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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTION

Member of the Social Security Commission (SSC), which serves as the Governing Board of the Social Security System (SSS). Commissioner Arcos shares in the responsibility of governing the SSS in terms of policy-making, monitoring and overseeing management actions pursuant to Sec. 4 of Republic Act No. 11199 otherwise known as The Social Security Act of 2018. She also performs quasi-judicial functions involving any dispute with respect to social security coverage, benefits, contributions and penalties thereon or any other matter related thereto, in accordance with Sec.5 of the said Act. She is a member of the SSC's Information Technology and Collection Committee, and Risk Management and Investments Committee.

Appointed on 23 March 2023, and took Oath of Office on 03 April 2023. She also served the Commission in 2015 and 2016 as one of the three Workers' Group Representatives.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Almost three decades of service to workers and their families, providing education opportunities; conducting research to support collective negotiations, advocacies, participation in policy formulation, and international solidarity; organizing workers, women, youth, and communities; serving as labor representative, delegate, adviser, panelist, or resource person in national and international activities; and engaging in social dialogues and decision-making structures.

Years of contribution to women protection and development, participating in women-specific and related policy and program formulation, monitoring and evaluation, including the campaigns on elimination of gender-based violence, the passage of the Expanded Maternity Leave Benefit Law, and bridging the gender gap.

In the 1990s until mid 2000, lead through a project, in the formulation of anti-sexual harassment policies, and in the establishment of committees on decorum and investigation (CODIs) in companies; in the call for the implementation of required allocation of gender and development budget in government agencies and local government units; in the establishment of sustainable alternative structures to address domestic violence; and in the provision of legal and psycho-social interventions in violence against women cases.

Provided psycho-spiritual accompaniment to institutional care givers of abandoned and homeless women; and neglected, abused, maltreated or exploited children; provided support services involving domestic violence cases for referral or court purposes; and helped establish a program with preventive, treatment and other support services to victim-survivors of sexual abuse.

Provided care for the sick in hospital setting, to those who did not have family members, relatives or friends to look after them; care for orphans, the elderly, and dying; in feeding the hungry, unemployed and homeless in soup kitchens and communities; visited prisoners; and participated in medical, relief and fact-finding missions in armed conflict affected areas.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

National Vice President for Education and Information of the Associated Labor Unions (ALU), Associated Philippine Seafarers Union (APSU), and the Associated Philippine Supervisory, Office, Technical Employees Association.

Management and evaluation of special projects in the areas of research, publications, organizing and public campaigns, gender equality, environment, workers' employability, and government responsiveness.

Current Member of the Global, and Asia-Pacific IndustriALL Executive Committee, and Women's Committee. Former Co-Chair of the Global, and Asia-Pacific IndustriALL Women's Committee; former Titular in the United International - APRO Women Committee; former Member of the International Trade Union Confederation – Asia-Pacific Women's Committee, and the Regional General Executive Council.

LEARNING BACKGROUND

Bachelor of Science in Business Economics, and 41 units of Masteral studies in Labor Policy and Administration, and Psychology, University of the Philippines, Diliman.

Has Philippine Civil Service Eligibilities, and years of participation in modular classes, debit courses, and training programs in the Philippines and abroad. Select Diplomas/Certificates include:

Psychology courses, Institute for Pastoral and Social Ministry, Notre Dame University, Indiana, USA; Hispanic Theology courses, Mexican American Cultural Center, San Antonio, Texas, USA; Filipino Theology and Spirituality of Struggle, under Bishop Julio Labayen and Sr. Rosario Battung, Stella Maris College, Quezon City; Clinical Pastoral Education, Pastoral Care Foundation of the Philippines, Makati Medical Center, including Neuro-Linguistic Programming, MS Guidance and Counselling Class, Dela Salle University; Paralegal Training, University of the Philippines Law Center Institute of Judicial Administration; and Active Non-Violence, La Ignacia Apostolic Center;

Intensive Journal Writing Workshops, Dialogue House Associates, Inc., New York; Helping Grievors with your Heart, Head and Hands by Dr. John S. Jeffreys, Ed.D. of Loyola College in Maryland, USA; Sexuality and Spirituality by Fr. Richard Rohr, Center for Action and Contemplation, Albuquerque, New Mexico;

Information Management, and Workers' Participation in Decision-making for Higher Productivity from Turin International Training Centre, with field visits to Austria, Sweden and Germany; Development of Productivity-friendly Culture in Organizations (for Top Management), Asian Productivity Organization and Iranian Productivity Organization, Tehran, Iran; Multiculturalism and (*social*) partnerships, Ministry Resource Center, Alamo, Texas; Spanish language and culture from Centro de Enseñanza para Extranjeros, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, and Cuernavaca Language School, Mexico City; and Economic Development Planning, International Institute – Histadrut, Israel.