



COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 002

**RESOLUTION MAINSTREAMING AND STRENGTHENING GENDER-RESPONSIVE APPROACHES IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES, PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 14 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men;

**WHEREAS**, the State acknowledges that, under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, and other treaties and international agreements to which the Philippines is a party, it shall endeavor to address the impacts of climate change and pursue a framework for disaster risk reduction in cooperation with the global community;

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of climate change are different for men and women worldwide, as women often bear more of the burden of its effects due to unequal access to resources, education, job opportunities, land rights, social and cultural norms and their diverse intersectional experiences based on ethnicity, identity, sexual orientation, religion, function and age, among others;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties to the UNFCCC decided at the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of Parties (COP17) (Decision 5/CP.17) that enhanced action on climate change adaptation should be undertaken in accordance with the Convention, and should "follow a country-driven, gender-sensitive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available scientific data and, as appropriate, traditional and indigenous knowledge, and by gender-sensitive approaches, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate";

**WHEREAS**, the Parties to the UNFCCC decided at COP18 (Decision 23/CP.18) to aim for "a goal of gender balance in bodies established pursuant to the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, in order to improve women's participation and inform more effective climate change policy that addresses the needs of women and men equally" and to "enable the tracking of progress made towards the goal of gender balance in advancing gender-sensitive climate policy";

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement, adopted in COP21, provides that gender-responsive climate action must be integrated into all aspects on the implementation of the Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties to the UNFCCC decided at COP23 (Decision 3/CP.23) for countries "to participate and engage in implementing the gender action plan with a view to advancing towards the goal of mainstreaming a gender perspective in all elements of climate action" and to undertake activities in the areas of capacity-building, knowledge-sharing, and communication; gender balance, participation, and women's leadership;

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coherence; gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation; and monitoring and reporting;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women, the State shall "ensure women's participation in policy-making or decision-making bodies in the regional, national, and international levels" and that all departments shall "adopt gender mainstreaming as a strategy to promote women's human rights and eliminate gender discrimination in their systems, structures, policies, programs, processes, and procedures," as well as recognizing that "women have the right to protection and security in times of disasters, calamities, and other crisis situations";

**WHEREAS**, Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 12 (s. 2005), promotes the use of gender-sensitive languages in all official documents, communications, and issuances;

**WHEREAS**, Joint Memorandum Circular 2016-01 of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), prescribed the mainstreaming of gender perspectives in local planning, programming and budgeting; local legislation; and project development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9729 or the Climate Change Act, as amended, recognizes the State's responsibility to incorporate "a gender-sensitive, pro-children and pro-poor perspective in all climate change and renewable energy efforts, plans and programs";

**WHEREAS**, inter-agency collaboration is needed to develop a tool to assess the gender-responsiveness of climate change adaptation and mitigation programs of national government agencies and local government units, and their capacity to mainstream and implement the same in their respective jurisdictions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Climate Change Commission mandate the mainstreaming and strengthening of human rights-based and gender-based approaches in the formulation and implementation of climate change policies, plans, programs and activities in the country including the generation of sex-disaggregation of data and conduct of gender analysis;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the CCC ensure that women and men participate in the planning and formulation of national, local, and sectoral policies, programs, development plans, as well as in international negotiations, such as in the UNFCCC, which will implement the Paris Agreement and other instruments in domestic government and non-government mechanisms established for climate change mitigation and adaptation;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the CCC ensure gender mainstreaming when convening and constituting all decision-making and recommending bodies and panels in the performance of its duties, including but not limited to legislation and policy formation, development investment and climate financing endorsements, as well as monitor and improve gender inclusion within its internal operations and processes where applicable;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that the CCC, in coordination with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of the Interior and

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Local Government (DILG), the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), the Department of National Defense–Office of Civil Defense (DND-OCD), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), and other relevant government agencies as may be identified, promulgate the necessary policies, directives, and initiatives supportive of the collaborative approach to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019, Manila, Philippines.

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