



BLR CONDUCTS NATIONWIDE CONSULTATION MEETING WITH WODP AND REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOCAL PERSONS

The Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) met with the DOLE Regional and Field Offices focal persons on Workers Organization Development Program (WODP) and Registration Program particularly on the Online Union Registration System (OURS) last February 18, 2021 via Google Meet. The meeting is set to validate the respective Offices' targets for FY 2021 and to guide the Program Managers and Implementers in the regional and field offices on how to implement the WODP and OURS.

In her opening message, BLR Director Maria Consuelo S. Bacay expressed her gratefulness to all focal persons for their continued support to the programs of the Bureau and encouraged them to continuously support the Bureau in all its future undertakings.

Ms. Marivic T. Villa, Chief of the Union Registration and Workers Empowerment Division (URWED) of the BLR, discussed the success indicators and rating guide for the two programs. Likewise, she extended her gratitude to the focal persons who implement these programs and mentioned that the Bureau, in return, is always welcome to extend their support and assistance when needed.

For the WODP, the target number of trainings, union members to benefit from the trainings and scholars per Regional Office were discussed. The participants were motivated that the increase in the target accomplishments is equivalent to the increase in the number of union members that may benefit from the program. The WODP aims to strengthen trade unionism and other workers' organizations through provision of

accessible information facilities as well as training, education and technical assistance to registered labor organizations

Moreover, the status of the implementation of the OURS for each Regional Office were presented, along with the assistances the Bureau can provide to the focal persons in the continuous use of the system. The OURS allows submission of applications for registration of independent unions, chartered locals, reports of affiliation, workers' associations operating in one and more than one region, federations, national unions and collective bargaining agreements (CBA) online.

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