

BRIEFER

Event	18 th Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) celebration
About the DPRM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 247 issued in 2002, the nationwide celebration of the DPRM is held every September. This proclamation designates the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) as the lead government agency in the observance of the DPRM. • The Proclamation underscores the need to promote, enhance, instill, and draw awareness and appreciation of the importance and necessity of policy research in development planning and policymaking. The DPRM celebration aims to cultivate a strong culture of research among decisionmakers and the general public, to improve the public’s research and information literacy on socioeconomic issues, and elicit their support for activities that are meant to advance the standard of policy research in the country.
About the theme	<p>The 2020 DPRM celebration carries the theme “Bouncing Back Together: Innovating Governance for the New Normal” (Filipino translation: <i>“Makabagong Pamamahala para sa Sama-samang Pagbangon sa New Normal”</i>). This year’s theme highlights the importance of innovating governance across all sectors of society to steer the country toward the path of renewed growth and dynamism.</p> <p>For the government, it should transform itself into one that is agile and innovative to effectively lead the county in recovering from the pandemic and in facing other challenges. It must create an environment conducive to learning and innovation by addressing institutional, coordination, and infrastructural issues; strengthen the capacities of the civil service through continuous professional development, a reward and incentive system that gives emphasis to productivity and innovation, and digital, smart systems for more efficient service delivery; and enhance human capital formation through more efficient access to healthcare services, broad-based access to quality education, and effective social protection systems.</p> <p>Other sectors should also help the government by doing their share in reviving the economy and adapting to the new normal. The business sector, academe, and civil society should aim for organizational agility by reconfiguring their strategy, structure, processes, people, and technology. The public must also be open to new ways of doing things. They must be adaptive and innovative. They must have an entrepreneurial mindset and the initiative to upskill themselves.</p>
Partners	<p>Chaired by PIDS, the DPRM Steering Committee consists of various government agencies serving as permanent members. They are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas</i> 2) National Economic and Development Authority 3) Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) 4) Civil Service Commission (CSC) 5) Philippine Information Agency 6) Presidential Management Staff 7) Department of Budget and Management 8) Senate Economic Planning Office 9) Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department <p>Each year, government agencies with mandates, duties, or objectives related to the theme are invited to join as additional members of the Committee. This year’s additional member-agencies are the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Department of Health (2) Department of Social Welfare and Development (3) Department of Information and Communications Technology

DPRM-related activities	<p>This year, all DPRM-related activities will be done virtually. The P-I-D-S, in collaboration with members of the DPRM steering committee, will conduct the following:</p> <p>A. DPRM Press conference (kickoff) – September 1, 2020</p> <p>B. Sixth Annual Public Policy Conference (APPC) on Innovating Governance: Building Resilience Against COVID-19 and Other Risks</p> <p>This APPC is the main and culminating activity of the DPRM celebration. It aims to convene foreign and local experts, researchers, policymakers, and representatives from government, private sector, and civil society in an evidence-based discourse of policy issues.</p> <p>This year, the APPC will be a four-part webinar series, which will feature different topics on the following dates: September 15 – Opening Ceremony and Innovation in Public Sector Governance for Resilience under a New Normal: Theory and Practice September 17 – Institutional Innovations and Reforms under the New Normal September 22 – Strengthening the Civil Service under the New Normal September 24 – SMART Systems for Agile Governance under the New Normal</p> <p>C. The CSC and the DILG will issue memorandum circulars enjoining government agencies and local government units, respectively, to participate in the DPRM celebration by: displaying the physical banner of DPRM 2020 in their office premises or the electronic banner on their official website and social media pages; reposting and sharing DPRM promotional videos, infographics, and related announcements on their website and social media pages; encouraging their personnel to visit the DPRM website and the APPC subsite and follow PIDS on its social media pages; attending all DPRM virtual events such as the kickoff press conference and the APPC webinar series; and organizing virtual activities/events (e.g., webinars) that may be relevant to the theme or to policy research.</p> <p>D. Social media promotion</p>
Website and social media links	<p>Details of this year’s theme and activities are available on these websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://dprm.pids.gov.ph • https://www.pids.gov.ph <p>At PIDS’ social media:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.facebook.com/PIDS.PH/ • https://twitter.com/PIDS_PH <p>Everyone is also encouraged to use these hashtags:</p> <p>#DPRM2020BounceBackTogether #DPRM2020InnovateGovernance #APPC2020BounceBackTogether #APPC2020InnovateGovernance</p>
About PIDS	<p>PIDS was created on September 26, 1977 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1201. It is a nonstock, nonprofit government corporation.</p> <p>PIDS serves as the Philippine government’s primary socioeconomic policy think tank. It is ranked as one of the best think tanks in the world in the <i>Global Go Think Tank Index Report</i> annually published by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program of the University of Pennsylvania.</p>

	<p>Since its creation, PIDS has been engaged in the conduct of policy-oriented studies to assist policymakers in crafting development policies, plans, and programs that are based on sound research evidence.</p> <p>It is an ISO 9001:2015 certified organization.</p>
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