

- ✧ Developed five (5) Manuals on the following as tools for technical assistance: (1) Right to Work and Employment, (2) Access Audit, (3) Access to Justice, (4) Framework on Disability Inclusive Sports, and (5) Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health for Persons with Disabilities.
- ✧ Conducted the “District Accessibility Audit Conference” and spearheaded the creation of Accessibility Monitoring Council in District I Batangas City which covers eight (8) LGUs to enhance the promotion of accessibility law and to ensure its implementation.
- ✧ Conducted the “Regional Consultations on Building an Inclusive and Non-Handicapping Environment for Persons with Disabilities of RCDA12” to strengthen the seven (7) District Monitoring Teams.
- ✧ Coordinated and hosted the screening of 15 AFS-KL YES PWD high school student applicants resulting to three (3) PWD finalists to the one-year student exchange program in the United States for 2017-2018, aimed to foster cultural exchange and develop PWD youth scholars as leaders, rights advocates and competitive members of the society’s critical mass.
- ✧ Collaborated with the DOH and DSWD on capacitating focal persons of each of the municipalities of the province, presidents of the municipal Federation, PDAO Heads and other officers of their organizations in the province of Agusan del Norte and Tagbilaran City through the “Hands-on Training on the Utilization of the Philippine Registry for Persons with Disabilities”;



NCDA RPC Florida Labanon (left) and Ms. Lennie Arcilla (right) spearheaded the training on PRPWD in Agusan del Norte where the participants (center) had hands-on to familiarize themselves on the on-line registration.

- ✧ Established seven (7) Disability Sections in institutional libraries/resource centers in Dagupan City, Quezon City (Escopa 3, Lagro, Payatas and Galas), National Teachers College and Lagro High School in Quezon City with signed Memorandum of Agreement to sustain the educational campaign on disability inclusive development and provide ready-reference materials on disability-related concerns for researchers, students and other stakeholders.
- ✧ Conducted the “Seminar-Workshop on Inclusive Education” which was participated by members of the Sub-Committee on Education and stakeholders implementing the education program for students with disabilities on basic and inclusive education, technical vocational education and tertiary education. Distinguished resource persons were tapped to discuss their respective topics, such as the “Overview and Legal Foundation of Inclusive Education, “Inclusive Education Policies and Programs (Technical Vocational Education)”, “Models of Inclusive Education in Higher Education Institutions”, and “Curricular Accommodations and Modifications”.

- Partnered with the DICT on the conduct of the “2016 National IT Challenge” on July 29, 2016 at the DICT Office for 54 student contestants with different types of disabilities (deaf, visual disability, orthopedic and learning disabilities) from eleven (11) schools in Metro Manila participated. The four (4) young bets who were trained in E-Life, E-Tool, E-Design and E-Creation won three (3) gold and two (2) silver medals in the “Global IT Challenge (GITC) for Youth with Disabilities” held in Yangzhou, Jiangsu, China on November 22-25, 2016.



The Champions (from L-R): Rey Chabby Cabantug Estrera, Kahlil Atienza Guanco, Mark Christian Dapituan Evangelista and Nathaniel Edgard Quing Dimalanta.



NCDA Victory Welcome for the winning GITC Phil.Team, bagging 3 gold and 2 silver medals in the GITC.

- Engaged with a Steering Committee composed of the DOH, DepEd, Philhealth, United Nations Children’s Fund, Physicians for Peace Philippines, Dela Salle Health Science Institute, University of Sto. Tomas, Philippine Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics on improving access to assistive technology and rehabilitation for children with disabilities.
- Partnered with the DOH and other DPOs on the conduct of the DOH “Workshop on Eligibility on Issuance of PWD ID” held on May 26-27, 2016 in Ciudad Christia Resort, San Mateo, Rizal. The pre-testing of the tool on “Criteria for Determining Eligibility for the Issuance of the PWD ID” was held last May 26-27, 2016 at the Ciudad Christia Resort, San Mateo, Rizal. Engagement with the DOH was also done regarding the DOH’s Health and Wellness Program for Persons with Disabilities

C. Advocacy

- Conducted year-round disability events and observances of the following celebrations, namely; (1) Autism Consciousness Week, January 23-31; (2) Women with Disabilities Day - March 23; (3) World Autism Awareness Day – April 6; (4) Freedom Walk of Persons with Disabilities – June 12; (5) 38th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week - July 17-23; (6) 27th White Cane Safety Day – August 1; (7) 13th Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week- September 16-22; (8) World Tourism Day (September 27); (9) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Awareness Week – October 18-23; (10) Deaf Awareness Week – November 10-16; and (11) International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 2.



Human Formation of Accessibility Law in Greenhills Shopping Center held on July 17, 2016 in celebration of the NDPR Week

38th NDPR Week Celebration's Policy Forum on Children with Disabilities on July 22, 2016 with NCDA IECD Chief, Rizalio Sanchez, DSWD Asst. Secretary Ma. Lourdes Turalde and CWC Director Patricia Luna .



