



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1078 s. 2025

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATIVE FORUM FOR ALS-DRIVEN INCLUSIVE
AND INNOVATIVE LITERACY: 2026 NATIONAL LITERACY
AWARDS PREPARATION

1. The Department of Education Caraga Region, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), will conduct the **Stakeholder Collaborative Forum for ALS-Driven Inclusive and Innovative Literacy: 2026 National Literacy Awards Preparation** on October 21-22, 2025, hosted by the Butuan City at the Division at VCDU Grand Convention Hall, Villa Kananga, Butuan City.
2. The objectives of this activity are as follows:
 - a. To orient regional and division stakeholders on the current framework, categories, and evaluation criteria of the National Literacy Awards (NLA) as basis for preparing quality and competitive entries for the 2026 cycle;
 - b. To enhance the capability of participants in developing, implementing, and documenting inclusive and innovative literacy programs through effective coordination, quality write-ups, and alignment with the principles of transformative literacy and lifelong learning; and
 - c. To strengthen collaboration among DepEd units, LGUs, private partners, and literacy advocates in establishing functional Local Literacy Coordinating Councils and implementing sustainable literacy initiatives geared toward the 2026 National Literacy Awards.
3. Participants in this activity include Division ALS Literacy Focal Persons, Local Government Units (LGUs), and other partner organizations (NGOs) as indicated in Enclosure No. 1.
4. Participants are requested to check in and register at the venue on Monday, October 21, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., and present their Travel Authority upon registration. The Opening Program will commence at 9:00 a.m. on the same day.
5. Food, accommodation, supplies, and materials for the participants will be provided and charged against the ALS Training Funds. Travel expenses for all participants and officials will be charged against Local Funds, SEF, and other funding sources, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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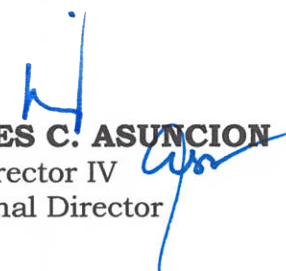
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6. For inquiries, please contact the Regional ALS Focal Person, Josephine Chonie M. Obseñares, through email at josephinechonie.obsenares@deped.gov.ph.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


MARIA INES C. ASUNCION
Director IV
Regional Director

Encl.: Allocation of Participants, Speakers,
Program Matrix

Reference: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM
LITERACY
ORIENTATION
PARTNERSHIPS

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Allocation of participants per division

Division	EPS	LGU Literacy Program Representative	NGO Literacy Program Representative	Total
Agusan del Norte	1	8	1	10
Agusan del Sur	1	3	1	5
Bayugan City	1	3	1	5
Bislig City	1	4	1	6
Butuan City	1	9	1	11
Cabadbaran City	1	3	1	5
Dinagat	1	3	1	5
Siargao	1	3	1	5
Surigao City	1	3	1	5
Surigao del Norte	1	3	1	5
Surigao del Sur	1	3	1	5
Tandag City	1	3	1	5
				72
Speakers				10
Regional Office				4
Total	12	48	12	86

Resource Persons/Learning Facilitators

Topics	Speaker
The Concept of Literacy: From Traditional to Transformative	Atty. Glenn C. Carampatana City Councilor-Butuan City
An Overview of the Literacy Coordinating Council- National Literacy Awards (LCC-NLA)	Bernabe L. Linog Chief, CLMD
Creating a Local Literacy Coordinating Council: A Guide for LGUs and Stakeholders"	Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares EPS/ALS Focal Person-Regional Office
Driving Literacy at the Grassroots: Strengthening Local Initiatives for Greater Impact	Rosalito B. Libres Head- LGU-CEDD Butuan City
Composing Quality Literacy Write-Ups: The Role and Coordination of the Technical Working Group	Anamarie L. Ceniza EPS/ALS Focal Person-Butuan City
Understanding the Selection Criteria for Literacy Program Entries	Dr. Minie L. Bulay Associate Professor IV-CSU
Work and Implementation Plan for 2026	Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares EPS/ALS Focal Person-Regional Office
Benchmarking Best Practices in Literacy Program Documentation	Rosalito B. Libres Head- LGU-CEDD Butuan City

