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PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF NUTRITIONIST-DIETITIANS, INC. CONVENTION

Attached is a communication from Dr. Marivic Sulabo-Samson, Chair, Invitation and Registration Committee, 2023 Philippine Society of Nutritionist-Dietitians (PSND), Inc. Convention.

The PSND, Inc. will hold its convention on September 26-27, 2023 at The Winford Hotel, Manila, Philippines with the theme: "Our Food Systems in Crisis: An Urgent Call for Multi-Sectoral Response towards Safe and Affordable Healthy Diets for All Filipinos."

This activity aims to bring together representatives from both public and private sectors, for the convergence of action points as an urgent response to ensure safe and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos amidst the food system crisis.

The target participants are the staff involved in nutrition, health, and related programs.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

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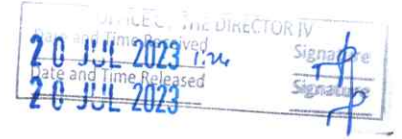
A vital partner in ensuring food and nutrition security in the country.

Mission:

Advance and strengthen the competencies of nutrition and dietetics professionals through scientific nutrition education in responding to public issues and nutrition concerns.

14 July 2023

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INVITATION FOR: Registered Nutritionist-Dietitians

Dear Director Fetalvero:

Greetings from the Philippine Society of Nutritionist-Dietitians, Inc. (PSND)!

The PSND is an organization of nutritionist-dietitians (NDs) and multisectoral partners, that aims to provide support to the Philippines' efforts in addressing malnutrition and ensuring food and nutrition security among Filipinos. The PSND Inc. will hold its annual convention **26-27 September 2023 at The Winford Hotel, Manila, Philippines** with the theme **"Our Food Systems in Crisis: An Urgent Call for Multi-sectoral Response towards Safe and Affordable Healthy Diets for All Filipinos"**. The convention aims to bring together representatives from both public and private sectors, for the convergence of action points as an urgent response to ensure safe and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos amidst the food system crisis.

Additionally, the PSND, Inc. will be the exclusive partner in the Philippines of the international organization Micronutrient Forum **for The MNF 6th Global Conference on October 16-20, 2023, with a thematic focus on Nutrition for Resilience (N4R)**. As partner to MNF, PSND, Inc. shall provide **virtual access to the MNF Global Conference** to be held at the Hague in the Netherlands. This PSND Inc. and MNF partnership establishes the importance of health, nutrition, and environmental sustainability in food systems transformation.

In line with this, we cordially invite you and your staff involved in nutrition, health, and related programs to participate in the two events mentioned above. We would also like to kindly request your good office to issue a Memorandum Order or any equivalent advisory to different offices to further disseminate and encourage the participation of their staff.

A copy of the Convention brief and registration procedures can be found in Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. For confirmation, your office may coordinate with Ms. Christine Joy B. Ewayan, PSND, Inc. Coordinator, via email convention@psnd.org.ph

Thank you for your support to the PSND, Inc.

Sincerely,

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Philippine Society of Nutritionist-Dietitians (PSND), Inc.

2023 PSND, INC. CONVENTION

Our Food Systems in Crisis:
An Urgent Call for Multi-Sectoral Response Towards Safe, and Affordable Healthy Diets
for All Filipinos

Date: September 26 (Tuesday) and 27 (Wednesday)
Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Philippine Standard Time)
Venue: Winford Hotel, Manila, Philippines

BACKGROUND

Safe and affordable healthy diets are key to achieving food and nutrition security. The role of functioning food systems¹ is critical to enable the availability of, and everyone's structural, economic, and physical access to safe and affordable healthy diets. This also involves empowering key actors within the food systems and promoting its overall resilience and sustainability². However, there are indications and evidence suggesting the failure of the food systems to deliver safe, and affordable healthy diets for all. The Philippines has the highest stunting prevalence among the ASEAN countries, and stunting remains to be of very high public health significance in the country³. Prior to the pandemic, the rate of stunting was recorded at 28.8%, while underweight and wasting rates were 19% and 5.8%, respectively⁴. Conversely, overweight and obesity have been on the rise among adolescents and adults. During the period of the Covid 19 pandemic, one of the major shocks in the food systems, household food insecurity⁵ increased by as much as 62% and will most likely worsen the nutrition situation of the country.