Skills Demo of nine (9) past International Abilympics champions which was graced by Ms. Maite Ortigas of the Ortigas & Company and Abilympics Phils.



August 1 in celebration of White Cane Safety Day, with Capt.Oscar Taleon during the White Cane Safety Day at DepEd Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Pasig City.



NCDA Actg Exec. Dir/OIC. Carmen Zubiaga and IECD Chief Mr. Rizalio R. Sanchez congratulate Mr. Joey Eriga de Leon for winning the gold medal in the Boccia Tournament during the 2016 CPAP Week Celebration.



DOT Asst. Secretary Daniel Mercado and Dir. Rica Bueno led the giving of distinction awards to disabled-friendly establishments held on September 27, 2016 at Diamond Hotel.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities Day celebration held at the Quezon City Hall on December 2, 2016

The NCDA also coordinated with 17 LGUs in NCR, 10 NGAs (board members) and 20 DPOs to organize and conduct public awareness campaigns on disability rights and provided technical information in the promotion of disability-related celebrations/events to nine (9) Philippine Embassies/Missions.

- ⇒ Conducted eight (8) disability awareness and sensitivity trainings for various stakeholders in the tourism industry on “Accessible Tourism for Persons with Disabilities” thru “Seminars on How to Handle Persons with Disabilities in the Tourism Industry” in partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT), Philippine Information Agency, Department of Social Welfare and Development and concerned Regional Offices. These were held in the cities of Tuguegarao, Tacloban, Cagayan de Oro, Koronadal, Butuan, Calapan, Zamboanga and Balanga. These trainings were attended by 585 government tourism officers hotel and restaurant representatives, local media practitioners, persons with disabilities, transport operators, and other DOT-accredited establishments located in the said regions, promoted the “Tourism for All” policy of the government which ensures tourist destinations, products and services are accessible to all people regardless of their physical limitations, disabilities or age as long as they are able to travel and function independently in their socio-cultural and economic activities in places where they want to visit.



Mr. Louie Alvarez, Master Teacher of the Southcom Elementary School of Zamboanga City demonstrates thru a volunteer on how to handle a blind person while in an establishment



NCDA IECD Chief, Mr. Rizalio Sanchez delivers his topic on the “Key Mandates on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.”

The NCDA also advocated “Accessibility in Tourism” during the “Breaking Barriers: Tourism Stakeholders Conference 2016” conducted by Lyceum of the Philippines Cavite Campus – College of International Tourism and Hospitality Management on September 30, 2016.

- ⇒ Conducted 26 Disability Inclusive Development and Disability Sensitivity Training/Workshop/DiDRR with government agencies and private organizations for awareness and effective and efficient performance of their functions/mandates toward better implementation of their disability-related programs and services. These were the following: DOLE Region II, PESO Managers, UNESCAP DiDRR, Nestle Philippines, SM Novaliches, DILG, four (4) Negosyo Center SME Counsellors for North Luzon, South Luzon, Mindanao and Visayas, Philippine Coast Guard, De La Salle, UNICEF, Leonard Cheshire, DOTC on DRRM, DOTC-OTS, ECC, DOST, DFA, three (3) DRR Trainings in Taguig, Pasig and Pateros, Brgy. Santo Cristo/Sto. Cristo Elementary School, Disability Awareness Training for 100 public libraries of the National Library in Bohol and Baguio, CSC HR Public Sector Symposium and SM City Marilao, Bulacan.



The participants of the Disability Sensitivity Orientation, with Sec. Ramon Lopez



Planning on Disability Inclusive Local Governance with PWDs during the Disability Sensitivity Training for DILG Provincial Directors of NCR, Region 4A and B, and 5



- Developed a Disability-Data Portal for the Task Force on Effective Data-Generation, ISSP and E-DRDC
- Lobbied with the Department of Public Works and Highways which resulted to the allocation of P90M under the National Building Program of FY 2017 National Expenditure Program for the construction of a five-storey with basement model “Disability Resource and Development Center (DRDC)” building at the NCDA Compound, Brgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City. This is a result of the fellowship training by a core group of agencies namely, DPWH, NCDA, DepEd DOLE-ECC, DSWD, National Library, PIA and Taguig PDAO in Australia in 2015 for benchmarking, framework development and planning for the center’s establishment. The building design is now being finalized.

The DRDC, a one-stop shop that will house all the information on programs and services for persons with disabilities, their family members, advocates and other stakeholders, will foster the full participation, inclusion, empowerment and contribution of persons with disabilities in the society and build partnerships and infrastructure that incorporate the principles of universal design, sustainability and social justice.



The DRDC Core Group with the DPWH Officials from the Bureau of Design while discussing the building design of the proposed DRDC Building.



- Engaged with the Department of Transportation and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board on the launch of the Airport Bus System which intends to provide an alternative means for persons with disabilities access the airport facilities, and to ease long queues for airport taxi services.



Former DOTC Secretary Emilio A. Abaya (left photo in white polo) and Ms. Eunice Factor of NCDA (center) during the launch of the Airport Bus System at NAIA Terminal 3.