October 29, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1457 s. 2026

CONDUCT OF THE 2026 PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (PQF) ROADSHOWS AND SPEAKERS' BUREAU WORKSHOPS

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the Memoranda issued by Rafaelita M. Aldaba, PhD, Undersecretary for the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) Secretariat, Policy and Planning Service, and Education Center for AI Research, titled "Conduct of the 2026 Philippine Qualifications Framework Roadshows and Speakers' Bureau Workshops" dated August 19, 2026 and October 23, 2026, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), informs all concerned personnel of the conduct of the 2026 Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) Roadshow and Speakers' Bureau Workshop for Cluster III, which has been rescheduled to November 4-6, 2026, at Punta Villa Resort, Iloilo City.

2. The activity carries the theme, "Bridging Qualifications, Skills, and Lifelong Learning for a Better Philippines." It aims to:

a. Sustain and deepen stakeholder awareness and appreciation of the PQF as a national policy instrument;
b. Promote understanding and implementation readiness for Republic Act No. 12313, otherwise known as the Lifelong Learning Development Framework (LLDF) Act; and,
c. Strengthen inter-agency and multi-sectoral collaboration in support of PQF-related reforms across national and regional levels.

3. Travel expenses, including transportation and other incidental expenses of participants from the Department of Education (DepEd), shall be charged against the PQF downloaded funds. If the downloaded funds are insufficient, other available funds may be utilized, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Travel expenses of other regional participants, including representatives from DOLE, CHED, TESDA, PRC, DTI, DILG, and other invited stakeholders, shall be reimbursed upon submission of the required travel claims and supporting documents, including Official Receipts. Should the available funds be insufficient, participants from the concerned agencies may charge their expenses against their respective local funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

4. The participants to the activity are identified in this Memorandum. The Indicative On-Site Program Matrix is likewise attached hereto for the information, guidance, and reference of all concerned.

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

SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
Regional Director

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: DepEd Memorandum: Conduct of the 2026 Philippine Qualifications Framework Roadshows

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

LIFELONG LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK ROADSHOW
SPEAKERS' BUREAU WORKSHOPS

CLMD-ESF



Enclosure 1 of RM 1457, *s. 2026*

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2026 PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (PQF) ROADSHOW AND SPEAKERS' BUREAU WORKSHOP FOR CLUSTER III

Name	Position / Designation	Office / School
Salustiano T. Jimenez, CESO III	Regional Director	DepEd Regional Office 8
Marilyn B. Siao, CESO IV	Assistant Regional Director	DepEd Regional Office 8
Dr. Emmanuel P. Firmo Jr	EPS, CLMD	DepEd Regional Office 8
Dr. Manuel P. Albaño	SDS	SDO Baybay City
Dr. Gerry B. Ranes	EPS-CID	SDO Leyte
Dr. Victor D. Dumaguit	EPS-CID	SDO Southern Leyte
Richie C. Blasabas	EPS-CID	SDO Maasin City
Imelda A. Amodia	EPS-CID	SDO Ormoc City
Alex B. Rejuso	EPS-CID	SDO Northern Samar
Vinancio Albasin Jr.	Principal II	Sumoroy AIS, SDO Northern Samar
Rachel Peñalosa	Master Teacher I	San Jose NHS, SDO Tacloban City
Partner Agencies:		
Marites H. Dy	Senior LEO	Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
Karmela G. de la Sierra	LEO III / Regional Employment Focal	
Engr. Enrico C. Banario	Provincial Director	Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
Imelda C. Malatbalat	Provincial Director	
Emy Fe Palmares	Sr. TESD Specialist, Program Registration & Accreditation and Diploma Focal Person	
Renato T. Picaña, Ph.D.	Vocational School Administrator	
Engr. Nelly L. Labrada	Education Supervisor II	Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
Alma J. Genotiva	Chief Professional Regulation Officer	Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)
Sharon S. Matienzo	Professional Regulation Officer II	
Vicente G. Villacorte	Administrative Officer V	
Dioscoro A. Lumagbas	Chief Administrative Officer	
Dr. Elisa Ida-Chua	School Director, Asian Development Foundation College, Inc.	Industry Partner
Edenrisa Edwardine Ida Chua	Resident Manager, Hotel La Rica	Industry Partner
Dr. Ghubert Francisco	Owner, FarmFinity Resort and Ghrace Jhoy Technical and Vocational School	Industry Partner

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK SECRETARIAT, POLICY AND PLANNING SERVICE, AND EDUCATION CENTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH

MEMORANDUM
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TO : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **RAFAELITA M. ALDABA, PhD**
Undersecretary for Philippine Qualifications Framework Secretariat, Policy and Planning Service, and Education Center for AI Research

SUBJECT : **Conduct of the 2026 Philippine Qualifications Framework Roadshows**

DATE : 23 October 2026

Following the successful conduct of the 2025 PQF Roadshows, the Secretariat will conduct the 2026 PQF Roadshows to continue engaging stakeholders across the regions. The roadshows will feature discussions on recent PQF policy developments, including the updated PQF domains, level descriptors, and diagrams; developments in education, training, and workforce pathways; and the implementation of the Lifelong Learning Development Framework Act, among others.