The Philippines has informal and expanding food system typology⁶ whose population diet consists largely of rice, fish and some seasonal fruits and vegetables, and an increasing demand for animal-sourced foods, processed and convenience foods. Whether our current diet is safe, affordable, and healthy, is subject to further scrutiny—even the definition of what is safe, affordable, and healthy, and whether every household can have it all, is open for debate and discussions. "Our food systems in crisis" is a collective call based on current events, literature and lived experience, of whether our current food systems can deliver safe, and affordable healthy diets for all. These topics are among the key offerings of the 2023 PSND Annual Convention.

We invite NDs and partners in various capacities—*public health and community nutrition, clinical dietetics and medical nutrition, education, science and technology, business and industry, agri-food systems, and policy and governance*—to take part in the current debate and discussions. Join us in our urgent call for multi-sectoral response towards safe, and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos.

¹ The food system encompasses all the activities involved in producing, processing, distributing, consuming food, and waste disposal, as well as the broader social, economic, and environmental factors that influence these activities.

² HLPE. (2020). Food Security and Nutrition Building a Global Narrative towards 2030. A report by the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the Committee on World Food Security.

³ Mbuya, N. V., Demombynes, G., Piza, S. A., & Adona, A. V. (2021). Undernutrition in the Philippines: Scale, Scope, and Opportunities for Policy and Programming. Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development /The World Bank.

⁴ FNRI. (2018). 8th National Nutrition Survey.

⁵ FNRI. (2020). Rapid Nutrition Assessment Survey on Food Security, Coping Mechanisms, and Nutrition Services Availed During Covid19 Pandemic in Selected Areas in the Philippines.

⁶ Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and Johns Hopkins University. (2020). The Food Systems Dashboard. Geneva, Switzerland.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

The Convention will be held on **September 26 and 27, 2023**, at the Winford Hotel, Manila, and will include a **Keynote Address** and two **Plenary Lectures**. There will be seven (7) **Technical Sessions** and other related activities. The Convention calls for an urgent response from all sectors to ensure **safe and affordable healthy diets** for all Filipinos amidst our food systems in crisis.

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Bring different sectors together for relevant discussions and convergence of action points to highlight the urgency of our collective call for a multisectoral response towards **safe, and affordable healthy diets** for all Filipinos.

Specific objectives:

At the end of the 2-day Convention, the participants will be able to:

1. Examine available evidence on why and in what ways are the food systems in crisis.
2. *Examine the definition, metrics, and methods in defining safe, and affordable healthy Filipino diets, and whether every household is feasible to have it all.*
3. Understand the importance of achieving the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in provisioning safe, and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos.
4. Understand the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 and its synergy to ensuring **safe and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos, and the role of various sectors and agencies.**
5. Explore approaches to achieving **safe, and affordable healthy diets, highlighting the importance of resilience to food systems in crisis.**
6. Create opportunities to connect, inspire, and collaborate between and among nutrition partners to achieving **safe, and affordable healthy Filipino diets.**

2023 PSND, INC. CONVENTION BRIEF

DAY 1. 26 SEPTEMBER 2023 (TUESDAY)

