



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON AUDIT
Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines

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POST-ACTIVITY REPORT

Name of Participant/ Office/Unit of Assignment : Project Management Office,
Office of the Chairperson
Title of Activity/ies Conducted : Citizen Participatory Audit Dialogue
Conducted/Sponsored by : Project Management Office
Duration : January 24, 2023
Venue : COA Regional Office No. 1,
San Fernando, La Union
Office Order No. and Date : Office Order No. 2023- 002 dated
January 5, 2023

I. LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITIES

- To introduce the CPA initiative and the CPA process to COA's
- To foster an open space for COA, civil society organizations (CSOs), citizen volunteers, and other external stakeholders to discuss:
 - What government program do they want COA to audit under the CPA Program? Why?
 - What measures/interventions/solutions can they suggest in resolving existing issues on the identified programs above, if any?
 - What can they do to help in terms of resources/knowledge/skills?
 - What do they want to know more about COA's work?

II. PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

DATE/ TIME	SESSIONS/ ACTIVITIES	FACILITATOR/ RESOURCE PERSON
10:00 – 12:00	ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION	Activity Management Team (PMO Support Staff)
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH BREAK	
1:01 – 1:10	PRELIMINARIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Prayer• Philippine National Anthem• Welcome Remarks	PMO Director Teresita A. Pajara Regional Director COA Regional Office I
1:10 – 1:20		
1:20 – 1:30	Introduction of Participants	Jennifer Andrea S. Imperial Chief Administrative Officer Project Management Office
1:30 – 2:00	This is the CPA ➤ Video and PowerPoint Presentation	Maria Ramona L. Jimenez Supervising Administrative Officer Project Management Office
2:00 – 3:15	BREAKOUT SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instructions• Expectation Setting/Activity Objectives○ What to audit? Why?	Marites A. Odtojan Director III Officer-in-Charge Project Management Office Office of the Chairperson

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What issue/concerns are there for COA to address? ○ What I can do to help ○ What I need to participate ○ Suggested solutions 	
3:15 – 3:30	Health Break	
3:30 – 4:00	Reporting by Group with Q and A	Facilitated by PMO
4:00 – 4:15	REACTION ON THE EXPERIENCE	COA Auditors External Stakeholders
4:15 – 4:30	CLOSING REMARKS	Marites A. Odtojan Officer-in-Charge Project Management Office Office of the Chairperson
4:30 – 4:45	<i>Reminders for 2nd Day</i>	PMO Staff

III. SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

The CPA Dialogue in San Fernando, La Union was attended by five (5) different external stakeholders from the academe, professional organizations and civil society organization: Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University; St. Louis College; Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, and Gift of Love for Community Development Foundation, Inc.

The results of the CPA Dialogue raised important audit thrust areas, such as, but not limited to the audit of Solid Waste Management, 1Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Conditional Cash Transfer, Covid Expenditures, Effectiveness of K-12 Program of the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Health (DOH) subsidy to devolve and other community hospitals manage by Local Government Units, Frequency of repairs or re-blocking of national roads, basic facilities and medical services offered by district hospitals, housing projects of the National Housing Authority (NHA), Effectiveness of the Decentralized Internet Connectivity Program (DICP) in national high schools under the Department of Education (DepEd), longer contract duration of public roads and bridges and other infrastructure projects of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), among others. Audit thrust areas were identified based on the observed conditions in the Region I.

IV. TAKEAWAYS

The CSOs in Region I, Ilocos Region has always been very active in its role to participate in the affairs of the government, and to safeguard public funds. With the academe participating in the event, the PMO also took the opportunity to introduce its plan of expanding CPA stakeholder engagement that offers a long-term agreement with faculty associations and student organizations cutting across the usual “per audit engagement basis”. Although the said proposed program is still in the pipeline, the student-CSOs had positively welcomed the idea and vowed to partner with COA once the policy is already available at COA’s end.

The PMO should consider preparing a concept note regarding the proposal in view of the positive acknowledgment by the students when it was discussed. This may possibly be a commitment to the OGP-Philippines for its 6th National Action Plan.

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