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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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September 10, 2026

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INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT INNOVATION SUMMIT (IAIS) 2026

Attached is a letter invitation from Northern Bukidnon State College (NBSC).

In support of the Department of Education's commitment to delivering quality, accessible, and liberating basic education, the NBSC will host the International Assessment Innovation Summit (IAIS) 2026, to be held virtually via Zoom on October 12-13, 2026.

Anchored on the theme "Reimagining Assessment Beyond Boundaries", the summit is aimed to bridge the gap between traditional evaluation methods and 21st century educational demands.

Target participants of the activity are Schools Division Office personnel, School Heads, and teachers.

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*.

More information may be inquired from:

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Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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Request for DepEd Advisory and Dissemination: International Assessment Innovation Summit (IAIS) 2026

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NBSC Assessment Summit <assessmentsummit@nbsc.edu.ph>

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Greetings of peace and wellness from Northern Bukidnon State College (NBSC)!

As the landscape of basic education continuously evolves to meet the demands of a fast-paced, digital world, equipping our teachers and school leaders with innovative strategies for measuring and nurturing student learning is more crucial than ever. In support of the Department of Education's commitment to delivering quality, accessible, and liberating basic education, NBSC is proud to host the **International Assessment Innovation Summit (IAIS) 2026**, held virtually via Zoom on **October 12–13, 2026**.

Anchored on the theme **#ReimaginingAssessmentBeyondBoundaries**, the summit is designed to bridge the gap between traditional evaluation methods and 21st-century educational demands.

To maximize the impact of this professional development initiative for our educators, we humbly request your good office for an **Official DepEd Advisory or Endorsement** of the IAIS 2026. Furthermore, we kindly seek your assistance in disseminating our invitation and call for abstracts to the Schools Division Offices (SDOs), school heads, and teachers within your jurisdiction.

Why DepEd Teachers and Leaders Should Join: IAIS 2026 provides a highly relevant platform for basic education professionals. We are accepting abstract submissions not just for empirical **Research Works**, but specifically for **Transformative Best Practices** in the classroom. This is an excellent opportunity for DepEd teachers to showcase their personal narratives and documented successes in operationalizing the triad of evaluation: *Assessment of Learning, Assessment for Learning, and Assessment as Learning*.

The event will also feature masterclasses from leading global voices in educational transformation, including:

- **Dr. Amelia T. Buan** (MSU-IIT, Philippines)
- **Dr. Jerome A. Ouano** (De La Salle University, Philippines)
- **Associate Professor Francis Ben** (Tabor College, Australia)
- **Dr. Ir. Utomo Budiyo** (Universitas Budi Luhur, Indonesia)

Updated Summit Timeline:

- **Deadline for Abstract Submissions:** August 30, 2026
- **Issuance of Notice of Acceptance:** September 5, 2026
- **Deadline for Registration & Payment:** September 10, 2026
- **Virtual Summit Dates:** October 12–13, 2026

We have attached the formal concept note, official event poster, and detailed submission guidelines for your perusal. We are fully prepared to submit any additional documentation required to facilitate the issuance of a DepEd Advisory.

We firmly believe that with your office's endorsement, we can foster a highly collaborative environment that will empower our teachers with the skills and foresight necessary to sustain the holistic development of the Filipino learner.

Thank you for your time, enduring support, and visionary leadership in shaping the future of our youth. We look forward to a favorable response from your esteemed office.

In the spirit of innovation and development,



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CALL FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION and PRE-REGISTRATION (EXTENDED)

Submission Guidelines

All abstracts must be submitted via the official online submission portal.

- Language: **English**
- Word Count: **Maximum 250 words** (excluding title, affiliations, and keywords).
- Format: **Word Document (.doc or .docx)**.
- Originality: **Abstracts must be original work.**
- Structure: *The abstract must contain the following to be eligible for the best presentation or best assessment innovation awards:*
Introduction/Background, Purpose/Objectives, Methodology, Results/Findings, Conclusions, and Implications.