List of Participants

Agusan Del Norte	Position	Cabadbaran City	Position
1. Nilo R. Verdon	ALS, Focal Person	1. Marie Fe C. Dultra	EPS-ALS
2. Arnold C. Solen	PSDS-Nasipit	2. Elmer E. Hindap, Jr	EPSA
3. Hon. Napoleon M. Montero	Municipal Mayor-Jabonga	3. Hermie Liza Sasis	Principal
4. Niel B. Beluan	MPDC/NLA Focal-Jabonga	4. Hon. Dondon Dagani	City Councilor
5. Jay N. Sescon	Tourism Officer-Jabonga	5. Hon. Judy Amante	City Councilor
6. Precious Joy C. Morales	Barangay Official-Jabonga	Dinagat	
7. Hon. Roscoe Democrito B. Plaza	Municipal Mayor-Nasipit	1. William S. Buhayan	EPS/ALS Focal Person
8. Niel Jerome N. Loque	General Manager-Antrecco	2. Hon. Clica C. Antipolo	SB Member
9. Veronica P. Pecasales	Antrecco	3. Hon. Aida C. Antipolo	Brgy. Captain
10. Ronniel G. Babano	School President-SMCC	4. Hon. Jhosua T. Luib	SB Member
Agusan del Sur		5. Gilbert H. Japay	EPSA
1. Ivy Claire P. Morales	ALS Focal Person	Siargao	
2. Dimpna R. Caidet	EPSA	1. Aniesol C. Lasala	EPE-ALS Focal Person
3. Hon. Michelle P. Manpatilan	Vice Mayor-Esperanza	2. Hon. Emmanuel S. Menil	Vice Mayor
4. Mary Ann A. Lumapas	CTEC-Esperanza	3. Mark Jun B. Digamo	LGU Representative
5. Winefredo S. Congreso	CSO -Esperanza	4. AJ Christian J. Alaba	LGU Representative
Bayugan City		5. AC E. Juntillo	LGU Representative
1. Jerry P. Salino	ALS Focal Person	Surigao City	
2. Joana Grace M. Garzon	EPSA	1. Hon. Carl Duane G. Casurra	City Councilor
3. Hon. Kirk A. Asis	City Mayor	2. Krystel Grace C. Buniel	City LYD Officer
4. Hon. Kim A. Asis	City Vice Mayor	3. Norberto A. Bruzon	Punong Barangay
5. Hon. Kim Lope Asis	City Councilor	4. Hermiette F. Lerog	EPS-ALS Focal Person
Bislig City		5. Jubille Joy Calang	CFSI-NGO
1. Hon. Apollo C. Alvar	City Councilor	Surigao del Norte	
2. Hon. Bernadeth A. Balondo	City Councilor	1. Cardina C. Pegte	NGO
3. Justin L. Villanueva	City Information Officer	2. Cain Y. Hukman	LGU/NCIP
4. Rho Cougee C. Garrido	NGO-MFFC	3. Jerry C. Diamola	Brgy. Captain
5. Alicia T. Conat	Secretary, City LCC	4. Hon. Crisanta O. Mondano	Vice Mayor
6. Victor A. Odtohan	PSDS/ALS Focal Person	5. Leonila J. Floria	EPS- ALS
Butuan City		Surigao del Sur	
1. Hon. Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun	City Mayor	1. Menerba M. Dapar	EPS
2. Hon. Reynante B. Desiata	Vice Mayor	2. Fluellen L. Cos	CID Chief
3. Hon. Glenn C. Carampatana	City Councilor/Educ. Committee	3. Emmanuel Vitor	Gawad Kalinga Representative
4. Hon. Gemma P. Tabada	City Councilor/Liga Pres.	4. Hon. Joseph I. Urgel	Municipal Mayor-Carascal
5. Rosalito B. Libres	Head- CEDD	5. Cassey Maureen A. Correos	Carrascal MPDC OIC
6. Vincent C. Rosario	Brgy. Capt. Libertad	Tandag City	
7. Alma P. Tagalog	Brgy. Capt. Tiniwisan	1. Eric C. Cabaluna	EPS/ALS Coordinator
8. Kevin Hope Z. Salvana	Chief, CID	2. Emelyn Q. Tecson	SDA - Missionary
9. Nilo R. Calipayan	Project Arm to Farm	3. Hon. Imelda C. Falcon	City Councilor
10. Ana Marie L. Ceniza	EPS/ALS Focal Person	4. Amos Kevin L. Diaz	City LYD Officer
11. Marjorie Llanos	Legal Officer	5. Marianne Nep L. Cuizon, Jr.	Focal Person

Enclosure No. 3 to Regional Memorandum No. ____s. 2025

INDICATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Name of activity **STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATIVE FORUM FOR ALS-DRIVEN INCLUSIVE AND INNOVATIVE LITERACY: 2026 NATIONAL LITERACY AWARDS PREPARATION**
 Venue **VCDU Grand Convention Hall, Villa Kananga, Butuan City**
October 20-21, 2025

TIME	DATE		
	Day 1 October 20, 2025	Day 2 October 21, 2025	Day 3 October 22, 2025
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Arrival and Registration of Participants Program Management Team and Secretariat	Management of Learning (MOL)	Management of Learning (MOL)
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM		Session 4: Creating a Local Literacy Coordinating Council: A Guide for LGUs and Stakeholders" Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares EPS/ALS Focal Person	Session 8: Benchmarking of Documents and Best Practices Rosalito B. Libres Head- LGU-CEDD Butuan City
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM		Session 5: Composing Quality Literacy Write-Ups: The Role and Coordination of the Technical Working Group Anamarie L. Ceniza EPS, Div. ALS Focal Person	
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Session 1: The Concept of Literacy: From Traditional to Transformative Atty. Glenn C. Carampatana City Councilor-Butuan City		
10:30 AM-12:00 NN			
12:00 NN - 1:00 PM		LUNCH BREAK	
	Session 2: An Overview of the National Literacy Awards (NLA) Bernabe L. Linog Chief, CLMD	Session 6: Assessing the Educational Relevance and Innovation of Literacy Programs Dr. Minie L. Bulay Associate Professor IV-CSU	Session 9: Sharing of Action Plan Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares EPS/ALS Focal Person
3:00 PM- 3:30 PM	Session 3: Driving Literacy at the Grassroots: Strengthening Local Initiatives for Greater Impact		Closing Program Program Management Team
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Rosalito B. Libres Head- LGU-CEDD Butuan City	Session 7: Action Planning Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares EPS/ALS Focal Person	
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Open Forum	Open Forum	
5:00 PM- 5:30 PM	Dinner	Dinner	Home Sweet Home