mindanawon Youth Leader                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8:25-10:25AM                                                                      | <b>YOUTH SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP</b><br><i>Theme: Co-Creating Solutions for Disaster Resilience and Sustainability</i>                | Facilitators:<br>National Youth Commission (NYC) – XI<br><br>Experts Guide:<br>Junior Chamber International Davao, Inc. (JCI)<br><br>Documenters:<br>Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) |
|                                                                                   | <b>ACTION PLANNING</b><br><i>Theme: Developing Youth-Led Actionable Plans for Disaster Resilience in Mindanao</i>                | Facilitators:<br>National Youth Commission (NYC) – XI<br><br>Experts Guide:<br>Office of Civil Defense (OCD) – XI<br><br>Documenters:<br>Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA)             |
| 11:00 – 11:35AM                                                                   | <b>PRESENTATION OF CONSOLIDATED YOUTH ACTION PLANS</b>                                                                           | Mindanao Regional Adult Youth Leaders (Per Region)<br><br>Feedbacks:<br>NYC, OCD, JCI Davao, Other Partners                                                                                 |
| 11:35-12:00NN                                                                     | <b>SYNTHESIS AND WAYS FORWARD</b>                                                                                                | Mindanawon Youth Leader                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11:35-12:30PM                                                                     | <b>Lunch and Cultural Performance</b>                                                                                            | Rizal Memorial Colleges (RMC)                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>SITE VISIT</b>                                                                 |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1:00-5:00PM                                                                       | <b>FACILITIES OF DAVAO CITY DISASTER RISK AND REDUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE</b>                                                    | City Government of Davao – DRRMO                                                                                                                                                            |



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| DAY 2 (10 December 2024, Tuesday)                          |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                          |
| <b>FELLOWSHIP NIGHT AND CLOSING CEREMONY (6:00-9:00PM)</b> |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                          |
| 6:00-6:10PM                                                | Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ecumenical Prayer</li> <li>▪ Philippine National Anthem</li> </ul> | <b>MS. SUNDEE MARBAS</b><br>PO III, MinDA<br><br><b>MinDA AVP</b>                                        |
| 6:10-6:20PM                                                | Welcome Remarks                                                                                                           | <b>USEC. JANET M. LOPOZ, CESO I</b><br>Executive Director, MinDA                                         |
| 6:20-6:30PM                                                | Message of Support                                                                                                        | <b>MR. MAYJEE DE LA CRUZ</b><br>Area Office Head, National Youth Commission (NYC) - Davao & BARMM        |
| 6:30-6:40PM                                                | Message of Support                                                                                                        | <b>DIR. EDNAR G. DAYANGHIRANG</b><br>Regional Director, Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Regional Office XI |
| 6:40-6:50PM                                                | Ceremonial Reading of Manifesto for a Disaster-Resilient, Climate Smart, and Sustainable Mindanao                         | <b>MINDANAWON YOUTH DELEGATES</b>                                                                        |
| 6:50-7:30PM                                                | Awarding of Plaques and Certificates for Partners, Youth Leaders, and Exhibitors                                          | <b>MinDA, NYC, OCD</b>                                                                                   |
| 7:30-7:40PM                                                | Group Photo Opportunity                                                                                                   | <b>MinDA, NYC, OCD, YOUTH DELEGATES</b>                                                                  |
| 7:40 – Onwards                                             | Dinner, Performances, Networking                                                                                          | <b>RIZAL MEMORIAL COLLEGES (RMC)</b>                                                                     |
| <b>- END OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MYC -</b>                   |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                          |



## **1<sup>st</sup> Mindanao Youth Convergence on Disaster Resilience and Sustainability (MYC-DRS)**

**Theme: “Empowering the Mindanawon Youth (EMY) Towards a Disaster Resilient,  
Climate Smart, and Sustainable Mindanao”**

December 10-11, 2024 | Davao City

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### **Background/Rationale**

The recently concluded 2<sup>nd</sup> Mindanao Development Forum (MDF 2024) gathered all key leaders, stakeholders, and partners and amplified the voices and aspirations of Mindanawons for the Mindanao last 29-30 July 2024 at Acacia Hotel, Davao City.

With the theme, “Mindanao 2030 Agenda: Nurturing Peace, Sustaining Progress, Empowering People, Preserving the Planet,” this year’s MDF encapsulated the collective vision outlined in the Mindanao 2030 Agenda emphasizing the fundamental goals of fostering peace, ensuring continual growth, empowering communities, and preserving the environment as cornerstones for Mindanao’s advancement – this included the power of the youth sector.

The Philippine Youth Development Plan 2023-2028: *Kabataan, Kaagapay sa Kaunlaran* enjoins all state duty bearers at the national and local levels to maximize the participation of the youth in nation-building as responsible and proactive citizens. It informs our development partners such as local government units (LGUs), civil society and non-government organizations, international and national donors, the church, media, and the business community of the rewarding social, economic, and ethical opportunities of fully engaging the youth in their initiatives.