Submit your Abstract here: <https://forms.gle/nfX3AABSpPN3Jo9LA>



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Deadline for the submission of Abstracts: **August 20, 2026**

Notice of Acceptance: **August 15, 2026**

Deadline for Registration: **September 10, 2026**

Submission Categories

Authors must select one of the following categories for their submission:

- **Research Work:** Focuses on empirical studies, theoretical frameworks, or systematic reviews.
- **Best Practices:** Focuses on innovative assessment, strategies, institutional policies, or community-based interventions that have demonstrated success in assessing what truly matters.

Summit Themes

1. Assessment in the Post-AI Era

- Cognitive Offloading: Research on how AI tools change the way students process and retain information.
- Proctored vs. Authentic: Comparative studies on traditional testing versus project-based assessment in a digital world.
- AI-Enhanced Feedback: The effectiveness of immediate, AI-generated formative feedback on student learning outcomes.

2. The Future of Institutional Quality Assurance

- Redefining Excellence: New metrics for academic success beyond standardized test scores.
- Micro-credentials & Stackable Degrees: Validating niche skills and their impact on graduate employability in the 2026 job market.
- Data-Informed Policy: Using predictive analytics to identify at-risk students before assessment failures occur.

3. Universal Design & Inclusive Innovation

- Equitable Access: Assessing the digital divide in regional education and innovative ways to bridge it.
- Diversity in Assessment: Designing flexible assessment tools that accommodate diverse learning styles and cognitive profiles.

4. Classroom Innovation Spotlights

- The Hybrid Classroom: Successful models for balancing synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- Gamified Assessments: Showcasing the use of game mechanics to increase student engagement in testing.

5. Other Institutional, Classroom, or Student-Initiated Innovations

- e.g. Gamified Assessments, Peer-to-peer assessment, Assessing self-regulated learning, Best practices for a holistic "final exam, Inclusive assessment of differentiated outputs, etc.

The International Assessment Innovation Summit 2026

#ReimaginingAssessmentBeyondBoundaries



IAIS 2026 is a forward-looking forum designed to bridge the gap between traditional educational structures and the rapidly evolving technological and professional landscape.

Check here for more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570790851531>

Date: **October 12-13, 2026**

Platform: **Virtual via Zoom**

Registration Details

- Registration Fee: Local: **₱850.00**; International: **\$15.00**
- Last day of Registration: **September 10, 2026**

FOR PRESENTERS

Your registration will be sent to you together with the Notice of Acceptance. Please note that your abstract needs to align to the themes for both research works and best practices categories to be accepted and eligible for the Best Presentation (Sharing of Research Works) and Best Innovation (Sharing of Best Practices) Awards.

FOR NON-PRESENTERS

You may register through this link:

<https://forms.gle/q78Z5TYjSz1BEoQS6>

Or scan this QR Code:





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PASUC ADVISORY NO. 123, s. 2026

For : All SUC Presidents/Heads

From : Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo
President

Subject : **THE INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT INNOVATION SUMMIT
(IAIS 2026)**

Date : June 15, 2026

This is to endorse the International Assessment Innovation Summit (IAIS 2026), organized by Northern Bukidnon State College (NBSC). With the theme "*Reimagining Assessment Beyond Boundaries*," the event will be held on August 6-7, 2026, and will be conducted fully online via Zoom.

IAIS 2026 serves as a laboratory for advancing the shift from traditional proctored testing to Authentic and Competency-Based Evaluation. It seeks to modernize the technical "engine room" of education—particularly psychometric design and validation—while ensuring that innovation remains inclusive and responsive to evolving workforce demands. The summit is expected to generate a robust body of scientific research, policy frameworks, and practical toolkits that support evidence-based educational reform. Its primary objective is to move beyond merely certifying past knowledge toward assessing and predicting a learner's capacity for lifelong learning. This includes validating new instruments that measure "human-plus-AI" competencies and establishing a national benchmarking network to strengthen institutional quality, performance, and accountability.

