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Dear Cooperators and Partner-Organizations,

We are pleased to invite you to the “4th 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.

Who should attend the National Summit?

- 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
- GAD Focal Persons of government agencies that support co-ops
- People’s organizations and other organizations that support GAD in co-ops

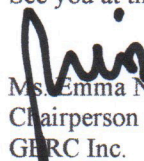
Why participate in this National GAD Summit? In the National Summits on GAD in Co-ops (previously held in 2014, 2016, and 2018), Philippine co-ops and co-op-supporting government and private organizations come together to share, learn, and get inspired more from the showcasing of best practices of co-ops, and the discussions on development topics by eloquent resource speakers—including updates on emerging frameworks and concerns affecting co-ops, women, and men. In these Summits, the co-ops affirm that gender integration helps their organizations achieve even more encompassing sustainable development.

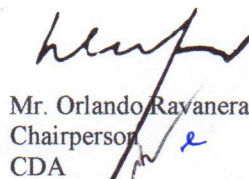
The 2020 Summit theme “Co-ops Flexing Resiliency through Gender and Youth” #coopgadflex calls on co-ops to go a notch higher in tackling the UN SDGs by emphasizing and flexing how co-ops—with their dual socio-economic role and nature—have the structure, resources, and principles and values to be resilient 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.

Friends, let us therefore show and flex in this Summit our co-op strength and resiliency—with special focus on the urgency of climate change and environmental degradation—implemented and achieved through and with gender equality and youth inclusion!

The organizers of the 4th National Summit on GAD in Co-ops: 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.

See you at the Summit!


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