In addition, the USAID’s Mindanao Youth for Development (MYDev) Program, implemented by the Education Development Center (EDC) from 2013 to 2019, also recommended that to address key constraints to peace, stability, and sustainable development in the Mindanao region of the Philippines, strengthening governance, improving life skills, and increasing civic engagement and economic productivity of out-of-school youth must be given highest priority by all stakeholders, particularly by the national government.

Anchored on this national direction for Filipino youth development, the MDF 2024 provided an opportunity for the key roles and voices of Mindanao youth to be collectively heard, seen, and recognized through the staging of the #MDF’s 1st Mindanao Youth Forum (MYF). Through a panel discussion, selected Mindanawon youth leaders were invited to speak and





given the opportunity to present and discuss their viewpoints on pressing societal issues in Mindanao, as well as exchange of leadership insights and community development experiences anchored in the 10 development priorities of the Mindanao 2030 Agenda.

The 1<sup>st</sup> MYF resulted to a Call of Action for Youth Agenda in Mindanao outlining the highlights of key discussions revolving around the pivotal role of youth in shaping Mindanao's future through various engagements with government institutions, private sector, academe, and other relevant entities in addressing current challenges and envisioning sustainable solutions.

One of the key glimmers of the MYF is on heritage preservation and environmental sustainability (Agenda 1 & 7), where advocacy and community participation on IP education, cultural preservation, environmental and ecological integrity, disaster-resilient communities, and smart city initiatives, among others were highlighted.

Moreover, MinDA is currently developing a proposal that will establish a Mindanao Disaster Resiliency Resource Center (MDRRC). This facility serves as a dedicated complex type of disaster resource center for warehouse storage for relief goods, hub for disaster preparedness, mitigation, early response and recovery management and operation strategically located at the center of Mindanao.

As a specific follow-through of this year's MDF's 1<sup>st</sup> MYF and support mechanism to the proposed MDRRC, the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), in partnership with the National Youth Commission (NYC) and Office of Civil Defense (OCD), is staging the **1<sup>st</sup> Mindanao Youth Convergence on Disaster Resilience and Sustainability (MYS-DRS)** to be held in **Davao City**, one of the livable cities in the Philippines.

The MYS-DRS is a purpose-driven initiative aimed at fostering empowerment and nation-building through substantive learning dialogue and discussions on disaster resilience and sustainable development among young people from various regions of Mindanao. As its first installment, the MYS-DRS will introspectively dissect the aspirations and the contributions of the Mindanawon youth for a Mindanao that is climate smart, disaster resilient, climate smart, and socio-economically sustainable – at present and beyond.

## Objectives

By the end of MYS-DRS, the following are achieved:

- a. 140 Mindanawon youth leaders and youth-led organizations advocating for environmental sustainability, climate and disaster resilience, ecological integrity, and sustainable development gathered;
- b. Basic knowledge, skills, and training on disaster resilience as potential pool of volunteers for the MDRRC to 140 Mindanawon youth leaders and youth-led organizations provided;
- c. Deep appreciation and understanding of the timely significance and interconnectedness of disaster resilience with sustainable development to safeguard Mindanao's continued growth and progress for 140 Mindanawon youth leaders and youth-led organizations cultivated;



- d. A Mindanao Youth Action Plan on Disaster Resilience and Sustainability is developed, and,
- e. At least one (1) partnership and collaboration with participating government agencies, private sector, and other relevant entities forged.

### **Expected Outputs**

By the end of the MYS-DRS, the following are achieved:

- a. A working document, the Mindanao Youth Action Plan on Disaster Resilience and Sustainability, developed;
- b. Attendance of 140 Mindanao youth leaders and youth-led organizations confirmed;
- c. Basic knowledge, skills, and training on disaster resilience and sustainability for the participating 140 youth leaders through presentations, discussions, workshops, break-out sessions, and panel forum provided; and,
- d. A Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between MinDA and among partner agencies and other key institutions signed.

### **Collective Call to Action**

As disaster resilience and sustainable development become critical components of growth and progress of countries across the globe, particularly of developing nations like the Philippines, it is high time for governments, private sector, and other key stakeholders to tap the voices, skills, and potentials of the youth sector to be agents of impactful change towards advancing resilient communities in Mindanao.

With Mindanao becoming more prone to various forms of disasters in the recent years, as well as the opportune need to integrate the young people across all development processes, our call to action must be greater participation and visibility of leadership and passion of this important sector to rally a new narrative and future of Mindanao that is resilient, smart, and sustainable. These aspirations can only happen if a whole-of-nation approaches alongside social and behavioral change imperatives are also well-established on all programs, projects, and initiatives.