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Head of NICP Membership, NICP

14th NICP Visayas ICT Organization Conferences
Connecting Visayas. Empowering Communities. Building the Future
Danao Civic Center, Danao City, Cebu
October 22-24, 2026

PROGRAMME

Date: October 21, 2026
Dress Code: Casual
Venue:

WELCOME DINNER	
6:00 PM	

Date: October 22, 2026
Dress Code: Modern Filipiniana and Barong
Venue: Danao Civic Center, Danao City, Cebu

DAY 1	
Time	*Activity and Speaker*
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**PRE-PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** Arrival of Guests and Participants | Registration | Networking Visit to Exhibit Booths Display of Event Partners
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	**Preliminaries -** Prayer |National Anthem | Sugbo Hymn | Danao City Anthem **Victor 2026 Overview** **AVP**
9:10 AM – 9:25 AM	**Governors Message** **HON. PAMELA BARICUATRO** Governor Province of Cebu
9:25 AM – 9:40 AM	**Welcome Message** **HON. RAMON "NITO" D. DURANO III** City Mayor, Danao City

9:40 AM – 10:00 AM	**Group Photo** 1. NICP Officers with Mayor 2. ICT Councils with Mayor 3. Partners with Mayor 4. Delegates with all
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	**Acknowledgment of Participants and ICT Councils** **ATTY. EDGAR IGANO** Visayas Trustee
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM	**Message from the NICP President** **JESSRAF PALMARES** President, National ICT Confederation of the Philippines President, Iloilo Federation for Information Technology
10:20 AM – 10:30 AM	**Introduction of the Keynote Speaker** **MICHAEL TIU LIM** Vice President, National ICT Confederation of the Philippines Zamboanga ICT Council
10:30 AM - 10:40 AM	**Keynote Messages** *From Digital Vision to Local Action: Integrating ICT into LGU Development Plans and Budgets* **HON. JOSE THADDEUS B. ROBLE JR.** Sanguniang Panlungsod, Danao City
10:40 AM - 10:50 AM	**Strengthening Partnerships: A Message from NICP to Partners and Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation** **(Call all partners and sponsors on stage)** **1.** **Event Partners** **1.** **Flow** **1. (Staff to call ahead)** **(call all at the side of the stage, all awardees)** **2. One by one photo-ops, move back after the individual photo** **3. Group photo**

	ROBERTO TINSAY JR. President, Malaybalay ICT Council Board of Trustees, National ICT Confederation of the Philippines
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	**APC slot**

LUNCH / SPONSORS TIME / PRESSCON	
11:00 AM – 12:00 NN	**PRESSCON/ SPONSORS TIME**
12:00 NN - 1:00 PM	**LUNCH TIME**

TRACK 1: DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AND SMART LGUs

This track explores how local government units (LGUs) are transforming governance through digitalization, data-driven systems, and citizen-centered services. Highlighting DILG's mandates on transparency, accountability, and participatory governance, the sessions will feature e-governance platforms, digital payments, open-data initiatives, and secure online services. Participants will gain insights from scalable models that enhance public engagement, streamline service delivery, and build agile, responsive, and technology-enabled local governments.

1:00 PM – 1:05 PM	**Moderator:** **MR. ROGER TONACAO** ICT Officer LGU Bogo City
1:05 PM - 1:25 PM	**ATTY. JOCELLE BATAPA-SIGUE** Co-Founder, NICP Former Undersecretary, DICT Digital Advocate Co- Founder, NICP
1:25 PM - 1:35 PM	*Danao City Investment & Promotion Center: Driving Investment, Business Growth and Economic Development* **RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI** DCIPC Officer In-Charge
1:35 PM - 1:45 PM	**KARLO ACOSTA** Senior Sales Manager for Cloud and Infrastructure at Converge Studios
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	*E-Gov App* **SHERYL BETONIO** Project Development Officer, eGov Department of Information and Communications Technology Regional Office VII

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
2:30 PM – 2:40 PM	AWARDING OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION Presenter: **MR. MARION DE LEON** Luzon Board of Trustees, NICP

TRACK 2: BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE - CONNECTIVITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

This track examines how LGUs can close the digital divide through robust ICT infrastructure, reliable connectivity, and inclusive access to technology. It highlights policies, partnerships, and innovative solutions that expand broadband coverage, enable digital services, and empower communities with equitable, technology-driven opportunities.

