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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
(Baybay City and Northern Samar)
All Others Concerned

CONDUCT OF AN ONLINE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) FOR THE PROPOSED BASIC EDUCATION POLICY AND RESEARCH AGENDA (BEPRA) WITH RESEARCHERS

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum No. OUA-OUT-022823-006 from the Office of Usec. Kristian Ablan, Undersecretary for Administration, on the above subject, the Planning Service - Policy, Research and Development Division (PS-PRD) of DepEd Central Office will conduct a series of online validation through a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with endorsed researchers from select regional offices on March 21-22, 2023.

2. Relative to this, the following researchers from the Schools Division Offices of Baybay City and Northern Samar are the identified participants of Deped Region VIII in the said activity:

Baybay City - Rizalene A, Montuya
Teacher III
Baybay National High School

Northern Samar - Michael J. Froilan
Head Teacher I
Laoang National High School

3. The activity will be held on the date specified above via teleconferencing, with the meeting link to be provided at a later date.

4. For more information, please contact the Policy, Planning, and Research Division (PPRD), Main Building, DepEd Regional Office VIII Complex, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte through email at pprd.region8@deped.gov.ph or jenny lind.day a@deped.gov.ph.



5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO III
Director IV 

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

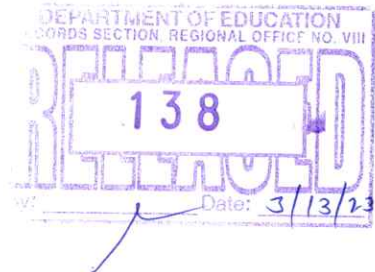
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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Undersecretary for Administration

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF AN ONLINE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD)
FOR THE PROPOSED BASIC EDUCATION POLICY AND
RESEARCH AGENDA (BEPRA) WITH RESEARCHERS**

Republic Act No. 9155, also known as the Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001, vested the Department of Education (DepEd) with the authority, accountability, and responsibility for ensuring access to, promoting equity in, and improving the quality of basic education. Corollary to this, the Department established a policy development process¹ in 2015 and a Basic Education Research Agenda (BERA)² in 2016 to guide policy-making and the conduct of research. With the adoption of the Basic Education

¹ Department of Education (2015). Establishment of a Policy Development Process at the Department of Education. DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2015.

² Department of Education (2016). Adoption of Basic Education Research Agenda (BERA). DepEd Order No. 39, s. 2016.

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Development Plan (BEDP) 2030³, national country statement for the United Nations Transforming Education Summit, MATATAG Education Agenda, and conclusion of the BERA 2016-2022, there is a need to define policy and research agenda priorities for the midterm where research shall be more targeted to support the policy development process.

Hence, the Department, through the Planning Service - Policy Research and Development Division (PS-PRDD), formulated the proposed Basic Education Policy and Research Agenda (BEPRA) that will set the direction for targeted policy development and research initiatives to support the delivery of quality basic education services from 2023 to 2028.

To ensure the responsiveness of the proposed policy and research agenda, the PS-PRDD will conduct a series of online validation through a focus group discussion (FGD) with endorsed researchers from select regional offices **21-22 March 2023 (Tuesday and Wednesday)**. The regional offices were randomly selected and assigned to the proposed theme of the draft BEPRA. Particularly, the online validation aims to **(a) validate contents, implementation structure, and overall design of the policy and research agenda; (b) gather and consolidate inputs and recommendations to further improve the development of the BEPRA; and (c) identify anticipated challenges and ideal strategies for the effective implementation of the policy and research agenda.**

Participants in the online FGD will be clustered in small groups to manage participation and engagement from everyone present. To protect the personal information of participants in compliance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173), the list of target participants per selected region and the indicative program will be sent to their respective office email address as well as the individual email addresses of the participants. Google Meet will be used as the teleconferencing platform and the meeting link will be sent to the registered email address of the participant. Further, participation in the validation activity is strictly **VOLUNTARY**.

Relative to this, we would like to request the concerned offices to **endorse the Basic Education Research Fund (BERF) and non-BERF grantees (either an internal researcher with a different fund source or an external researcher) in their region who conducted or are conducting research related to the assigned thematic areas.** The list of target participants per Office including the selection criteria is attached as Annex.

We would appreciate receiving the endorsement of the participants on or before **Friday, 10 March 2023** through this registration link: <http://bit.ly/BEPRAValidationReg>.

For queries and clarifications, kindly contact the Policy Research and Development Division (PS-PRDD) through email: ps.prd@deped.gov.ph or phone number (02) 8635-3976.

For information and appropriate action.



³ Department of Education (2022). Basic Education Development Plan 2030. DepEd Order No. 24, s. 2022.

Annex 1: List of Target Researcher Participants

Selection Criteria	Region	Representative	Indicative Schedule
Researcher/s who conduct research under Teaching and Learning category	Region I	<i>*RO to select 2 representatives (1 BERF grantee and 1 non-BERF grantee)</i>	March 21, 2023
Researcher/s who conduct research under Child Protection category	Region IV-A	<i>*RO to select 2 representatives (1 BERF grantee and 1 non-BERF grantee)</i>	
Researcher/s who conduct research under Human Resource and Development category	MIMAROPA	<i>*RO to select 2 representatives (1 BERF grantee and 1 non-BERF grantee)</i>	
Researcher/s who conduct research under Governance category	Region VI	<i>*RO to select 2 representatives (1 BERF grantee and 1 non-BERF grantee)</i>	
Researcher/s who conduct research under Inclusive Education subcategory	✓ Region VIII	<i>*RO to select 2 representatives (1 BERF grantee and 1 non-BERF grantee)</i>	✓ March 22, 2023
Researcher/s who conduct research under Gender and Development subcategory	Region X	<i>*RO to select 2 representatives (1 BERF grantee and 1 non-BERF grantee)</i>	
Researcher/s who conduct research under Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) subcategory	Region XI	<i>*RO to select 2 representatives (1 BERF grantee and 1 non-BERF grantee)</i>	
Researcher/s who conduct research related to External Collaboration and Partnerships	CARAGA	<i>*RO to select 2 representatives (1 BERF grantee and 1 non-BERF grantee)</i>	