



PLANADES represented by its Executive Director, Dr. Tabassam Raza was invited as one of the speaker on the SURP Refining Institution through Skills and Enhancement (RISE) Event held at Training Room, UP SURP Building, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City dated January 22, 2026.

The SURP RISE program is funded through an extension services grant from the University of the Philippines Diliman, Office of Extension and Coordination, Under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development.

EnP. Arlene D.R. Santiago, introduced Prof. Dr. Tabassam Raza as one of the speakers of the session.



Photo: EnP. Arlene D.R. Santiago, introducing the speaker in Mainstreaming CDRA in Planning, Prof. Dr. Tabassam Raza.

Dr. Raza lectured on Mainstreaming Climate Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA) in Planning: CDRA in Comprehensive Land Use Plan during the 3rd day of the event. His topics focuses on:

- a.) Legal Mandates which says that the local government units, shall give the highest priority to enactment of measures the protect and enhance the right of all people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequalities by equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good.

Dr. Raza emphasizes to adopt a Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Municipality/City: Provided, that the formulation, adoption, or modification of said plan shall be in coordination with the approved Provincial Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

- b.) Principles and Approaches to Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) Process and CDRA Mainstreaming Framework in Planning such as watershed as platform, Inclusive, Expansive Governance, Co Management Principle, Gender Responsiveness and Sensitivity, Integration of Barangay Development Plans and Top to Bottom Approaches
- c.) The 12-Step CLUP Process which include Organize, Identify Stockholders, Set the Vision, Analyze the Situation, Set the Goals and Objectives, Establish Development Trust and Spatial Strategies, Prepare Land Use Plan, Draft the Zoning Ordinance (ZO), Conduct the Public Hearing, Review, Adopt and approve the CLUP and Zoning Ordinance (ZO), Monitor and Evaluate the CLUP and ZO.
- d.) The CDRA process that will start in Collecting and Organizing Climate Change and Hazard Information. The second Step will be scoping the potential Impacts of Disasters and Climate Change, then will follow the development of exposure database and conducting Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and lastly is to summarize all the findings.



Photo: Prof. Dr. Tabassam Raza presenting Mainstreaming CDRA in Planning: CDRA in CLUP.

Dr. Tabassam Raza, expressed his sincere gratitude to the University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning (UP SURP) for providing the opportunity to engage in a meaningful discussion on the mainstreaming of Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

He emphasized the importance of integrating climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction principles into local land use planning to ensure resilient, inclusive, and sustainable urban development.

Dr. Raza likewise acknowledged UP SURP's continuing leadership in advancing evidence-based planning, research, and capacity-building initiatives that support local government units in addressing climate-related and disaster-induced risks.

Three local government units (LGUs) participated in SURP RISE Year 3 Batch 2, implemented by the UP School of Urban and Regional Planning through the Office of Training and Extension Services (OTES).

The delegates were headed by the following officials: Hon. Ronelio B. Danao, Municipal Mayor of Ambaguio, Nueva Vizcaya; Hon. Richard B. Daquipil, Municipal Mayor of Remedios T. Romualdez, Agusan del Norte; and EnP. Neil Frederick H. Ramos, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, representing Hon. Ruben B. Uy Diokno, Municipal Mayor of Padre Burgos, Quezon. They were also accompanied by their respective department heads and key technical staff.



(Left) Dr. Tabassam Raza explaining Mainstreaming CDRA in Planning: CDRA in CLUP. (Right) Representative from the Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez, Agusan del Norte headed by Hon. Mayor Richard B. Daquipil.



From Left- Mayor of Remedios T. Romualdez, Agusan Del Norte, Hon. Richard B. Daquipil and Mayor of Ambaguio, Nueva Viscaya, Hon. Ronelio B. Danao actively participating in the SURPRISE event.



Various Attendees of the SURP RISE event actively participating in the discussion from Mainstreaming CDRA in Planning lectured by Dr. Tabassam Raza including Hon. Ronelio B. Danao, Municipal Mayor of Ambaguio, Nueva Viscaya and representative from Municipal Mayor of Padres Burgos, Quezon.