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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL CORN SEED PRODUCTION NETWORK

Corn is one of the most important staple crops in the country. It is used not only for human consumption but also for animal feeds. As such, provision and availability of good quality corn seeds is crucial to food security, nutrition, agricultural and livestock development, and rural livelihoods. Recognizing this, a **Project Steering Committee and Technical Working Group for the Development of Local Corn Seed Production Network** are hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

A. Composition

Chairperson: Engr. Roger V. Navarro, Undersecretary for Operations and Agri-Fisheries Mechanization, Department of Agriculture

Vice Chairperson : Director Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)

Members: Director Milo D. Delos Reyes, National Corn Program (NCP)
 OIC-Executive Director Julieta E. Opulencia, Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF)
 Director Junel B. Soriano, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)

B. Duties and responsibilities:

1. Set the overall direction and policy in relation to the development of local corn seed production network;
2. Assess the activities and accomplishment related to the development of the local seed production network; and
3. Recommend policies and other issuances that would strengthen the corn seed industry.

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

A. Composition

Chairperson: Ruel C. Gesmundo, DA-BPI

Vice Chairperson: Dr. Candido B. Damo, DA-NCP

Members: Roynic Y. Aquino, *Focal Person*, DA-Cagayan Valley Research Center
Reymar A. Gulatera, *Alternate Focal Person*, DA-CVRC
Elalin T. Torio, *Focal Person*, DA-BPI-National Seed Quality Control Services
Maria Belinda N. Cruz, *Alternate Focal Person*, DA-BPI-NSQCS
Christopher S. Cruz, *Focal Person*, DA BPI-Crop Research and Production Support Division
Asther V. Paglinawan, *Alternate Focal Person*, DA BPI-CRPSD
Lenie T. Manipon, *Focal Person*, DA BPI-Plant Product Safety Services Division
Samuel L. Fontanilla, *Alternate Focal Person*, DA BPI-PPSSD
Mary Ann B. Guerrero, *Focal Person*, BPI National Seed Industry Council
Paul Ryan O. Alcantara, *Alternate Focal Person*, BPI NSIC
Joan-May R. Tolentino, *Focal Person*, DA-BPI-National Plant Quarantine Services Division
Zyrine C. Lorizo, *Alternate Focal Person*, DA-BPI-NPQSD
Geronima P. Eusebio, *Focal Person*, DA-BPI-Biotech
Sheeb Kaiserin M. Quiaonza, *Alternate Focal*, DA-BPI-Biotech
John Paul D. Maminta, *Focal Person*, DA-BPI-Crop Pest Management Division
Merabil L. Corpuz, *Alternate Focal Person*, DA-BPI-CPMD
Elmer E. Enicola, *Focal Person*, IPB-University of the Philippines Los Baños
Florita F. Carandang, *Alternate Focal Person*, IPB-UPLB

B. Duties and responsibilities:

1. Determine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats encompassing corn seed sector;
2. Formulate key strategies, operational activities, targets and action plans for the development of local corn seed production network;
3. To create relevant policies, guidelines and other issuances that would strengthen the corn seed network;
4. Recommend appropriate actions to address issues and problems related to the corn seed industry; and
5. Undertake other activities related to corn seed production network as may be recommended by the Project Steering Committee.

SECRETARIAT

A. Composition:

Chairperson: Aileen D. Agcaoili, DA-BPI
Members: John Michael S. Francisco, DA-BPI
Katrine Joy L. Gallevo, DA-BPI
Mary Jane M. De Guzman, DA-BPI
Saimon Errel S. Caligayahan, DA-BPI





B. Duties and responsibilities:

1. Prepare notice, highlights and minutes of the meeting;
2. Coordinate with all members of the committee and TWG regarding activities of the project;
3. Regular tracking of output and activities of the project, monitor and coordinate compliance of PSC and TWG of the agreed deliverables; and
4. Perform other tasks in support to the development of the local corn seed production network.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All orders memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 5th day of July 2024.


FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.

Secretary 



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