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DOST- ITDI aligns 2024 targets to six-year science plan

Holds pre-planning workshop for 11 divisions

Dr Zorayda V. Ang, DOST-ITDI Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services, led representatives of the research, administrative, and technical services divisions in aligning their 2024 targets to the DOST Strategic Plan 2023-2028 during a pre-planning workshop series held on October 9, 10, and 12, 2023.

Draft of the department's six-year science plan encompasses "... *refocused programs to align with the socio economic agenda of the President,*" Secretary Renato Solidum, Jr. said in an earlier interview. This includes DOST's priority programs as follows: (1) job creation/regional development through science, technology, and innovation (STI); (2) food security; (3) health security; (4) water security and environmental protection; (5) energy security; (6) transportation system; (7) climate and disaster resilience; (8) human resource development; (9) facility upgrading; (10) digital transformation; and (11) smart and sustainable cities and communities.

Further, these programs are supported by four DOST Pillars, namely promotion of human well-being, wealth creation, wealth protection, and sustainability. A fifth on governance was recently added to re-compose the DOST Pillars into five.

In a conscious effort, DOST also drafted the plan to thread through the Philippine Development Plan's goals to reinvigorate job creation, accelerate poverty reduction through a high-growth economy, and effect economic and "... *social transformation for a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society.*"

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Thus, following the draft DOST strategy plan, Dr. Ang and representatives of 11 Divisions reviewed the Institute's targets and accomplishments to check if these are anchored to the five DOST Pillars.

A series of high dynamic consultation sessions were held on October 9 for ADM, FMD, and PMISD; October 10 for the Technical Services Group; and October 12 for the R&D Group to smoothly effect the objectives of the workshop. These sessions resulted in revised divisional roadmaps that are also aligned with the 10-point agenda of the current administration.

In one of her statements, Dr. Ang expressed her satisfaction in the collective efforts of the 11 Divisions which "... is a typical example of a unified, collectively dedicated unit" that is hoped to pave the way for a future where innovation as a strategy will promote wellbeing, wealth creation and protection for national development that is sustainable. (JABacud\PMISD; AMGuevarra\TSD)



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