Time	Activity/ Tentative Session Title	Activity/ Session Aims
7:00 AM	Registration	
8:00 AM	Opening Ceremony	
	Doxology and National Anthem	
	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
	Greetings from the President of the Republic of the Philippines	
	Acknowledgment of Participants	
8:30 AM	<i>Introduction of the Keynote Speaker</i>	The keynote speaker reflects on the questions, "why and in what ways are the food systems in crisis? Is our call for urgent action valid?" The speaker presents pathways on how global and national actors can take actions to mitigate or address our food systems in crisis.
	Keynote Address	
	Our Food Systems in Crisis: An Urgent Call for Global to Country-level Actions	
9:00 AM	<i>Introduction of the Plenary Speaker</i>	The plenary speaker examines the importance of achieving the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in provisioning safe, and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos.
	Plenary Talk	
	Achieving Safe, and Affordable Healthy Diets for All Filipinos: The Synergy with the Universal Health Coverage	
9:30 AM	The PSND Perspective	PSND provides synthesized evidence about the theme, drawing insights from the keynote and plenary discussions, and all technical sessions.
	Our Food Systems in Crisis: An Urgent Call for Multi-Sectoral Response Towards Safe, and Affordable Healthy Diets for All Filipinos	
Technical Session 1. The Challenge of achieving Safe and Affordable Healthy Diets for All: Reflecting on Our Food Systems in Crisis		
9:45 AM	Topic 1. Using the Equity Lens in Achieving Healthy Diets for all	Using an equity lens, the speaker explores how interventions and policies are/ can be designed to improve access to healthy diets and promote the well-being of all individuals.
10:15 AM	Topic 2. Safe and Affordable Healthy Diets: Can every Filipino household have it all?	The speaker provides available metrics of the cost and affordability of diets and presents application for policy and programs aimed at improving economic access to safe and affordable healthy diets.
10:45 AM	Topic 3. Filipino food and nutrient intake in times of crises: Implications for policy research and response	The speaker presents synthesised evidence on safe, and affordable healthy Filipino diets, and whether every household is feasible to have it all.
11:15 AM	OPEN FORUM and SYNTHESIS	

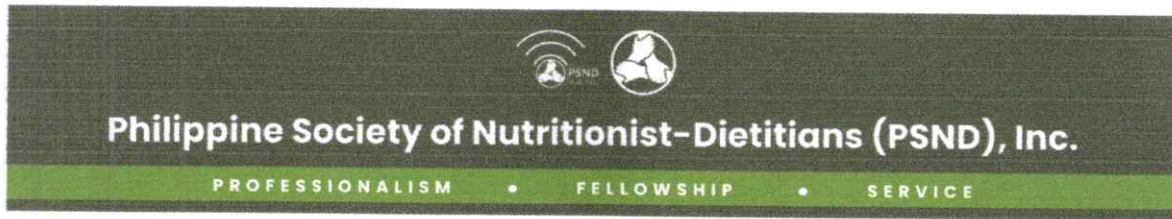
11:45 NN	Luncheon Symposium	
	Alaskaunlaran: How does Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program contribute to achieving Safe and Affordable Healthy Diets for All?	
DAY 1 AFTERNOON SESSION		
Technical Session 2. Multisectoral Response Towards Safe, and Affordable Healthy Diets for All Filipinos: Scrutinizing the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028		
1:15 PM	Main Presentation The PDP 2023-2028: Nutrition Security as an engine for progress and growth	The speaker examines the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 and its synergy to ensuring safe and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos.
1:45 PM	Ka-PSND Kapihan (Panel Discussion)	The panel discussion provides a platform for key sectors to reflect and respond to PDP 2023-2028 and how it contributes to the collective goal of delivering safe and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos, highlighting key synergies and trade-offs.
	Panelist 1. Farmer's Group	
	Panelist 2. Socioeconomic Group	
	Panelist 3. Health/ Nutrition Group	
2:45 PM	HEALTH BREAK	
Technical Session 3. Multisectoral Response Towards Safe, and Affordable Healthy Diets for All Filipinos: Identifying Convergent and Collective Roles of Agencies		
3:00 PM	Topic 1. Reorienting agricultural programs towards safe and affordable healthy diets	This session highlights the role of various agencies in delivering safe, and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos as evidenced through projects, programs and/or policies.
3:30 PM	Topic 2. Ensuring everyone's access to safe, and affordable healthy diets: The role of the food industry.	
4:00 PM	Topic 3. Quezon City leads the way: Adopting Policy on healthy public procurement.	
4:30 PM	Topic 4. Inside the Philippine public hospitals: Quality of inpatient meals and nutrition and dietetics service processes.	
5:30 PM	PSND Organizational Meeting and Fellowship	
6:30 PM	Business and Networking Meeting	

DAY 2. 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 (WEDNESDAY)