On behalf of the PQF-NCC, the Secretariat cordially invites your office to participate in the **2026 PQF Roadshows**, which will proceed on the following revised schedules following their rescheduling:

Cluster	Participating Regions	Original Indicative Date	Revised Indicative Date
Cluster I (North Luzon Cluster)	Regions I, II, III, and CAR	November 11–13, 2026	November 18-20, 2026
Cluster III (Visayas Cluster)	Regions VI, VII, VIII, and NIR	October 28-30, 2026	November 4–6, 2026
Cluster IV (Zamboanga Peninsula and Northern Mindanao)	Regions IX, X, and BARMM	November 18-20, 2026	November 10-12, 2026
Cluster V (Eastern and Southern Mindanao)	Regions XI, XII, and CARAGA	December 02-04, 2026	No change

*Please note that the **2026 PQF Roadshow for Cluster II**, covering the National Capital Region (NCR) and Regions IV-A, IV-B, and V, was conducted on **12–14 October 2026**.*

The exact venue and other details will be announced through a separate advisory.

Further, please refer to this indicative program for your reference: https://tinyurl.com/PQF-Indicative-Program

For the target number of participants, please refer to '**Annex A**'. You may also register your participants on/or before the designated dates, through the following links:

Regional Cluster	Deadline	Registration Link
Cluster I	November 16, 2026	https://tinyurl.com/2026Cluster1
Cluster III	October 30, 2026	https://tinyurl.com/2026Cluster3
Cluster IV	November 6, 6026	https://tinyurl.com/2026Cluster4
Cluster V	November 27, 2026	https://tinyurl.com/2026Cluster5

For the Regional Directors, the Secretariat likewise requests your assistance in identifying the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and industry representatives to be invited to participate in the Roadshows, in accordance with the allocated slots for each region.

Administrative and Logistical Arrangements

Board and lodging will be provided for all participants for the full duration of the activity. Accommodation will cover two (2) nights, corresponding to the nights of Days 1 and 2. Meals and snacks will be provided from morning snacks of Day 1 through the afternoon snacks of Day 3.

Travel expenses of Resource persons shall be charged against PQF-NCC Funds while those of DepEd Central Office Participants shall be charged against respective Bureau/Office Funds.

DepEd Field Office personnel shall have their travel expenses covered through the downloaded to the respective Regional Offices, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Other regional participants, including those from DOLE, CHED, TESDA, PRC, DTI, DILG, and other invited stakeholders, shall reimburse their travel expenses by submitting prepared travel forms and documents, including Official Receipts. Reimbursements shall be directly paid to the participants through their bank accounts.

Your support and active participation in this initiative will contribute greatly to advancing the PQF's goals of enhancing qualifications recognition, mobility, and lifelong learning for all Filipinos.

Likewise, listed below are the DepEd focal persons for each region:

REGION	FOCAL
Cluster I	
I	**Oliver Gutierrez** region1@deped.gov.ph 0995-892-1777

REGION	FOCAL
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Cluster IV	
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Cluster V	
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XII	**Crisanto Bulado** region12@deped.gov.ph 0945-607-7822
CARAGA	**Celsa Cataluna** caraga@deped.gov.ph 0930-457-7216

For inquiries and further coordination, please contact **Dr. Samuel R. Soliven, Director, PQF Secretariat**, through pqf.secretariat@deped.gov.ph or **0917-124-4986**, or the respective **DepEd Regional Focal Persons** indicated above.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

ANNEX A

CLUSTER I Target number of participants

Category	Region I	Region II	Region III	CAR	Total
PQF Secretariat	-	-	-	-	**15**
Resource Persons	-	-	-	-	**8**
PQF-NCC Central Office Participants *(One representative per agency)*	-	-	-	-	**7**
DepEd ROs	4	4	4	4	16
DepEd SDOs*	8	8	8	8	32
DOLE ROs	2	2	2	2	8
DILG	2	2	2	2	8
DTI	2	2	2	2	8
TESDA	6	6	6	6	24
CHED	6	6	6	6	24
PRC	6	6	6	6	24
INDUSTRY	4	4	4	4	16
TOTAL	**40**	**40**	**40**	**40**	**190**

