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Joint statement inked on the National Summit with DOLE and World Vision to address WFCL

In celebration of the 2022 World Day Against Child Labor, the National Stakeholders' Summit of Councils and Interagency Bodies Addressing Worst Forms of Child Labor (WFCL), including Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC), was held last 15-16 June 2022 at the Bayview Park Hotel Manila and simultaneously online via Zoom.

Messages from BWSC Director Ma. Karina Trayvilla, on behalf of DOLE Undersecretary Atty. Ana Dione, World Vision Development Foundation, Inc. Operations Director, Ajab-Aram R. Macapagat, Chargé d'affaires Heather C. Variava of the US Embassy in Manila, and International Affairs Specialist Carte Quinley of the US Department of Labor graced the summit.

The two-day event tackled gaps, challenges, and recommendations from different global and local reports, studies, and research, with the end goal of strengthening regulations, policies, and implementation.

Delegates during the in-person activity signed and endorsed a Joint Statement, calling upon leaders, policymakers, and decision-makers to prioritize collaborative actions to address Worst Forms of Child Labor, Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children, and Violations of Acceptable Conditions of Work in our country.

Collaborative actions under the said Joint Statement are also aligned with the Durban Call to Action on the Elimination of Child Labour.

The DOLE continues to work in partnership with World Vision to eradicate the worst forms of child labor and defend, protect, and uphold the rights and responsibilities of children and youth.

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