



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

March 11, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CLMD-2024- **157**

**PARTICIPATION TO THE 2024 PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE
(PSC) MEETING OF THE BETTER LIFE PROJECT**

To: OIC-Chief, CLMD
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the official communication from the Director and Representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), through the National Project Officer, received by this Office on March 6, 2024 requesting participation from this Office during the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of the Better Life Project on March 20, 2024 at the Seda BGC Hotel, Taguig City, Manila, the following DepEd Region VIII official and personnel shall attend as scheduled, to wit:

- (a) DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV, Regional Director; and
- (b) DR. ALFREDO P. CAFÉ, EPS, Regional ALS Focal Person.

2. There is **no registration fee**. The participants' airfare, board, and lodging expenses during the event will be shouldered by the UNESCO, while land trips and other expenses relative to this activity which are not covered by the organizer shall be charged against the downloaded Alternative Learning System (ALS) Program Support Funds at the Regional Office, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

3. All other details are stipulated in the aforementioned communication from the UNESCO.

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

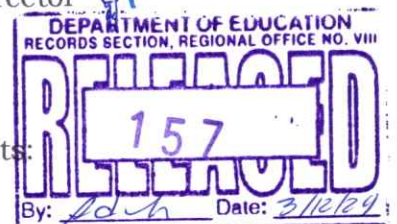

EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV
Regional Director

Enclosures: None

References: As stated

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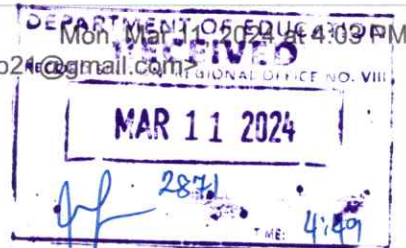


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Fwd: Invitation to the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting, 20 March 2024, SEDA Hotel, Taguig City

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Dear RD Evelyn Fetalvero,

Greetings from UNESCO!

On behalf of Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa, Director and Representative of UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Jakarta and Head of Education Unit, Dr. Mee Young Choi, we are respectfully inviting you to the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of the Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines Project, a UNESCO-DepEd-Cooperation Project on 20 March 2024 to be held in SEDA Hotel in BGC, Taguig City in Metro Manila.

Along this invitation to you, we would like also to invite your ALS Regional Focal Person, Dr. Alfredo P. Café to the PSC Meeting. We are providing you as attached, the copy of the concept note and the meeting agenda for your reference and perusal.

We will further send you the Travel Statement relative to this activity for you to accomplish for UNESCO to facilitate your travel to Manila and return to attend the PSC meeting from Region VIII. We would like to get your confirmation of your attendance to the PSC meeting the soonest possible time upon acknowledging this invitation. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA

PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING

"Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines"

20 March 2024 | 15:00 – 18:00

Seda BGC Hotel (TBC), Taguig City, Metro Manila, The Philippines

BACKGROUND

UNESCO supports the Department of Education of the Philippines (DepEd) in implementing the National Alternative Learning System (ALS) Programme through the "Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Poverty and Injustice Project in the Philippines" with a generous financial support from the Government of Republic of Korea through the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). This Project contributes to the improvement of the quality of life for girls living in poverty, especially out-of-school girls registered in the National ALS Programme for the continuity of learning opportunities and the future job opportunities.

As part of the Project Workplan, the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting will be held on 20 March 2024 in Manila with the three PSC Co-Chairs consisting of representatives from UNESCO, DepEd and KOICA for overall guidance to ensure the project field implementation on track with all targets in 2024.

OBJECTIVES

- Report on the follow-ups from the last Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting.
- Update on the Project Progress during 31 August 2023 -20 March 2024
- Solicit the PSC Members' inputs and guidance on issues/challenges that have emerged from the project's field activities.

DATE & VENUE

- Date and time: 20 March 2024 | 15:00 – 17:00
- Venue: Seda BGC Hotel (TBC), Metro Manila, Philippines.

PARTICIPANTS

- 1) Co-chairs of the Project Steering Committee:
 - Mr. Kim Eunsub, Country Director, KOICA Philippines Office
 - Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa, Director, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office Jakarta.
 - Mr. Janir T. Datukan, Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching for Education Assessment and Alternative Education, Department of Education
- 2) Officials from DepEd Central Office, DepE-R8, KOICA Philippines Office, Project Team of UNESCO Multisectoral Office.

MEETING AGENDA

Time	Agenda	
15:00 – 15:30	Arrival and Registration	
Session 1: Opening and Remarks		
15:30 – 16:00	Welcome remarks	Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa , Director and Representative, UNESCO
	Key remarks	Mr. Kim Eunsub , Country Director, KOICA Philippines Office
	Opening remarks	Mr. Janir T. Datukan , Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching for Education Assessment and Alternative Education, Department of Education
	Group Photo	
Session 2: Last Meeting Minutes' Checks and Follow-Ups		
16:00 – 17:00	Check and Follow-up of Last PSC Meeting Minutes	Mr. Remegio A. Alquitran , National Project Officer for Education, UNESCO
	Q&A	
	Coffee Break	
Session 3: Project Challenges and Action in Need		
17:00 – 17:40	Progress Report	Dr. Mee Young Choi , Head of Education Unit, UNESCO
	Q&A	
	Actions in Need	
Session 4: Closing		
17:40 – 18:00	Closing remarks	Mr. Janir T. Datukan , Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching for Education Assessment and Alternative Education, Department of Education
	Closing remarks	Mr. Kim Eunsub , Country Director, KOICA Philippine Office
	Closing remarks	Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa , Director, UNESCO
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner	

MC: Ms. Nikka Mae Loreto, National Project Coordinator, UNESCO

CONTACT PERSON: Mr. Remegio A. Alquitran, National Project Officer: r.alquitran@unesco.org

ANNEX 1 - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

No.	Name	Position
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1	Dr. Janir T. Datukan	Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching for Education Assessment and Alternative Education
2	Dr. Marillete Almayda	Director, Bureau of Alternative Education
3	Dr. Margarita Ballesteros	Director, International Cooperation Office (ICO)
4	Dr. Susana Santiago	Director, Project Management Service-OD
5	Dr. Lynn Padillo	Director, Alternative Learning System (ALS)
6	Dr. Evelyn Fetalvero	Regional Director, DepEd Region VIII
7	Mr. Alfredo Cafe	Regional ALS Focal Person, CLMD, DepEd R8
8	Mr. Erwin Yumping	Project Development Officer V, PMD
9	Ms. Davedinah Cometa	Project Development Officer, EPPS/ICO
10	Ms. Jeremae Cervancia	Project Management Service-PMD
11	Mr. Andrew A. Villarba	Chief Education Programme Specialist, BAE
12	Ms. Kristine Lee S. Lumanog	Education Programme Specialist, BAE
KOICA COUNTRY OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES		
13	Mr. KIM Eunsub	Country Director
14	Ms. LEE Ahrum	Assistant Country Director
15	Ms. MIN Soyeong	Program Manager
16	Ms. Andrea Conopio	Programme Officer
UNESCO OFFICE, JAKARTA		
17	Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa	Director and Representative
18	Dr. Mee Young Choi	Head of Education Unit
19	Mr. Remegio A. Alquitran	National Project Officer
20	Ms. Nikka Mae Loreto	National Project Coordinator
21	Mrs. Ade Ayu Kurnia	Project Assistant

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