

Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

March 4, 2024

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

ORD No. 178 s. 2024

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE 2024  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FORUM AND SIDE EVENT  
ON MARCH 8, 2024**

**To:** Schools Division Superintendents  
Functional Division Chiefs  
Education Support Services Division  
Human Resource Development Division  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the attached Unnumbered Memorandum dated February 22, 2024 of Dir. Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros, Director IV, External Partnerships Service re: International Women's Day Forum and Side Event on March 8, 2024, Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm at the **Kalayaan Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, SM Aura Tower, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City**, with the theme "**Invest in Women, Accelerate Progress**", the Division Partnership Focal Persons and the Division Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Persons are requested to attend the said event.
2. Travel and other related expenses to be incurred in the said activity shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
3. Attached is the program of activities, for reference.
4. For further information, please coordinate with Dr. Gina L. Cruz, Senior Education Program Specialist/Regional Partnership Focal Person -Private Sector through this email : gina.cruz002@deped.gov.ph.
5. For compliance and immediate dissemination.

  
**JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA**  
Director IV

Enclosed : as stated

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# 2024 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FORUM AND SIDE EVENT

Theme: Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress

Date: March 8, 2024

Forum: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Side Event: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Venue: Kalayaan Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, SM Aura Tower, BGC, Taguig

## Program of Activities

### MAIN EVENT

Time	Topic	Resource Speaker / Topic Discussant
9:00 a.m.-9:05 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION</b> <b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b> <b>INVOCATION</b>	All Participants
9:05 a.m.-9:10 a.m.	<b>WELCOME MESSAGE</b>	<b>Dr. Jocelyn DR Andaya</b> Regional Director DepEd National Capital Region  <b>Dr. Wilfredo E. Cabral</b> Regional Director Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for Human Resource Organizational Development (video message)
9:10 a.m.-9:25 a.m.	<b>INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES</b> (3-5 minutes)	<b>Maria Teresa T. Almojuela</b> Assistant Secretary Office of the United Nations and International Organization Department of Foreign Affairs  <b>H.E. Marie Fontanel</b> Ambassador of the French Republic to the Philippines and Non-Resident Ambassador-Designate to Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands  <b>H.E Megwati Dato Paduka Haji Manan</b> Ambassador Embassy of Brunei



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<p>9:25 a.m.-9:55 a.m.</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE MESSAGE</b> Investing in Women</p> <p><b>PHOTO OPPORTUNITY</b></p>	<p><b>Former Ambassador Rosario Manalo</b> Philippine Expert-Candidate to the UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</p>
<p>9:55 a.m.-10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>INTERMISSION NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>LOOP VIDEOS/CELEBRATORY MESSAGE</b></p>	<p><b>Earth Savers Dream Ensemble</b></p> <p><b>Various Partners</b></p>
<p>10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> (5-7 minutes per speaker)</p> <p><b>Programs and Advocacies for Women</b></p> <p><b>Watsons CSR Programs</b></p> <p><b>Revenue Generating Activities for Women in partnership with Department of Trade and Industry</b></p> <p><b>Youthopia Activations Specialist CSW Programs for Women</b></p> <p><b>Investing in Women's Health: Mission Leapfrog</b></p>	<p><b>Maria Kristine Josefina G. Balmes</b> Deputy Executive Director Philippine Commission for Women</p> <p><b>Sharon Decapia</b> Senior Assistant Vice President – Marketing, PR &amp; Sustainability Watsons Personal Care Stores (Philippines), Inc.</p> <p><b>Tess Gonzalez</b> President Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGS, Philippines</p> <p><b>Shoda Ladero</b> Chief Executive Officer YASI/TryNew PH</p> <p><b>Diana M. Edralin, MD, DPCOM</b> General Manager, Roche (Philippines) Inc. President, Pharmaceutical &amp; Healthcare Association of the Philippines (PHAP)</p>



	<b>OPEN FORUM:</b> Moderator and Emcee	<b>DepEd BHROD-GAD Team</b>
11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	<b>AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES</b>  <b>PHOTO OPPORTUNITY</b>	

11:45 a.m.-11:55 a.m.	<b>CLOSING MESSAGE</b>	<b>Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros</b> Director IV External Partnerships Service
11:55 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	All Participants



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**SIDE EVENT**

**Exploratory Discussion on UN-SDGs Programs**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Speaker / Topic Discussant</b>
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	<b>Exploratory Discussion on UN-SDGs Programs</b>  Techno Resiliart Orientation	<b>Cecile Guidote Alvarez</b> Director, Earthsavers DREAMS Ensemble / UNESCO Artist for Peace Founder, Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA) President, International Theatre Institute-Social Change Network Magsaysay Laureate 1972 and Global Artist Awardee 2022, NYC LaMaMa
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Presentation of United Nations Observances for DepEd's Implementation	<b>Juniel Arvin Doloque</b> Project Development Officer II Youth Formation Division
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Wrap Up and Closing	<b>Davedinah Cometa</b> Project Development Officer II UN/UNESCO Portfolio International Cooperation Office



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TO : **JOCELYN DR ANDAYA**  
Regional Director  
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FROM :   
**MARGARITA CONSOLACION C. BALLESTEROS**  
Director IV

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
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DATE : February 22, 2024

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In support of the new MATATAG K-10 Curriculum, an integral part of DepEd's MATATAG Agenda, the External Partnerships Service-International Cooperation Office (EPS-ICO), together with the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching (OUCT), and Education Partners, aims to conduct a forum and side event in celebration of the **2024 International Women's Day (IWD) on March 8, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the Kalayaan Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, SM Aura Tower, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. The 2024 IWD theme is **"Invest in women: Accelerate progress."** Ensuring women's and girls' rights across all aspects of life is the only way to secure prosperous and just economies, and a healthy planet for future generations. After the forum is the exploratory discussion on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) programs with DepEd Curriculum and Teaching Directors and Supervisors. The 2024 IWD event will be conducted in collaboration with the Employee Welfare Division-Gender and Development Team (EWD-GAD) and select partners.

In this regard, may we request your support to engage all Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Persons and Partnership Focal Persons from all Schools Division Offices (SDO) of DepEd NCR to attend the said event on March 8, 2024.

We would appreciate receiving your response to our request the soonest time possible in order for ICO to prepare for meals and forum materials provision.



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Thank you very much.



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