

RMDC-10 Established

The establishment and first organizational meeting of the Regional Minerals Development Council (RMDC-10) was held on May 6, 2008 at the Grand Caprice, Limketkai Mall, Cagayan de Oro City. This was attended by representatives from various National Government Agencies, Local Government Units, large and small-scale mining companies, tri-media in Region 10, and the Minerals Development Council (MDC) represented by Mr. Christopher Bandojo, MDC Executive Assistant with MGB Central Office, Ms. Rose Imperial, Information Officer. This special occasion and milestone of convergence for the management of the mineral resources in the region was participated by 130 key persons from different sectors.

The one-day affair was highlighted by the presence of two governors, the Honorable Governor of Misamis Occidental and at the same time the President of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP), Honorable Loreto Leo S. Ocampos who delivered the Keynote Address, and the Honorable Governor of Misamis Oriental, Honorable Oscar Moreno who gave an inspiring message. Honorable Leo Loreto S. Ocampos emphasized the region's need for a framework in mining that is environment friendly, promotes equal distribution of wealth and investor-friendly, while Honorable Oscar Moreno stressed teamwork, which according to him is the key to transparencies and growth.

Regional Executive Director of DENR-10, Maximo O. Dichoso welcomed the participants and pointed out the objectives of the meeting which includes identifying issues and concerns regarding small scale mining; identify functions and authorities of the RMDC on the implementation of responsible mining and to come up with a formulation of matrix for endorsement to the different sectors involved.

Lectures were conducted prior to the organizational meeting, and the topics include the following:

- Overview of Minerals Development Council
- EO 270 and Updates on Revitalization Program for the Minerals Industry
- Clarificatory Guidelines in the Implementation of the Small Scale Mining Law
- Mineral Economic Status in Active Mining Areas in Region 10
- Situationer: Mining Operations in Region 10
- Situationer: Small Scale Mining: Boon or Bane

The organizational meeting was presided by MGB-10 OIC, Regional Director, Juanito A. Manzano, Jr. The agenda include: designation of principal and alternate members; identification of committees and members and schedule of meetings.

The principal and alternate members and corresponding committees are presented in matrix below:

Agency/ Office	Principal Member	Alternate
DENR-10	Maximo O. Dichoso Regional Executive Director/ RMDC-10, Chairman	Juanito A. Manzano, Jr. OIC-Regional Director, MGB-10/ RMDC-10, Secretariat
DOLE-10	Atty. Allan M. Macaraya Regional Director	Atheneus A. Vasallo Spvg. Labor Employment Officer
NAPC Representative	Pacifico T. Pupos Presidential Assistant for Northern Mindanao	Ralph B. Sabellina Chief of Staff, Office of the Presidential Assistant for Northern Mindanao
OCD-10	Carmelito Lupo Regional Director	Visminda Y. Cordero Asst. Regional Director
PIA-10	Rebecca P. Esguerra Regional Director	Rutchie C. Aguhob Chief, Operations
DA-10 RFU	Janen T. Baradero Crops Division Chief	Bethoven B. de los Reyes Staff, Crops Division
PNP-10	P/C Supt. Teodorico B. Capuyan Regional Director	Lt. Col. Graciano Mejares
DOF-10	Carmelane G. Tugas Regional Director	Eduardo V. Manlanta OIC-Assistant Regional Director
DTI-10	Alicia V. Euseña Regional Director	Liza M. Alcantar Chief, Business Investment Division
PMS-RFU-10	Ma. Tita B. Rodriguez Team Leader, RFU-10	Loida Bolivas Presidential Staff Officer V
DFA-10 Regional Consular Office	Mardomel C. Melicor Regional Director	Fatima D.S. Tabio Chief Processor/ Supervisor
LPP	Hon. Loreto Leo S. Ocampos Gov., Misamis Occidental/ President , LPP	Dennis C. Leopoldo Environment and Natural Resources Officer
LCP	Hon. Lawrence LI. Cruz Mayor, Iligan City	Atty. Ranulfo D. Cenas OIC-CEMO/ Chief of Staff
LMP	Hon. Osmondo dela Rosa President, LMP/ Mayor, Malitbog Bukidnon	Hon. Lorenzo Gawilan, Jr. Mayor, Kitaotao, Bukidnon
LMBP	Hon. Arsenio Kho President, LMBP, Mis. Or. Chapter	Martin Samayla Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan
LMB-Cag. de Oro	Hon. Aaron Neri, Sr. President	Hon. Domelito C. Acenas, Jr. Vice-President
DAR-10RFU	John M. Maruhom, Ed. D., CESO IV Regional Director	McMillan Lucman PARO-I
NEDA-10	Rafael G. Evangelista, Jr. Regional Director	Engr. Allan L. Olavides OIC-Asst. Regional Director
DILG-10	Quirino M. Libunao, CESO III Regional Director	Foster Anayron Chief, Local Gov't. Dev't. Division
NCIP-10	Datu Tommie J. Labaon Regional Director	Genemar Salvo Planning Officer
DOST-10	Dr. Angelito C. Alolod Regional Director	Jacinto C. Taran Asst. Regional Director
4th Infantry Division	Lt. Col. Dennis GF Gammad G7, 4ID	
TESDA-10	Ophelia M. del Bando OIC-Regional Director	Remegias Timonio Provincial Director, Mis.Occ./ Assistant Director

Policy/Program Coordination & Harmonization	Investment Promotion	Information and Communication
DENR – Chairman	DENR – Chairman	DENR-RPAO/MGB -Chairman
NEDA – V-chairman	DTI - V-chairman	PIA (V-chair)
DILG – member	DOF/BIR – member	PAMD – member
DOF – member	PAMD – member	DTI – member
DAR – member	NEDA – member	NEDA – member
DA – member	PIA – member	DILG – member
DND – member	CoMP – member	NCIP – member
DOLE – member	DOST - member	NAPC – member
PMS – member	DFA - member	CoMP – member
DTI – member		DFA - member
NAPC – member		
CoMP – member		
OCD - member		
TESDA - member		

The schedule of meetings of the RMDC-10:

Date	Activity	Venue
June 3, 2008 (Tuesday)	1st meeting	MOAP- Mis.Occ
July 15, 2008 (Tue)	2nd meeting	Holcim-Lugait Plant
August 5, 2008 (Tue)	3rd meeting	To be arranged
November	To be arranged	To be arranged



Hon. Oscar S. Moreno, Provincial Governor of Misamis Oriental delivers his inspiring message



Hon. Governor Loreto Leo S. Ocampos gives his keynote speech as the President of the League of Provinces of the Philippines



The participants from the different sectors



The RMDC-10 members during the organizational meeting