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On 28 September 2023, the Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) Technical Working Group (TWG) led by Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services Dr. Zorayda V. Ang, organized the GFPS Functionality Assessment Tool (GFAsT) Training Workshop held at the Almanzor Hall, National Metrology Division (NMD).

Served as the moderator of the activity, Mr. Aldritz J. Plopino of the ITDI GAD Secretariat gave a trivia about the GAD tools developed by Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) e.g. GMEF, HGDG, and GFAsT.

Mr. Kim Harold T. Peji, a Supervising GAD Specialist from the PCW – Technical Services and Regional Coordination Division (TSRDC) and one of the pioneer of the tool expounded the context of GFAsT. During the first session of the training, Mr. Peji discussed the various roles of the GFPS in a National Government Agency (NGA). During the presentation of the pre-workshop activity, Mr. Plopino presented the pre-accomplished GFAsT of the Institute wherein he discussed the results of the assessment based on the criterion set by the tool.

On the second session of the activity, Mr. Peji discussed the GFAsT and its three (3) criterion of the tool namely: Structure and Composition of the GFPS, Fulfillment of GFPS Roles and Functions based on Structure, and GAD-related Competencies of GFPS members.

The training workshop was well-participated by the ITDI GFPS TWG members who were capacitated of their roles as catalyst of gender mainstreaming in the Institute.

The GFAsT aims to ensure that NGAs and LGUs have a functional mechanism to mainstream the GAD perspective in policy making, planning, programming, budgeting, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation process. The tool also scrutinizes the performance and level of compliance of the agency's GFPS based on the parameters of the Magna Carta for Women (MCW) and PCW Memorandum Circular (MC) 2011-01.

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