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Spearheaded by the Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services, and ITDI GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) Technical Working Group (TWG) Chairperson Dr. Zorayda V. Ang, ITDI GFPS TWG members from various Institute divisions gathered at the Almanzor Hall, National Metrology Division (NMD) on 18 January 2023, for the conduct of the ITDI Gender and Development (GAD) Plan and Budget 2022 Performance Review. The objective of the performance review is to evaluate the accomplishments of the Institute's Gender Mainstreaming for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 based on the identified GAD activities, performance indicators, and targets of the ITDI GPB 2022.

Mr. Admer Rey C. Dablio of the Standards and Testing Division (STD) served as the moderator of the activity, and discussed thoroughly the GAD activities and performance indicators and targets and its corresponding Means of Verifications (MOVs) from the ITDI GAD Plan and Budget (GPB) 2022. TWG members were able to come up with other possible means of verification that could suffice the performance indicators and targets asked in each GAD activity. ITDI GFPS has invited Ms. Maria Fe M. Singson, a Supervising Science Research Specialist from the DOST-GAD Unit to consult on how the Institute could improve its policies, mechanisms, projects, programs, and activities to effectively implement gender mainstreaming. Ms. Fe shared some of the DOST-Central Office's recently issued GAD mechanisms that ITDI may adopt. Ms. Fe also gave some pointers on how the Institute's GPB could pass the endorsement process of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW). Ms. Fe said that strict compliance with the MOVs asked in each item of the questionnaire in the Project Design Checklist is the key to PCW's approval.

Mr. Dablio also presented the newly reconstituted ITDI GFPS. Mr. Dablio discussed the ITDI GFPS roles and responsibilities as GAD advocates of the Institute, as well as the involvement of some GAD TWG members in the Technical Review Committee (TRC) who will evaluate the GAD component of all approved GAA projects. Another highlight of the activity is the presentation of the ITDI GAD Calendar of Activities for 2023, which consists of various GAD capability activities such as trainings and webinars.

Some GAD concerns were raised before the activity ended, like the procurement of some medical supplies which will be beneficial to the health and wellness of the Institute's personnel, as well as the conduct of trainings, and capacity development activities.

In closing, Ms. Fe praised the ITDI's overwhelming support to implement gender mainstreaming to all of its programs, projects, and activities. Ms. Fe also assured that DOST through its Gender and Development Unit will continuously support all of the Institute's GAD endeavors.

(AJ Plopino, ITDI GAD Secretariat)

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