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Dear Dr. Nemenzo:

Greetings from the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)!

We cordially invite you and your faculty members to join our **four-part webinar series** (via CISCO Webex) for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Policy Conference (APPC) Conference. This year’s virtual conference will feature the topic, **“Innovating governance: Building resilience against COVID-19 and other risks”**.

The APPC is the main and culminating activity of the Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) celebration held every September. It aims to convene foreign and local experts, researchers, policymakers, and representatives from the government, private sector, and civil society to discuss topics related to the DPRM theme. This year’s DPRM theme is **“Bouncing Back Together: Innovating Governance for the New Normal”**, or in Filipino, **“Makabagong Pamamahala para sa Sama-samang Pagbangon sa New Normal”** to highlight the importance of innovating governance across all sectors of society to steer the country toward renewed growth and dynamism.

Below are the topics and schedules of the webinar series:

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Registration link</b>
September 15, 2020   9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (APPC Webinar # 1)	Innovation in Public Sector Governance for Resilience under a New Normal: Theory and Practice	<a href="http://bit.ly/appc2020webinar1pids">bit.ly/appc2020webinar1pids</a> <b>Deadline of registration:</b> September 10 (Thursday)
September 17, 2020   9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (APPC Webinar # 2)	Institutional Reforms and Innovations under the New Normal	<a href="http://bit.ly/appc2020webinar2pids">bit.ly/appc2020webinar2pids</a> <b>Deadline of registration:</b> September 10 (Thursday)
September 22, 2020   9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (APPC Webinar # 3)	Strengthening the Civil Service under the New Normal	<a href="http://bit.ly/appc2020webinar3pids">bit.ly/appc2020webinar3pids</a> <b>Deadline of registration:</b> September 18 (Friday)
September 24, 2020   9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (APPC Webinar # 4)	Smart Systems for Agile Governance under the New Normal	<a href="http://bit.ly/appc2020webinar4pids">bit.ly/appc2020webinar4pids</a> <b>Deadline of registration:</b> September 18 (Friday)

You and your faculty members can choose to attend all or any of these online seminars by registering on the links provided above. Please take note of the deadline for the registration.

All confirmed participants will receive the guidelines and meeting links for each of the webinars a day before the event.

Those who will not be able to join on Webex may still watch the live stream of the virtual events on the PIDS Facebook account ([facebook.com/PIDS.PH](https://www.facebook.com/PIDS.PH)).

To know more about this year's DPRM theme and activities, please visit this link <https://dprm.pids.gov.ph/>.

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We look forward to your participation in these webinars.

Sincerely,

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