REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 01, s. 2021

ADVISORY ON OUA MEMO 00-0621-0203 RE: PARTICIPATION TO THE CAPACITY-BUILDING LECTURE SERIES FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION, PEACE EDUCATION AND PEACE BUILDING

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Attached is the Memorandum from the Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del B. Pascua, Department of Education–Central Office, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City dated July 2, 2021.

2. The Session 2 with the topic: DepEd Balangkas ng Nagkakaisang Sambayanan (BANSA) Peace Framework is rescheduled from July 5, 2021 to July 12, 2021. The Division Task Force to End Local Communist and Armed Conflict (ELCAC) shall confirm their registration through https://forms.gle/JKYkTmbzto9Qyhy6.

3. For guidance and appropriate action.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Director IV

Incl.: As Stated.

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

HUMAN RIGHTS
ORIENTATION

ESSD-SPPS/jrhp/Session2reschedule
July 5, 2021
In reference to OUA Memo 00-0621-0203 dated 24 June 2021 titled Participation to the Capacity-Building Lecture Series for Conflict Resolution, Peace Education, and Peacebuilding, kindly note that there has been a change in the schedule for Session 2.

Please refer to the following details:

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<td>DepEd Balangkas ng Nagkakaisang Sambayanan (BANSA)</td>
<td>05 July 2021, Monday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</td>
<td>12 July 2021, Monday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</td>
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National, Regional, and Local Focal ELCAC Representatives are invited to participate in this event. Kindly confirm your registration through https://forms.gle/JKYkTmbzttmo9Qyhy6.

For more information, questions or concerns on the above subject, please contact the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) through 102 8637 4933 or email at drrmo@deped.gov.ph.

For guidance and appropriate action. 

ALAIN DEL B. PASCUA
Undersecretary
OUA MEMO 00-0621-0203
MEMORANDUM
24 June 2021

For: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

Subject: Participation to the Capacity-Building Lecture Series for Conflict Resolution, Peace Education and Peace Building

The role of education in peace-building has become increasingly more relevant in the 21st century. Learners are confronted with complex issues and challenges, including those of armed conflicts and related forms of violence. Radicalization, terrorism, and violent extremism bring grave danger to children and the youth.

Through the years, the number of reported attacks staged by armed extremist groups has risen. These incidents have put the children and the youth in great peril.

The young ones are also the main targets of recruitment and, thus, they end up as victims of injustice and cruelty.

With the growing internal and external volatilities that threaten the safety and well-being of learners, it is important to protect them from experiencing horror, despair and disengagement.

At the DepEd, the promotion of a culture of peace in schools and communities have long been institutionalized through a number of policies and programs. Since 2008, the Department has implemented peace education in formal and non-formal education curriculum. In 2019, to further substantiate previous policies, it issued DepEd Order No. 32, s. 2019 or the 'National Policy Framework on Learners and Schools as Zones of Peace.'
With its commitment to foster peace-building through education, DepEd plays an active role in government-led and multi-stakeholder campaigns that are meant to reject apathy, torture and violence in all forms.

To strengthen the capability of offices and personnel in upholding the welfare of children in situations of armed clashes, and in molding learners to grow up as peace-loving citizens, the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) is sending out invitations for a series of training sessions on Conflict Resolution, Peace Education and Peace Building.

The invitations are being given to all Central Office ‘Balangkas ng Nagkakaisang Sambayanan’ (BANSA) Peace Core Team, the representatives of the DepEd National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) and the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC), DepEd Regional Office and Schools Division Office.

The activities are in coordination with the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations, Palarong Pambansa Secretariat and the DepEd Employees’ Associations Coordinating Office (DEACO).

The lectures aim to provide the participants with a deeper understanding on human rights laws; economic, political and social world views; conflict management and peace-building. The series will also tackle the DepEd’s overall contribution to an inclusive and sustainable peace.

Enclosed are the details on the Capacity-Building Lecture Series for Conflict Resolution, Peace Education and Peace Building, with a list of identified participants and schedule for training. Participants may register at http://bit.ly/PeaceEdLecReg.

