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INVITATION TO THE LILHUB PARTNER CONSULTATION AND CO-DESIGN MEETING

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – Negros Island Region shall conduct the **LILHub Partner Consultation and Co-Design Meeting** on November 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom and has invited this Office to participate through this link: https://bit.ly/LILHubPartnerConsultationandCo-DesignSubmission.

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Subject: Invitation to the LILHub Partner Consultation and Co-Design Meeting

Dear Dir. **Uytico**:

Greetings from the Department of the Interior and Local Government - Negros Island Region (DILG-NIR)!

The DILG-NIR, through the Regional Project Development and Management Unit (RPDMU), is organizing the Local Infrastructure Learning Hub (LILHub) for Negros Island Region, in line with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2025-071 on the Infrastructure Audit (IA) Program and consistent with Republic Act No. 7160 and Republic Act No. 10121. With this letter, we respectfully invite the Department of Education - Negros Island Region to join us as a founding partner.

The LILHub is meant to do two things. **First,** it will augment our local government units (LGUs) in conducting the infrastructure audit of government-owned facilities and buildings — beginning with LGU-owned and lifeline facilities such as municipal and city halls, health facilities, schools and evacuation centers — by standing behind each Local Infrastructure Audit Team (LIAT) with trained auditors, technical reviewers and specialist advice, so that no LGU in the region has to face this task alone. **Second,** it will serve as the region's core learning team that helps LGUs build the capacity they need in infrastructure governance and in the other technical competencies required of them, from planning and design readiness to quality assurance, resilience, monitoring and maintenance. Negros Island Region lies in a seismically active zone and still carries the memory of the 2013 Bohol earthquake; knowing which of our public buildings are safe, and which are not, is a responsibility we share.

We reach out to you because DepEd can help identify and prioritize public school buildings and other education facilities for infrastructure audit and safety assessment; provide available school-facility records and technical information; designate division engineers and facilities personnel as resource persons; and coordinate access to priority school sites, subject to applicable DepEd protocols. Across the hub, we envision partners serving as a pool of trainers and resource persons, assisting LIATs in the actual audits of priority facilities, making expertise, people and facilities available for trainings and consultations, supporting research

and the development of learning modules, and helping us prepare work plans that keep the hub going beyond its first year.

This is a partnership, not a one-way request. DILG is ready to assist your own initiatives, programs and points of collaboration that our office can cater to. In particular, DILG can facilitate coordination between DepEd Schools Division Offices and concerned LGUs, connect school-facility safety concerns with local infrastructure governance and DRRM initiatives, and share relevant consolidated audit findings and capacity-development opportunities, subject to data-sharing rules and the respective agencies' mandates.

More broadly, DILG will coordinate the hub, provide the audit tools, training standards and consolidated data, and open doors to our LGUs through our provincial and city/municipal field offices. We would welcome learning which of your programs we may be able to help.

We therefore invite your institution to the LILHub Partner Consultation and Co-Design Meeting on **November 25, 2026 from 9:00 AM** via **Zoom Teleconferencing**. It will be an interactive working session rather than an orientation: DILG will present the proposed concept, and each partner will share its capabilities, priorities, resources and constraints. We encourage a **brief presentation of two to five minutes** covering **(1)** your mandate and relevant expertise; **(2)** infrastructure-related programs, facilities, research or extension initiatives; **(3)** the support you may offer through the LILHub; **(4)** capacity-development needs or areas where DILG and LGUs may collaborate with you; and **(5)** any institutional requirements or limitations that should be reflected in a Memorandum of Agreement.

You may upload your **Presentation Reports** through this link on or before ***November 23, 2026***:

https://bit.ly/LILHubPartnerConsultationandCo-DesignSubmission

The meeting is expected to produce a map of partner capabilities and shared priorities, nominated focal persons, and agreed principles for a partnership Memorandum of Agreement that we aim to sign on **December 15, 2026.** The partnership remains subject to each institution's mandate, internal approvals, available resources, and applicable laws and regulations. The LILHub will complement, and not replace, the LIAT, statutory mandates and the formal IA processes, and no commitment of funds, personnel, facilities or data will be made without written agreement and the necessary clearances.

The **Zoom meeting link** is as follows:

https://bit.ly/DILG-NIR_LILHubPartnerConsultationAndCo-Design

Kindly confirm your participation and name your institutional representative and focal person through the following confirmation link on or before ***November 20, 2026***:

https://tinyurl.com/lilhub-partner-consultation

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We look forward to an open and productive exchange, and to building together with you a safer and better-governed Negros Island Region.

Very truly yours,

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