

**2021 CIOF FIRST ONLINE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AND CONFERENCE POST EVENT REPORT**

**“Securing an Inclusive and Reliable Connectivity”**

**#ICT4VaccinationProgram**

March 25, 2021

8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The nation's urgent recovery from the debilitating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic relies largely on the effective and coordinated implementation of a nationwide vaccination program. But people's apprehensions, expectations, conflicting demands, and the inadequate interconnectivity and reliability of systems and data, will most likely complicate the rollout of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

The Vaccination Program seeks to "establish the information and technology infrastructure to capture supply chain information from planning up to distribution of COVID-19 vaccine". This clearly recognizes the critical role of ICT in enhancing the collaborative responsibilities of concerned government agencies and LGUs. This was amplified by DICT Secretary Gregorio Honasan II in his keynote message during the 2021 CIOF 1<sup>st</sup> Online General Membership and Conference saying that ICT has been a powerful tool, not just by providing opportunities and better services to the Filipinos but also in combating and mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the plenary session, DOH Usec Maria Rosario Vergeire emphasized the need to work closely with concerned agencies and adopt technology solutions to ensure seamless integration of activities in the implementation of the National Vaccination Program. On the other hand, Fr. Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, Jr. said that a) science-based information can build vaccine confidence by appealing to the brain of the Filipinos and b) data-based evidence has to be accompanied by personal testimonies that appeal to the heart of the Filipinos.

Another important segment of the conference was the panel discussion on ensuring collaboration and teamwork in the rollout of the National Vaccination Program, initiatives undertaken and areas for improvement, as well as the need to integrate or link various silos system initiatives with the Vaccination Information Management System of the national government. Interesting and remarkable insights were provided by the panelists: Quezon City Mayor Ma. Josefina “Joy” Belmonte; DICT- Cyber Security Director Jose Carlos Reyes; Microsoft National Technology Officer Richard “Bon” Moya; Chair and Chief Executive Officer Hernando Delizo, MD of Healthcare Business Development Partners Holdings, Inc.; and Converge ICT CIO Ulysses Naguit. The discussion was ably moderated by DTI Asst. Director Agnes Perpetua Legaspi.

Almost 100 government officials, CIOs, technical staff, electric cooperatives and partners in the ICT industry attended the conference via Educ8/Soln platform, and more than a hundred viewers joined the event through the YouTube and Facebook

live streaming. The conference master of ceremonies was DTI Director Patricia Mae M. Abejo.

The online conference was organized by the joint CIOF-CIOFF Project Management Team, and supported by the industry partners, namely: Microsoft, Converge ICT and Educ8/Intel Soln.