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SPECIAL ORDER No. <u>1720</u> Series of 2024

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND THE NATIONAL CASSAVA STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CORN PROGRAM

In the interest of service, the National Corn Program (NCP) is hereby authorized to conduct the National Cassava Stakeholder Consultative Meeting on December 9 -10, 2024 in NCR (Quezon City).

The activity aims to:

- Identify and discuss key issues and concerns related to cassava production and marketing;
- Review and update market demand projections for cassava and related products;
- Strengthen collaboration to develop solutions to address industry challenges; and
- Refine and update action plans to ensure the sustainable growth and competitiveness of the cassava sector.

The staff from the following offices are authorized to attend the above-mentioned activity:

OFFICE	Number of Participant/s
Office of the Secretary	3
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations	1
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations	1
Regional Field Offices	
- Regional Cassava Report Officer	15
Agricultural Training Institute	1
Bureau of Agricultural Research	1
Bureau of Plant Industry	
- Crop Pest Management Division	1
State Universities and Colleges	
- UPLB - Institute of Plant Breeding	1
- VSU - PhilRootcrops	1
National Corn Program	7
Cassava Stakeholders (feed millers, starch millers, food	18
processors, farmers association)	
Total	50

Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the activity such as; venue/training facilities, food, accommodation, supplies and materials, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the ATI corn funds, while traveling expenses and per diem of

participants shall be charged against their respective offices' funds, subject to the usual government 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 13th day of Nov. 2024.

For and By the Authority of the Secretary

ALLAN Q. UMALI Undersecretary for Administration (as per Special Order No.618, Series of 2024)



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