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## NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

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Being the national focal agency on all disability concerns, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) promoted Disability Inclusive Development (DID) to "Make the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Real" in 2016. It also sustained its focus to achieve the goals of the "Philippine Decade of "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Support of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities".

In line with this, the NCDA made significant accomplishments that are most beneficial and contributory in the promoting the rights of persons with disabilities in the following areas:

- ✦ Policy Formulation and Program Development
- ✦ Capacity Building for Stakeholders and Partner Agencies
- ✦ Advocacy and
- ✦ International and Technical Cooperation

The attached document provides the details of the report.

Thank you.

  
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# NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2016

## I. INTRODUCTION

As the government's focal agency on disability, the **National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA)** had consistently led in promoting "Disability Inclusive Development" through policy formulation and program development to upscale engagement of Filipinos with disabilities in achieving their "inclusive growth" supportive of the DSWD Strategic Goals. It also sustained its focus to achieve the goals of the "Philippine Decade of "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Support of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities".

Specifically, the NCDA continued within the following eight (8) thrusts and direction strategies for FY 2016:

- a) Consult with stakeholders from the national to local level to establish local disability structures responsible for policy formulation and monitoring and evaluation;
- b) Hold capacity building of stakeholders to implement the "UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)" and other disability-related laws;
- c) Demonstrate/modelling of accessible facilities to promote barrier-free physical environment which includes transportation and information and communication services;
- d) Strengthen data base on disability for policy formulation and program development;
- e) Augment and assist in the setting up and monitoring of social enterprises and livelihood projects to generate employment for persons with disabilities;
- f) Coordinate, distribute and augment in the provision of assistive devices in partnership with concerned GOs, NGOs and POs to enhance opportunities of persons with disabilities to participate in nation building;
- g) Undertake research and development on disability to address gaps for effective program implementation; and
- h) Implement responsive human resource development program for NCDA personnel to effectively carry out their duties and responsibilities.

## II. HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In line with the mandate of the NCDA on policy formulation and advocacy, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of social protection policies, plans and programs, it had accomplished the following in 2016:

### A. Policy Formulation and Program Development

⇒ Passed and adopted six (6) policies by the Governing Board, as follows:

- Resolution No. 1 S/2016 – Clarification of “Disability due to Chronic Illness” and “Communication Disability” as disability categories in the issuance of PWD ID Card”
- Resolution No. 2 S/2016 - Adoption of the “Care-Able for Persons with Disabilities” project of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- Resolution No. 3 S/2016 – Requesting the Convening of the Technical Working Group on the Drafting of the IRR of RA No. 10754 and be finalized and approved by concerned agencies before the end of June 2016
- Resolution No. 4 S/2016 - Endorsing the proposed IRR of RA No. 10070 to Heads of all Concerned Agencies for Signature
- Resolution No. 5 S/2016 – Proposing a Joint Circular with the Department of Budget and Management and the National Council on Disability Affairs on Budget Allocation of Agencies for Persons with Disabilities based on the General Appropriations Act
- Resolution No. 6 S/2016 – Organize a Working Committee to Prepare for the 10<sup>th</sup> International Abilympics to be chaired by DSWD and co-chaired by the NCDA and TESDA



DSWD Undersecretary and NCDA Alternate Chairperson, Camilo G. Gudmalin (left) presided over the NCDA Board meeting. DOLE ECC Executive Director Stella Banawis (center) continued the deliberation of the Council Board. DSWD Director Thelsa Biolena (right) discussed the “Care-Able for Persons with Disabilities” project of DSWD.



DSWD Undersecretary Camilo G. Gudmalin (right photo in blue) presided over the Board Meeting. Photo also shows Actg. Exec. Dir. Carmen R. Zubiaga while giving updates on the disability-concerns to the members.

⇒ Finalized and published in two (2) newspapers of general circular and disseminated the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10070 “An Act Establishing an Institutional Mechanism to Ensure the Implementation of Programs and Services for Persons with Disabilities in Every Province, City and Municipality, amending RA No. 7277, otherwise known as the ‘Magna Carta for Disabled Persons,’ as amended, and For Other Purposes”. The IRR serves as a guide in the creation of Persons with Disability Affairs Office in the first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) class municipalities, cities and provinces and appointment of Focal Persons for the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>), fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) and sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) class municipalities.