Time	Activity/ Tentative Session Title	Activity/ Session Aims
7:00 AM	Welcome and Exhibits	
8:00 AM	Recapitulation of Day 1	
8:15 AM	<i>Introduction of the Plenary Speaker</i>	
	Plenary Talk	The plenary speaker presents the Planetary Health Diet (PHD) and argues on its potential to transforming the food system to deliver safe, and affordable healthy diets for all Filipinos.
	The Planetary Health Diet as a potential pathway to transforming the Philippine Food System	
Technical Session 4. Nutrition for Resilience: Nutrition for Resilience: Adopting innovative approaches to achieving safe, and affordable healthy diets.		
9:00 AM	Topic 1. Ensuring safe and affordable healthy diets in the first 1000 days through the <i>Tutok Kainan</i> Program	This session presents specific approaches to achieving safe, and affordable healthy diets, highlighting the importance of resilience to food systems in crisis.
9:30 AM	Topic 2. Exploring the contribution of nixtamalized Corn to safe, and affordable healthy Filipino diets	
10:00 AM	Topic 3. Golden Rice for Safe and Affordable Healthy Diets	
10:30 AM	Topic 4. Climate Smart Agriculture and the role of collaboration	
11:00 AM	SYNTHESIS	
11:15 AM	Technical Session 5: The Florentino S. Solon Memorial Lecture	
	Speaker:	
	Reactors:	
	Moderator: NCP	
12:15NN	Luncheon Symposium	
	Hydration, Nutrition and Wellness	
DAY 2 AFTERNOON SESSION		
Technical Session 6: ND Delivers: Communicating Science to Solicit Actions		
1:30 PM	Topic 1. What are Safe, and Affordable Healthy Diets?	This session responds to the question, "how can we use different platforms and our influence to deliver the urgency of our call to all Filipinos?".
2:00 PM	Topic 2. Reaching the unreached: Using regional-level metrics to describe affordable healthy diets.	
2:30 PM	Topic 3. How can the Workplace contribute to better access to safe, and affordable healthy diets?	
3:00 PM	HEALTH BREAK	

Technical Session 7: ND Inspires: Paving the Way for the Next Generation of ND Leaders		
3:20 PM	Topic 1. Ethical standards and moral principles of a ND Research and Practitioner	This session aims to inspire ND professionals and partners in upholding the high standards of the profession and service, as they continue to respond to challenges in achieving food and nutrition security.
3:50 PM	Topic 2. Presenting the PSND Awards in recognition of individuals who demonstrate exemplary contribution in advancing the ND profession and achieving food and nutrition security for all Filipinos.	
Closing Ceremony		
4:20 PM	Synthesis and Plan of Action: <i>Our Food Systems in crisis: An Urgent Call for Multi-Sectoral Response Towards Safe, and Affordable Healthy Diets for All Filipinos</i>	
	Acknowledgements	
	Closing Remarks	
5:00 PM	End of Day 2	

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OUR FOOD SYSTEMS IN CRISIS:

An Urgent Call for Multi-Sectoral Response Towards Safe and Affordable Healthy Diets for All Filipinos

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

STEP 1: Pay the registration fee of **Php 6,500.00*** via Metrobank **on or before August 31, 2023.**

***Early birds** are entitled of waived membership fee (**Php 6,000.00**). **Registration for early birds** is until **July 15, 2023.**

Inclusions:

Inclusive of:

- Free 1-year membership & certificate
- 2-day convention pass with CPD units
- 5-day Micronutrient Forum (International) virtual pass
- Certificate of Attendance

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STEP 2: Fill up the registration form, which can be found using this link: <https://bit.ly/2023PSNDInc-ConReg> or through the official 2022 PSND convention QR code.



ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

- ! Make sure to upload in the registration form a scanned copy or screenshot of your **proof of payment** or **formal invitation letter** (for honorable guests).
- ! Ensure that a **valid mobile number and email address** will be used in completing the registration procedure. You will receive updates from PSND, Inc. using these contact details.
- ! Kindly wait for a **confirmation email** and expect to receive it within **24-48 hours.**