The organizers have extended the deadline for abstract submissions until June 30, 2026, through the link: <https://forms.gle/nfX3AABSpPN3Jo9LA>. Other interested participants may pre-register via <https://forms.gle/q78Z5TYjSz1BEoQS6>. To access full event details, participants may also visit the event's official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570790851531>

For your reference and guidance, the event briefer is enclosed. For further inquiries, your office may contact Mr. Reynan Salo, IAIS Secretariat, via email at assessmentsummit@nbsc.edu.ph or through mobile number at 0976-164-9695.

TIRSO A. RONQUILLO, ASEAN Eng.
President

Provisional Program

DAY 1

8:30-9:00	(Zoom Registration)
9:00-9:30	(Preliminaries and Advertisements)
9:30-9:40	(Welcome Address)
9:40-9:50	(Rationale)
9:50-10:00	(Introduction of the 1st Keynote Speaker)
10:00-11:00	(1st Keynote Session)
11:00-11:25	(Q&A)
11:25-11:30	(Awarding of Certificate to the 1st Keynote Speaker)
11:30-1:00	(Lunch Break)
1:00-1:10	(Introduction of the 2nd Keynote Speaker)
1:10-2:10	(2nd Keynote Session)
2:10-2:25	(Q&A)
2:25-2:30	(Awarding of Certificate to the 2nd Keynote Speaker)
2:30-4:00	(Breakout Room)

DAY 2

8:30-9:00	(Zoom Registration)
9:00-9:10	(Introduction of the 3rd Keynote Speaker)
9:10-10:10	(3rd Keynote Session)
10:10-10:25	(Q&A)
10:25-10:30	(Awarding of Certificate to the 3rd Keynote Speaker)
10:30-12:00	(Breakout Rooms)
12:00-1:00	(Lunch Break)
1:00-3:30	(Breakout Rooms)
3:30-4:30	(Plenary Session and Closing)
	Giving of Certificates
	Awards Giving
	Closing Message
	Monitoring and Evaluation

Masters of Ceremony:

1. Ms. Jecel Esmao
2. Mr. Franklin Gutang
3. Ms. Grace Bucio

Choir for the Prayer and Pambansang Awit: NBSC Singers

The International
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MEMORANDUM FROM THE DIRECTOR IV

No. 166, Series of 2026

TO : Presidents/Heads
Higher Education Institutions
Region 10

SUBJECT : INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT INNOVATION SUMMIT 2026

DATE : July 07, 2026

This Office endorses the **International Assessment Innovation Summit (IAIS) 2026**, organized by the **Northern Bukidnon State College (NBSC)**. The virtual summit will be held on August 6-7, 2026.

Under the mantra **#ReimaginingAssessmentBeyondBoundaries**, this virtual summit serves as a proactive response to the **"AI Maturity Phase"** in global education. As Artificial Intelligence becomes deeply integrated into academic life, IAIS 2026 provides a critical laboratory for shifting from traditional proctored testing toward **Authentic and Competency-Based Evaluation**.

The IAIS 2026 is strategically designed to address both national mandates and global imperatives:

- **National Alignment:** It operationalizes the CHED 2025 Policy Directives to rethink assessment models in response to AI and fulfills the mandates of the Philippine Innovation Act (RA 11293) and AmBisyon Natin 2040.
- **Future-Proofing:** It supports the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 goal of achieving "Future-Ready Education."
- **Global Impact:** The summit is firmly grounded in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, specifically SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 9 (Industry and Innovation), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships).
- **Ethical Integrity:** All virtual proceedings and data-informed policies strictly adhere to the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173) to ensure the highest standards of participant protection.

For queries, please feel free to contact the Secretariat at +63 962 814 3796 or assessmentsummit@nbsc.edu.ph.

Wide dissemination of this memorandum is hereby enjoined for your information, reference, and participation.