⇒ Provided technical inputs and lobbied with the Office of Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, the principal author of the bill, Office of the President and PWD Sector in the crafting/passage of RA No. 10754 “An Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability which was signed into law by the former President Benigno S. Aquino III on March 23, 2016. The law grants persons with disabilities exemption from the 12-percent value-added tax (VAT) on certain goods and services.



Testimonial Dinner with Cong. Martin Romualdez at Annabel Resto on March 30, 2016.

As a member of the Drafting Committee on the Preparation of the IRR, the NCDA provided technical inputs in the crafting of the document, in partnership with the DSWD. The NCDA also provided fund augmentation and took charge of inviting the Disabled People’s Organizations and other stakeholders for the National Consultation on the IRR to get inputs/ recommendations to enhance the document,



DSWD Asst. Sec. Noel Macalalad (left photo) gave some backgrounder on the IRR formulation process for RA No. 10754. He also looked forward to the final approval and signing of the IRR by the concerned agencies. NCDA OIC/Acting Executive Director Carmen Zubiaga (right photo) thanked the participants for sharing their inputs to enhance the document and expressed NCDA’s full support for the effective implementation of the law.

The NCDA also expressed its commitment to implement the IRR being one of its signatories.



DSWD Secretary Judy M. Taguiwalo (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), DOH Undersecretary Gerardi Bayugo (right) and NCDA Exec. Dir. Carmen R. Zubiaga (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) signed the IRR of RA 10754. Witnessing the signing are principal authors of the law, former Rep. Martin Romualdez (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Sen. Sonny Angara (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), Cong. Yedda Romualdez (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Rep. Imelda Calixto-Robiano (center), DSWD Undersecretary Florita Villar (foremost right), and representatives of the PWD Sector.

- Partnered with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Civil Service Commission (CSC) and other concerned agencies in crafting and finalizing the IRR of RA No. 10524 “An Act Expanding the Positions reserved for Persons with Disability, amending for the purpose RA No. 7277, as amended, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability”. The NCDA shall consolidate and analyze the data on employed persons with disabilities from DOLE and CSC and maintain a database that is transparent and accessible to all persons with disabilities, among its role in the implementation of the Law.



DSWD Sec. Corazon Juliano Soliman (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) led in the signing the IRR of RA No. 10524 during the “Ceremonial Signing” held on June 17, 2016 during the recent Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cluster meeting in NEDA, Pasig City. Other officials in the photo are (from L-R) Usec Lilibeth David of DOH, Sec. Soliman, Asst. Comm. David Cabanog, Jr. of CSC, Ms. Dolores D. Soterio of NCDA and Dir. Ahmma Charisma Lobrin-Satumba of DOLE.

- Conducted “Program Assessment and Planning Workshop on Disability Inclusive Programs/Services for Persons with Disabilities” for the NCDA Board Members where the participants presented their 2015 accomplishments and crafted their 2017-2020 work and financial plans on disability-related programs/ activities/projects anchored on the Incheon Strategy.



The participants of the Program Assessment and Planning Workshop on Disability Inclusive Programs/ Services for Persons with Disabilities.

- Conducted the “Strategic Planning of the Sub-Committee on Policy Development and Legislation” participated by member government agencies of the sub-committee namely Senate, House of Representatives, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Philippine Commission on Women, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, focal persons of NCDA Sub-Committee and Organizations of Persons with Disabilities representing all sub-sectors of disability. It resulted to the identification of four (4) disability legislative agenda and six (6) priority legislations for the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress and beyond.



Mr. Erwin Vicman Lara (left) , Resource Person and Facilitator during the processing of Strategic plans and advocacy strategies for the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress and beyond. Right photo shows a group of participants while planning for legislative agenda and priority legislations for the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress specifically on Employment and Disability Inclusive Governance.



Director Carmen Zubiaga provided a synthesis of the 2-day Strategic Planning workshop including the legislative agenda and priority legislations for the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress and beyond.

Also engaged with the Council for the Welfare of Children in identifying proposed policy agenda on children’s rights during its “Forum on Setting the Agenda for Children’s Rights” for possible submission in the 17th Congress.