2:40 PM - 3:00 PM	**Moderator and Speaker** ***How to Build ICT Council*** **DARWIN MANUBAG** City Administrator Iligan City
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	*From Connectivity to Opportunity: Advancing Digital Infrastructure for Inclusive Regional Development* **ASEC. EMMY LOU DELFIN** OIC Assistant Secretary for Regional Development Regional Director, MIMAROPA Department of Information & Communications Technology
3:15 PM - 3:25 PM	*Beyond Connectivity: Building a Digital-Ready Region for the IT-BPM Industry and Future Workforce* **SALVADOR "BUDDY" VILLASIS** Executive Director Cebu IT-BPM Organization (CIB.O)
3:25 PM - 3:35 PM	*Connecting the Visayas: Expanding Digital Infrastructure and Inclusive Connectivity for Every Community* **FREDERICK DC. AMORES** *Regional Director, DICT Region VII*
3:35 PM - 3:45 PM	*Beyond Connectivity: Public-Private Partnerships for Smart and Resilient Communities* **MARIA ASUNCION CANEN** AVP & Head of Enterprise Sales - VisMin Converge
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	*Digital Inclusion as an Essential Pillar of Digital Transformation* **RAHEL PADOBSKY-STUCKI** Founder and CEO

	BANTAY Net
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
4:30 PM – 4:40 PM	AWARDING OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION Presenter: **TERESITA M. LEABRES** Treasurer, NICP President, Cavite ICT Council

4:40 PM – 5:00 PM	**SPONSORS TIME**

MAYOR'S NIGHT Theme: Open Mic Dress code: Loose (inspired by Ben 'n Ben) Location: Danao Civic Center	
6:00 PM – onwards PM	**MOU SIGNING / Oath Taking**

Dress Code: Business Casual
Date: October 23, 2026
Venue: Danao Civic Center, Danao City, Cebu

DAY 2

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	**SPONSORS TIME**

9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	**Welcome Message** **HON. CARMEN REMEDIOS H. DURANO** Vice Mayor, Danao City

TRACK 3: DIGITAL ECONOMY, MSMEs, AND STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

This track highlights how LGUs can drive local economic growth by empowering MSMEs and nurturing vibrant startup ecosystems. Sessions focus on digitalization, innovation, and technology-enabled support, covering e-commerce, fintech, incubation programs, access to financing, and public–private partnerships. Participants gain actionable strategies to build resilient, competitive, and future-ready digital economies.

9:10 AM – 9:15 AM	**Moderator:** **DR. MARY JOY ABUEG** Luzon Board of Trustees, NICP Chairman, PalawaNXT
9:15 AM - 9:25 AM	*Connecting Possibilities: Building a Stronger Digital Future for Regional SMEs* **SUZEL LIM** Head, SME and Consumer Segment Marketing Eastern Communications
9:25 AM - 9:35 AM	*Lead with Digital Mindset: Ingredients for Maximum Impact* **JB TAN** President and Co-Founder of Caret Consulting Corporation
9:25 AM - 9:35 AM	**MOISES A. DORADO** Professor, University of the Philippines Los Banos
9:35 AM - 9:45 AM	**APRIL ONG VAÑO** Head of Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG), Quest Ventures
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION

10:30 AM - 10:40 AM	**AWARDING OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION** **Presenters:** **TERESITA M. LEABRES** Treasurer, NICP President, Cavite ICT Council
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	**Sponsors Time**

TRACK 4: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATION FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This track examines how LGUs, educational institutions, businesses, and communities can collaborate to develop digitally skilled, future-ready workforces. It highlights upskilling and reskilling strategies in AI, fintech, e-commerce, and other emerging technologies, while showcasing local initiatives and best practices that drive job creation, innovation, and inclusive regional growth.

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	**Moderator & Speaker** *Building a Future-Ready Workforce: Industry Partnerships for Digital Skills and Inclusive Growth* **DR. JOSLYN CANON** Director I Corporate Affairs - External Relations Qualfon Philippines, Inc.
11:20 AM - 11:30 AM	*From Innovation to Investment: Creating Opportunities for Sustainable Regional Development* **PAULO UY** Chief Investment Promotions Officer Province of Cebu
11:30 AM - 11:40 AM	*Future-Ready Education: Aligning Academe, Industry and LGUs for the Jobs of Tomorrow* **KRISTELLE LYNNE ONG** Director, Call Center Academy
11:40 AM - 11:50 AM	*AI-Ready Regions: Building Future-Ready Talent for an Inclusive Digital Economy* **CATHERINE JALANDONI** President, Global AI Council Philippines Country Director, Global Finance & Technology Network
11:50 AM – 12:00 AM	*Building Innovation Ecosystems: Connecting Government, Business, and Technology for Regional Growth* **DARWIN JOHN MOISES** *Vice President for Partnerships, Engagement and Governance* *Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI)* *CEO & Co-Founder, XPPLUS Solutions, Inc.*
12:00 NN - 12:30 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
12:30 PM - 12:40 PM	**AWARDING OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION** Presenter: **ROEHL RAMON GURANGO** Secretary, NICP Executive Director, Capiz ICT Council

12:40 NN - 1:30 PM	**LUNCH / SPONSORS TIME**

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	**SDE**
2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	**TURN OVER**
2:05 PM - 2:15 PM	**Closing Remarks**
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	**JAIVE JOSEPH ROBLE** ***OIC, City Information and Communications Technology Office***

Time: until 5pm	*Business Matching*

Dress Code: Business Casual
Date: October 24, 2026
Venue:

DAY 3

Time:	**Community/Industrial Tour (Optional)** *** Vans and Bus % LGU *** Tourist Site *** Delegates who intend to avail of the tour may contact tour operators.* *https://nicp.org.ph/victor2026/*

Master of Ceremonies