**DepEd SDO representatives including SDS, CID Chief, PSDS, and SHS Principal*

CLUSTER III Target number of participants

Category	Region VI	Region VII	Region VIII	NIR	Total
PQF Secretariat	-	-	-	-	**15**
Resource Persons	-	-	-	-	**8**
PQF-NCC Central Office Participants *(One representative per agency)*	-	-	-	-	**7**
DepEd ROs	4	4	4	5	**17**
DepEd SDOs*	5	5	5	6	**21**
DOLE ROs	2	2	2	2	**8**
DILG	2	2	2	2	**8**
DTI	2	2	2	2	**8**
TESDA	4	4	4	5	**17**
CHED	4	4	4	5	**17**

Category	Region VI	Region VII	Region VIII	NIR	Total
PRC	4	4	4	5	**17**
INDUSTRY	3	3	3	3	**12**
TOTAL	**30**	**30**	**30**	**35**	**155**

**DepEd SDO representatives including SDS, CID Chief, PSDS, and SHS Principal*

CLUSTER IV Target number of participants

Category	Region IX	Region X	BARMM**	Total
PQF Secretariat	-	-	-	**15**
Resource Persons	-	-	-	**8**
PQF-NCC Central Office Participants ***(One representative per agency)***	-	-	-	**7**
DepEd ROs	10	6	-	**16**
DepEd SDOs*	10	8	-	**18**
DOLE ROs	5	5	-	**10**
DILG	5	5	-	**10**
DTI	5	5	-	**10**
TESDA	7	7	-	**14**
CHED	7	7	-	**14**
PRC	7	7	-	**14**
Industry	4	5	-	**20**
TOTAL	**60**	**55**	**55**	**200**

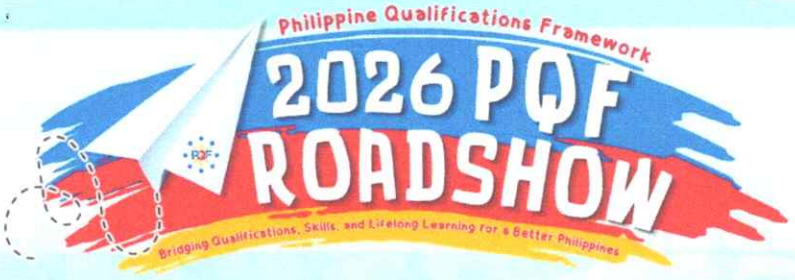
**DepEd SDO representatives including SDS, CID Chief, PSDS, and SHS Principal*
***BARMM is allocated a total of 55 participant slots and may determine the appropriate representatives to attend.*

CLUSTER V Target number of participants

Category	Region XI	Region XII	CARAGA	Total
PQF Secretariat	-	-	-	**15**
Resource Persons	-	-	-	**8**
PQF-NCC Central Office Participants *(One representative per agency)*	-	-	-	**7**
DepEd ROs	6	6	6	18
DepEd SDOs*	8	8	8	24
DOLE ROs	3	3	3	9
DILG	3	3	3	9
DTI	3	3	3	9
TESDA	6	6	6	18

Category	Region XI	Region XII	CARAGA	Total
CHED	6	6	6	18
PRC	6	6	6	18
INDUSTRY	4	4	4	12
TOTAL	**45**	**45**	**45**	**165**

**DepEd SDO representatives including SDS, CID Chief, PSDS, and SHS Principal*



2026 PQF Roadshow

Theme: Bridging Qualifications, Skills, and Lifelong Learning for a Better Philippines

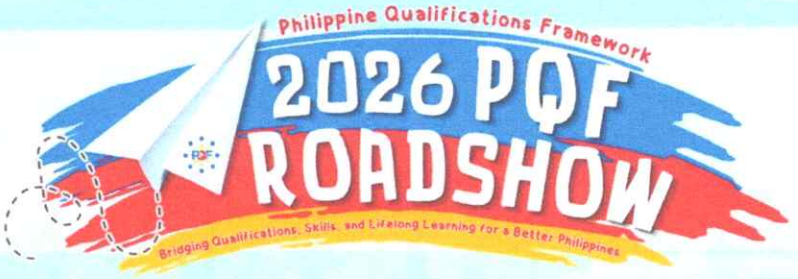
INDICATIVE ON-SITE PROGRAM FOR CLUSTER

Objectives:

- *Sustain and deepen stakeholder awareness and strategic appreciation of the PQF as a national policy instrument, shifting the focus from general advocacy toward promoting practical application of PQF principles across education, training, and employment systems;*
- *Promote understanding and implementation readiness for Republic Act No. 12313, or the Lifelong Learning Development Framework (LLDF) Act, emphasizing its role in strengthening lifelong learning ecosystems and expanding access to flexible learning pathways; and*
- *Strengthen inter-agency and multi-sector collaboration mechanisms to support the sustained institutionalization of PQF-related reforms across national and regional levels.*

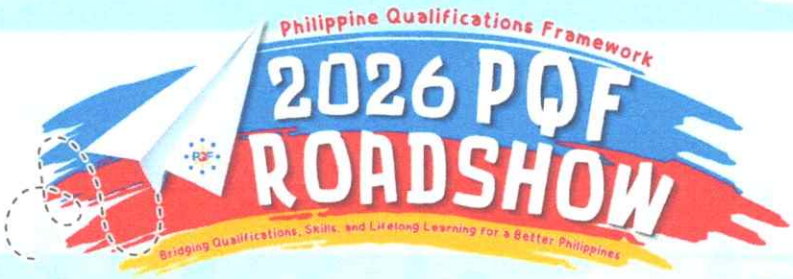
DAY 1		
Time	**Program Component**	**Remarks**
06:00AM-12:00PM	Travel time and Arrival at Venue	
	Set-up and Coordination	
	Check-in and Registration	
01:00 PM	Orientation and Levelling Off • Welcome Remarks • Program Orientation	% PQF Secretariat
05:00 PM	Dinner & Networking	
	End of Day 1 Program	

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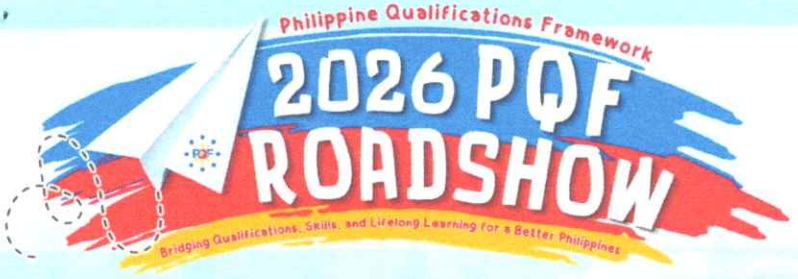
DAY 2		
Time	**Program Component**	**Remarks**
06:00-08:00 AM (2 hours)	**Breakfast** **Registration** **Pre-Test**	
08:30-08:50 AM (20 min)	**Program Preliminaries** • National Anthem • Invocation • Acknowledgement of Participants • Statement of Objectives	
08:50-09:05 AM (15 min)	**Welcome Remarks**	Regional Director
09:05-09:25 AM (20 min)	**Keynote Message**	**Sec. Sonny Angara** PQF-NCC Chairperson
09:25-09:30 AM (5 min)	**Photo Opportunity**	1. Photo of Officials 2. Group Photo of Officials with all participants
	Plenary Session 1 – Understanding the PQF	
09:30 – 09:55 AM (25 min)	**Talk: Connecting Qualifications, Skills, and the Labor Market**	**Usec. Rafaelita Aldaba** Undersecretary for PQF Secretariat, Policy and Planning Service, and ECAIR
09:55 – 10:20 AM (25 min)	**Talk: Understanding Qualifications Alignment in the PQF**	**Dir. Samuel Soliven** Director III, PQF-NCC Permanent Secretariat
10:20 – 10:25 AM (5 min)	**Coffee Break**	