DR. LEO D. CAMPOSANO, CESE
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Office of the Director IV

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The International Assessment Innovation Summit 2026

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REDEFINING THE FUTURE OF ASSESSMENT WELCOMING **DR. FRANCIS BEN** TO IAIS2026

The International Assessment and Innovation Summit (IAIS) 2026 proudly introduces Associate Professor Francis Ben, a world-class academic, engineer, and measurement specialist from Tabor College in Adelaide, Australia, as a Keynote Speaker. Standing at the cutting edge of educational evaluation, Dr. Ben brings an exceptional multi-disciplinary background spanning engineering, physics, and advanced educational measurement. As the Deputy Director for the Research Centre for Teachers and Teaching, his internationally recognized work focuses on psychometric measurement, technology integration, and validating how complex learning environments influence student development. Dr. Ben's sophisticated research—particularly his utilization of advanced Rasch modeling to re-examine the structural utility of classroom evaluation tools—makes him a defining global voice in the technical "engine room" of assessment.

IAIS 2026 is honored to invite Dr. Ben to share his insights on how to innovate and advance educational assessments to sustain holistic development among learners in the fast-paced, VUCAD2 (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous, Diverse, and Disruptive) World. Moving the conversation from individual classrooms to

the macro-level of academic institutions, his session will provide university leaders, administrators, and policymakers with the strategic blueprints needed to translate empirical data and learning analytics into sustainable institutional policies, ensuring our educational structures remain robust, highly accountable, and resilient against rapid digital disruptions.



The International Assessment Innovation Summit 2026

#ReimaginingAssessmentBeyondBoundaries



REDEFINING THE FUTURE OF ASSESSMENT WELCOMING **DR. JEROME A. OUANO** TO IAIS2026

We are thrilled to announce Dr. Jerome A. Ouano as a distinguished speaker for the International Assessment Innovation Summit 2026 (IAIS2026).

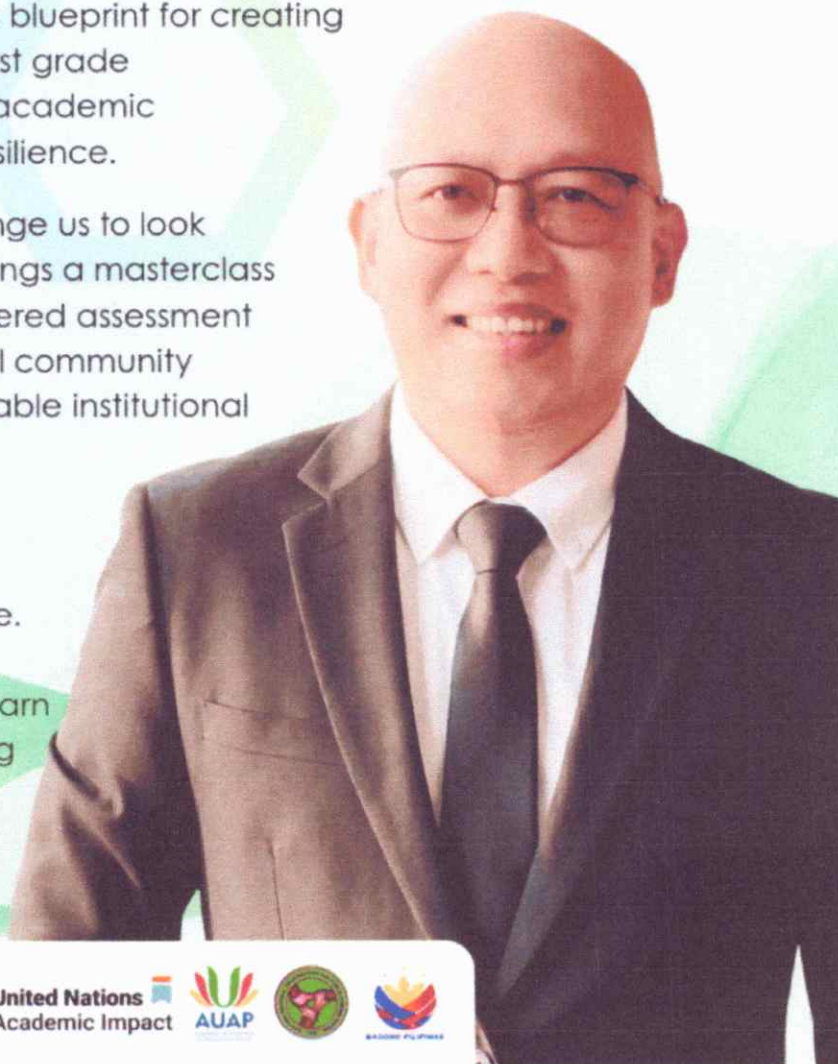
As institutions globally navigate the changing landscape of education and human development, assessment is no longer just about measurement—it is a catalyst for innovation and growth. Dr. Ouano stands at the very forefront of this evolution. A faculty member and the Graduate Program Coordinator for the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology at De La Salle University, Manila, his work bridges the gap between scientific measurement and human motivation.

