



INVESTMENT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

For : **Heads of Departments/Agencies of the National Government,
Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations
and All Others Concerned**

From : Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez
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Subject: **ICC Policy on Integrating the Harmonized Gender and Development
Guidelines (HGDG) in the ICC Process**

Date: SEP 30 2016

1. Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7192 known as “Woman in Development and Nation Building Act”, NEDA, with the assistance of the National Commission on Women, is mandated to ensure that different government departments including its agencies and instrumentalities, directly or indirectly, affect the participation of women in national development and their integration therein. Furthermore, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women provides that (a) *at least five percent (5%) of the total agency or LGU budget appropriations shall correspond to activities supporting GAD Plans and Programs*; and (b) *Gender-Responsiveness of ODA-funded Projects (included and not included in the annual General Appropriations Act) – NGAs and LGUs and other government instrumentalities shall ensure that five to thirty percent (5- 30%) of funds received from foreign governments and multilateral agencies are in support of gender-responsive programs and projects.*
2. Following these and in view of the Social Development Committee (SDC) Resolution No. 1, Series of 2008 entitled “Adopting the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG), Enjoining its Use by All National Line Agencies and Local Government Units, and Urging the Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) of the NEDA Board to Integrate GAD Concerns in the ICC Process”, and the Official



Development Assistance (ODA) - GAD Network's² request to include GAD in the evaluation criteria of programs and projects that are reviewed by the ICC and the Development Budget Coordination Committee, the ICC-CC, during its meeting on 02 August 2016, confirmed the earlier ICC-CC approval³ of the integration of the HGDG for Project Development, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation in the ICC process.

3. With the adoption of the HGDG in the ICC Process, the proponent agencies are required to accomplish and submit the **Gender-Responsiveness Checklist** (either the applicable Sectoral GAD Checklist or the *Combined Generic Checklist for the Project Identification and Design Stages*) [copy attached], as additional ICC Project Evaluation (PE) Form, in addition to the ICC-PE Form Nos. 1 to 7⁴ submitted to the ICC Secretariat, together with the project proposal, for review. Said submission will be validated by the ICC Secretariat to ensure gender-responsiveness of the proposed project, and this will be included in the Project Evaluation Report.
4. To guide the agencies in evaluating the gender responsiveness of their proposed projects, electronic copy of the complete HGDG and the following sector-specific checklists can be accessed at http://w3.neda.gov.ph/hgdg/left_nav.html:
 - a. Agricultural and Agrarian Reform Projects
 - b. Natural Resource Management Projects
 - c. Infrastructure Projects
 - d. Private Sector Development Projects
 - e. Education Projects
 - f. Health Projects
 - g. Housing and Settlement Projects
 - h. Women in areas under Armed Conflict
 - i. Justice Projects
 - j. ICT Projects
 - k. Microfinance Projects
 - l. Labor and Employment Projects
 - m. Child Labor Projects
 - n. Migration Projects
 - o. Tourism Projects
 - p. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Projects
 - q. Energy Projects
 - r. Fisheries Sector
 - s. Funding Facilities
 - t. Development Planning

² 08 May 2014 Letter from the Embassy of Canada in Manila (as Convener of ODA-GAD Network 2012-2014) to the Secretaries of DOF, DBM and NEDA.

³ During the 06 June 2016 ICC-CC Meeting

⁴ ICC PE Form Nos. 1 to 7 for Locally-funded and Official Development Assistance (ODA)-assisted proposed projects; ICC PE Form Nos. 1 to 8 for Public-Private Partnership proposed projects; and ICC Form Nos. 1 to 4b for proposed Joint Venture Arrangement



5. The new ICC procedure shall apply immediately upon signing of this Memorandum.

For immediate implementation.



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