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PREPARING FOR FOI IMPLEMENTATION



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I. ISSUES

- 1. Will there be a list of records to consult?
Ideally, the inventory can be this list.**

- ❖ The NAP experience on conducting inventories shows that this is very difficult to accomplish even on a records series level.**
- ❖ An inventory on an individual records level is untenable. The records series level is the most manageable level possible.**



I. ISSUES

2. Studies show that FOI regimes do not automatically result in better governance.



I. ISSUES

- 3. Electronic systems will certainly help in FOI implementation but these are not yet in place in many agencies.**



I. ISSUES

4. Most exemptions for purposes of confidentiality are still in place.



II. WHAT HAS TO BE DONE

- 1. More topic specific workshops are needed to teach government workers how to take advantage of FOI for better governance.**
- 2. A practical result-oriented training program for FOI implementation has to be carried out.**
- 3. Pilot areas and pilot agencies should be identified for initial roll-out.**

II. WHAT HAS TO BE DONE

- 4. All FOI implementation programs must take into account the interactive areas of policy, program, resources including human power, funds, hardware and software, as well as training.**
- 5. Individual agencies must prioritize the setting up of FOI implementation committees, FOI review committees, and their agency inventory.**
- 6. The coordinating body for FOI must decide if it will set up national review bodies above the agency level.**

II. WHAT HAS TO BE DONE

- 7. It should be noted that many agencies are now beginning to use electronic information technology. FOI implementation programs should take advantage of this situation by introducing necessary FOI mechanisms.**
- 8. Release of budgets for electronic information technology expenditures may be indexed for FOI compliance.**
- 9. FOI implementation must recognize how a regime of transparency may be best cultivated in a Philippine cultural context that takes into account local notions of communication and privacy.**

III. CONCLUSION

The introduction of programs like the FOI will definitely cause complications but solutions will be found once people plunge into implementation.





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