



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



DOST ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 007
Series of 2021

JUN 3 0 2021

SUBJECT: **CREATION OF THE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
UNIT IN THE DOST CENTRAL OFFICE (DOST-CO)**

1. Republic Act (RA) No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Act of 2010" mandates all national government agencies to institutionalize policies, structures, coordination mechanisms and programs with continuing budget appropriation on disaster risk reduction and management from national to local levels.
2. In the exigency of service and considering the need to undertake initiatives relating to disaster risk reduction and climate change (DRR-CC), a new structure shall be created to provide the needed assistance to the Department, especially to the Office of the Undersecretary for Scientific and Technical Services, to strengthen its scientific and technological capabilities in disaster and climate resilience.
3. Towards this end, the **Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Unit (DRRCCU)** is hereby created in the DOST-CO. It shall be functionally under the supervision of the Office of the Undersecretary for Scientific and Technical Services, and to be headed by a Project Development Officer IV (SG-22) as approved by the Department of Budget and Management. Existing DOST personnel shall also be tapped to meet the staffing requirement.
4. The DRRCCU shall serve as the focal and coordinative unit for DRRM-related activities. The DRRCCU shall perform the following functions:
 - 4.1 Provide DOST with effective and efficient services to achieve its strategic outcome of resilience to disaster risks and climate change, ensuring that hazard and risk research is supported in the harmonized national research and development agenda, the information generated and technologies developed reach the intended beneficiaries and stakeholders, and research results inform policies and legislations; and
 - 4.2 Develop and recommend to the Executive Committee on DRR-CC matters to enhance DOST's resilience to disasters.
5. Funds for the operations of DRRCCU shall be charged against the DOST-CO budget subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked.

FORTUNATO T. DE LA PEÑA
Secretary