For more information, questions or concerns on the above-mentioned subject, kindly contact the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) through (02) 8637-4933 or email at drrmo@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

ATTY. REVSEE ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Field Operations,
Palarong Pambansa Secretariat
and DEACO

ALAIN DEL B. PASCUA
Undersecretary for Administration
BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION, PEACE EDUCATION
AND PEACE BUILDING
THROUGH A LECTURE SERIES
Concept Note

OBJECTIVES

The ‘Balangkas ng Nagkakaisang Sambayanan’ (BANSA) Peace Core Team and the representatives of the DepEd National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) and the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) are invited to attend the training.

The lecture series will cover 12 topics. Towards the end, the participants are expected to:

- Articulate the initiatives and contributions of the Department of Education (DepEd) to peace education and peace building in accordance with its mandate to deliver quality, accessible, relevant and liberating K-12 Program;
- Identify key international and local laws pertaining to peace and human rights;
- Distinguish different economic, social and political world views;
- Demonstrate understanding of the history of economic, social and political movements in the Philippines;
- Know how to strengthen the policies and programs that promote and protect the rights of children at peacetime and during armed clashes;
- Strengthen their knowledge on conflict management, peace building and peace education;
- Guide the DepEd offices, including schools, in their involvement with various peace-related organizations.

PARTICIPANTS

BANSA Peace Core Team and NTF-ELCAC Cluster Representatives – Central Office

The BANSA Peace Core Team focal and alternate representatives from the following offices are invited to attend this training:

- Office of the Undersecretary for Administration
- Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations
- Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction
- Alternative Learning System Task Force
- Indigenous Peoples Education Office
- Planning Service
- Public Affairs Service
- Legal Service
- Information and Communications Technology Service
- Bureau of Learner Support Services
- NTF-ELCAC Clusters
RTF and Local ELCAC Representatives – Regions and Divisions

DepEd Regional Office
Every Region is invited to send the following persons to attend the training:
- Regional Director as focal person of DepEd to the RTF-ELCAC or alternate focal person
- Regional focal persons for ELCAC clusters

DepEd Schools Division Office
Every Division is invited to send the following persons to attend the training:
- Schools Division Superintendent as focal person of DepEd to the Provincial/City/Municipal Task Force (P/C/MTF) to End Local Communist Armed Conflict or alternate focal person
- Schools Division focal persons for ELCAC clusters

ACTIVITIES

The lecture series will cover 12 topics which will be conducted from June to August 2021.

Each lecture will cover a discussion from an expert speaker and an open forum for the participants.

Following are the topics:

1. DepEd 'Balangkas ng Nagkakaisang Sambayan' (BANSA) Peace Framework
2. Economic, Social and Political World Views: Comparative and Historical Perspectives
3. Economic, Social and Political Movements in the Philippines
4. Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020
5. Human Rights
7. International Humanitarian Law (IHL)
8. Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict or RA 11188 and National Policy Framework on Learners and Schools as Zones of Peace or DO 32 s., 2019
9. Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) and Indigenous Peoples National Situationer
10. Conflicts, Conflict Management and Resolution
11. Peace and Peace Building

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**FOR KUMUSTAHAN SESSION ON 30 JUNE 2021**

Please fill-up the form below and submit on 28 June 2021 through email drmmo@deped.gov.ph with subject "[Kumustahan Session] Region No./Division No." This will be used for sharing during the session on 30 June 2021. Please add additional lines, as needed.

Region: 

Division: 

Name of ELCAC representatives/focal persons of the Region/Division

When did region start to have ELCAC focal persons?

Was there an orientation about ELCAC? Who provided the orientation?

**Summary of ELCAC engagements since its inception in Dec 2018**

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*What issues and concerns related to DepEd were raised during meetings with the RTF/PTF-ELCAC?

**What initiatives has DepEd undertaken internally to respond to the issues and concerns raised (e.g. mechanisms, protocols and budget allocation for ELCAC-related initiatives)?

***What initiatives has DepEd undertaken with other agencies/groups/organizations to respond to the issues and concerns raised? Please specify agencies/groups/organizations and the initiatives.

Additional questions:

Are there particular ELCAC-related initiatives where DepEd is the lead agency?

Have ELCAC-related concerns that are directly linked with DepEd been discussed in the Regional Development Council (RDC) or in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP)? What have been the agreements and/or actions taken as a result of the discussion/s with the RDC or SP?

What questions/topics about ELCAC would you want to discuss?