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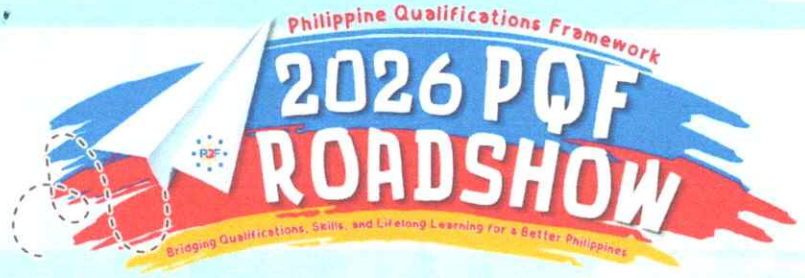
DAY 2		
Time	**Program Component**	**Remarks**
10:25 – 10:50 AM (25 min)	**Talk: TESDA Pathways: Training Regulations, Micro-credentials and Ladderized Education**	**Ms. Yasmin Pimentel** Senior TESD Specialist, Qualifications and Standards Office
10:50 – 11:25 AM (25 min)	**Talk: CHED Pathways: Program Standards, Micro-credentials, and the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program**	**Ms. Cristina Rotairo** Office of Programs and Standards Development
11:25 – 11:55 AM (25 min)	**Plenary Q&A with Session Speakers**	
11:55 – 12:00 PM (5 min)	**Awarding of Certificates for Resource Persons**	
12:00 - 01:00 PM	**Lunch Break**	
01:00-01:10 PM (10 min)	**Pulse Check**	
Plenary Session 2 – Learning Pathways and Industry Opportunities		
01:10 – 01:35 PM (25 min)	**Talk: Enabling Learning Mobility through the Philippine Credit Transfer System**	**Dir. Aline Magalong** Higher Education Development Fund, CHED
01:35 – 01:55 PM (25 min)	**Talk: Strengthened Senior High School Curriculum: Preparing Learners for Work and Further Learning**	**Ms. Maricel Cariño** Senior Education Program Specialist, Bureau of Curriculum Development
01:55-02:05 PM (10 min)	**Coffee Break**	
02:05 – 02:30 PM (25 min)	**Talk: Preparing Learners for Skills and Careers in the IT-BPM Industry**	**Ms. Celeste Ilagan**

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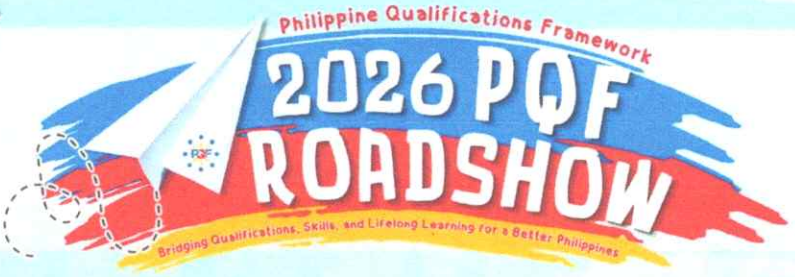
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Time	**Program Component**	**Remarks**
		Industry Sector Representative, PQF-NCC
02:30 – 02:55 PM (25 min)	**Talk: Preparing Learners for Skills and Careers in the Manufacturing Industry**	**Mr. Roberto Batungbacal** Economic Sector Representative, PQF-NCC
02:55 – 03:20 PM (25 min)	**Talk:** Preparing Learners for Skills and Careers in the Electronics and Semiconductors Industry	**Dr. Dan Lachica (Pre-Recorded Video)** President, SEIPI
03:20 – 04:10 PM (50 min)	**Plenary Q&A with Session Speakers**	
04:10 – 04:15 PM (5 min)	**Awarding of Certificates for Resource Persons**	
04:15 – 04:50 PM	*Program Flex Block*	
04:50 – 05:00 PM (10 min)	**Synthesis and Closing Remarks**	**Dir. Samuel Soliven**
05:00 PM	Dinner and Networking	
	End of Day 2 Program	

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DAY 3		
Time	**Program Component**	**Remarks**
06:00-08:00 AM	Breakfast	
	Registration	
Half-day	**Parallel Activity**: Senior High School Visit	*For the PQF Secretariat*
08:30-08:50 (20 min)	**Recap of Day 2**	
	Videos of Learning Cities (QC and Balanga)	
08:50 – 09:15 AM (25 min)	**Talk**: Lifelong Learning Linked with the PQF	**Dir. Justine Veron Requejo** Director III, Early Childhood Care and Development Task Force
09:15-09:40 AM (25 min)	**Talk**: Experiences from a Learning City	**Learning City Representative**
09:40-10:05 AM (25 min)	**Talk**: Building a Learning Community - From Learning Cities to Learning Municipalities and Barangays	**Ms. Lindsay A. Barrientos** Deputy Executive Director, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines
10:05-10:45 AM (40 min)	**Plenary Q&A with Speakers**	
10:45-11:45 AM (1 hour)	**Consultative Workshop:** Integration of PQF and Lifelong Learning	**Ms. Marilyn M. Santos**
11:45-11:55 AM (10 min)	**Sharing of Outputs and Synthesis**	
11:55 – 12:00 PM	**Awarding Certificates for Resource Persons**	

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DAY 3		
Time	**Program Component**	**Remarks**
	Closing Remarks	**Usec. Rafaelita M. Aldaba**
	Post-Test and Program Evaluation	
12:00 PM	**Lunch**	
	End of Program	
	Departure from Host Venue	

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