Dr. Ouano's research fundamentally reshapes how we view the assessment ecosystem. By examining how evaluation, academic anxiety, and emotional well-being intersect, his insights offer a blueprint for creating assessment systems that do not just grade performance, but actively foster academic persistence and psychological resilience.

At IAIS2026, Dr. Ouano will challenge us to look beyond traditional metrics. He brings a masterclass in designing holistic, human-centered assessment frameworks that drive meaningful community innovation and sustainable institutional progress.

Get ready to shift your paradigm on what evaluation can achieve.

Join us this August to learn from one of the leading voices in educational transformation.



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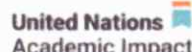
REDEFINING THE FUTURE OF ASSESSMENT WELCOMING **DR. AMELIA T. BUAN** TO IAIS2026

The International Assessment Innovation Summit (IAIS) 2026 proudly introduces Dr. Amelia T. Buan, an esteemed Professor, researcher, and educational technology trailblazer from Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), as a Keynote Speaker. Anchored on the summit's visionary mantra, #ReimaginingAssessmentBeyondBoundaries, Dr. Buan's pioneering research at the technical engine room of assessment design makes her a defining voice as we gather to navigate educational evaluation. Her foundational work in advanced psychometrics, computer-based test equating, and constructing validated instruments for collaborative problem-solving provides the essential framework for transitioning away from defensive AI-detection toward proactive, ethical AI-augmentation.

IAIS 2026 is particularly pleased to invite Dr. Buan to share her critical insights on AI and Assessments in Sustaining Improvements in Higher Education. As AI maturity shifts pedagogical paradigms, her session will guide educators globally on how to leverage automated systems and learning analytics to drive continuous institutional growth, upgrade technical evaluation standards, and safeguard the cognitive profiles of learners within inclusive, digitally resilient environments.

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REDEFINING THE FUTURE OF ASSESSMENT WELCOMING **DR. IR. UTOMO BUDIYANTO, M.KOM., M.SC.** TO IAIS2026

The International Assessment and Innovation Summit (IAIS) 2026 is honored to feature Asst. Prof. Dr. Ir. Utomo Budiyanto, MKom, MSc. of Universitas Budi Luhur as a keynote speaker. A renowned specialist in Artificial Intelligence and adaptive computing, Dr. Budiyanto will present, "Generative AI for Future Education," an essential exploration of how cutting-edge generative tools are redefining the modern classroom. With a career dedicated to pioneering software solutions and advanced machine learning research, his insights are vital for navigating this rapidly evolving digital frontier. His expertise in building sophisticated digital systems positions him as a leading voice on how we can ethically and effectively integrate AI technologies into educational practice.

As AI continues to reshape academic landscapes, Dr. Budiyanto's session will delve into the practical applications and transformative potential of generative models in supporting both educators and learners. Attendees will gain actionable insights on leveraging these technologies to move beyond traditional methods, fostering a more adaptive and resilient learning environment. This session promises to be a cornerstone of the summit,

offering a concrete roadmap for educators ready to embrace the next era of smart pedagogy. We look forward to a vibrant exchange of ideas that will empower our academic community to lead with both wisdom and technical acumen. Join us as we bridge the gap between human potential and technological possibility—the future of education starts here.

