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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2019-212

TO :

ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) CHIEF MINISTER, BARMM MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DILG REGIONAL

DIRECTORS/FIELD OFFICERS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT :

4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SUMMIT ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) IN

**COOPERATIVES ON APRIL 2-3, 2020** 

The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) and the Gender Equality Resource Center (GERC), Inc. will conduct the 4<sup>th</sup> National Summit on Gender and Development (GAD) in Cooperatives on April 2-3, 2020 at the SMX Convention Center Davao, Lanang, Davao City with the theme: "Co-ops Flexing Resiliency through Gender and Youth #coopgadflex."

The 2020 summit aims to sustain gender and development (GAD) mainstreaming in co-ops; recognize and strengthen the participation, partnership, and voice of the youth in gender equality (GE) and climate change for co-op and community development; identify and flex/activate the role of co-ops in climate change adaptation and mitigation; and issue a call for action to all co-ops, legislators, government agencies, and civil society to help co-ops become even stronger resilient and sustainable organizations.

The Summit will be attended by officers and members of cooperatives, GAD focal persons from the local government units (LGUs) and government agencies, youth officers/leaders, people's organizations and other organizations that support co-ops.

In view of the above, all local chief executives are encouraged to allow the participation of their respective LGU cooperative development officers, GAD focal persons, and sangguniang kabataan officers to the above-mentioned summit, provided, that it is within the Capability Development Agenda of the concerned LGU. Payment of reasonable registration fee and travelling expenses may be allowed chargeable against their respective local funds, subject to the availability thereof, and to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All concerned DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this circular in their areas of jurisdiction.

For compliance.

EDUARDO M. AÑO Secretary



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November 18, 2019

HON, EDUARDO M. AÑO

Secretary
Department of Interior and Local Government
EDSA, Quezon Avenue
Quezon City

Dear Secretary Año,

Greetings!

The Cooperative Development Authority and the Gender Equality Resource Center (GERC), Inc. will conduct the **4<sup>th</sup> National Summit on Gender and Development (GAD) in Cooperatives** on April 2-3, 2020 in SMX Convention Center Davao, Lanang, Davao City, PH. The Summit theme is *Co-ops Flexing Resiliency through Gender and Youth* #coopgadflex.

The Summit will be attended by:

- Cooperatives: Board of Directors and other officers; General Managers/Chief Executive Officers; GAD Committee and Education Committee; GAD Focal Persons and GAD Trainers; Human Resource Officers; Youth Officers/Leaders
- Local government units: Co-op Development Officers; GAD Focal Persons; Youth Officers/Leaders (Sangguniang Kabataan)
- GAD Focal Persons of government agencies that support co-ops
- People's organizations and other organizations that support GAD in co-ops

The 2020 Summit theme calls on co-ops to go a notch higher in tackling the UN SDGs by emphasizing and flexing how co-ops — with their dual socio-economic role and nature — have the structure, resources, and principles and values to be resilient organizations that address different issues confronting their membership, with impact at community level to the national level. And by being gender-fair organizations as well as by involving the youth in development, the co-ops become even better organizations that can continue and enhance their development activities. In that way, the co-ops can inspire more their fellow co-ops and other development organizations to work on issues besetting society. And among these urgent issues—today and for the future—is climate change and environmental degradation.

In this regard, we would like to request your good office to allow the participation and attendance of LGU Cooperative Development Officers, GAD Focal Persons and Sangguniang Kabataan; and authorize the LGU participants to charge the registration fees, transportation and related expense from their respective allocation subject to government accounting and audited rules and regulations. May we also request for issuance of appropriate order/circular for their official attendance in the Summit.

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The Gender Equality Resource Center (GERC) Inc. and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) are the Summit organizers. GERC Inc. is a resource center and advocacy body that promotes the advocacy and practice of GE in co-ops to achieve and support co-op development-and growth. CDA is the lead Philippine government agency tasked for co-op development. CDA as a government body is mandated to practice GE tenets and, furthermore, it actually believes that GE is good for co-ops' growth. With this belief, CDA actively implements activities to help bring GE to the consciousness, operations, and systems of co-ops.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

ORLANDO RAVANERA

Chairperson