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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 767

Series of 2024

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (NTC) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CY 2024 SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING RURAL WOMEN OR THE "GAWAD PARANGAL SA KATANGI-TANGING KABABAIHAN SA KANAYUNAN"**

In the interest of service and to ensure the success of the Department of Agriculture's CY 2024 Search for Outstanding Rural Women (SORW) or "*Gawad Parangal Sa Katangi-Tanging Kababaihan Sa Kanayunan*," a National Technical Committee (NTC) is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson : **AGNES CATHERINE T. MIRANDA**  
Undersecretary and Chairperson of Gender and Development Focal Point System (GAD FPS)

Vice-Chairpersons : **ATTY. GENEVIEVE E. VELICARIA-GUEVARRA**  
Assistant Secretary and Vice Chairperson of GAD FPS

**JAMES A. LAYUG**  
Assistant Secretary and Vice Chairperson of GAD FPS

**TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

Chairperson : **DR. DIADEM B. GONZALES-ESMERO**  
Supervising Science Research Specialist  
Philippine Rice Research Institute

Vice-Chairperson : **MILDRED MERCENE-BUAZON**  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)

Members : **GAD FOCAL PERSONS/REPRESENTATIVES**  
PMS, FOS, AFID, BFAR, PhilMech, PhilRice, PCA, BSWM, ACPC, ATI, National Banner Programs (Rice, Corn, Livestock, High Value Crops, Organic Agriculture)

Documentation : AFID Staff

Secretariat : GAD Secretariat  
Staff of Undersecretary for Attached Agencies and Corporations


As such, the members of the NTC shall review and update the Guidelines on the SORW stipulated in Memorandum Order No. 42 series of 2023, conduct a table evaluation and field validation of the nominees for the National Award, and provide technical inputs to the members of the Board of Judges (BOJ) in their deliberation and selection of winners.

The offices identified above as members of the Technical Working Group are directed to submit the names of the GAD Focal Person who shall serve as their permanent and alternate representatives to the Secretariat five (5) days after the approval of this Order.

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the SORW and the NTC members such as travelling expenses, per diem, and incidental expenses shall be chargeable against their respective offices' GAD funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.**  
Secretary



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