17.2.1 - Relationships with regional NGOs and government for SDG policy

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) advances SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals by actively collaborating with local government units, national government agencies, regional organizations, and non-government organizations in developing and implementing sustainable development initiatives. Through research partnerships, extension programs, technical assistance, stakeholder consultations, and joint projects, the University contributes expertise and evidence-based recommendations to address regional development challenges. These collaborations strengthen policy development, facilitate resource sharing, support program monitoring, and promote coordinated actions toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

DOrSU's participation in meetings and activities convened by the Regional Development Council XI (RDC XI) and the Southern Mindanao Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (SMAARRDEC) can demonstrate its role in regional development coordination, research collaboration, and evidence-based policy discussions.

The statement should emphasize that DOrSU is not merely attending meetings but contributing its institutional expertise, research capabilities, and recommendations to regional development priorities.

Davao Oriental State University Actively Participates in Regional Development Councils and Research Consortia

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) strengthens its commitment to SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals through its active engagement with regional government bodies and research consortia, particularly the Regional Development Council XI (RDC XI) and the Southern Mindanao Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (SMAARRDEC). Through participation in regional council meetings, collaborative research initiatives, and development planning activities, DOrSU contributes its academic and technical expertise to address regional priorities and advance evidence-based policies and programs.

In 2025, DOrSU's engagement was demonstrated through the following initiatives:

1. Regional Development Council XI (RDC XI) Meetings – DOrSU participated in regional development initiatives and the RDC XI 4th Quarter Full Council Meeting on December 3, 2025, where the University received recognition for its outstanding research and infrastructure projects under the DavPRIME awards. These recognitions highlighted DOrSU's contributions to regional development through research, innovation, and effective project implementation.



Source: [DOrSU Bags Twin Citations in RDC XI DavPRIME 2024]

2. SMAARRDEC Regional Research and Development Collaboration – As a consortium member institution and host university, DOrSU worked with SMAARRDEC and other regional partners in organizing the Coconut FIESTA 2025, held on August 13–15, 2025, in Mati City. The event included the 38th Regional Symposium on R&D Highlights and the Farmers and Fisherfolks Forum, providing a platform for sharing research innovations, discussing agricultural and fisheries development priorities, and strengthening collaboration among government agencies, researchers, industry partners, and farming communities.

Through these engagements, DOrSU reinforces its role as an active regional development partner, contributing research-based knowledge, institutional resources, and collaborative solutions to regional development challenges.



Sources: **Coconut FIESTA 2025: Revitalizing the "Tree of Life" Industry** | SMAARRDEC

SMAARRDEC Member Agencies