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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 186  
Series of 2025

**SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND THE BENCHMARKING APPROACHES ON SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT IN CORN-BASED SLOPING AREAS (SLM-CORN)**

In order to provide effective service, **the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Soils and Water Management (DA-BSWM)** is granted authorization to conduct the **Benchmarking Approaches on Sustainable Land Management in Corn-Based Sloping Areas (SLM-Corn)** from **March 4 to 6, 2025**, in Bansalan, Davao del Sur.

The activity aims to:

Empower concerned technical staff and stakeholders in the execution of the SLM project, specifically on the establishment of SLM exemplars;

Specifically;

- To formulate an integrated approach that harmonizes Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT);
- To acquire in-depth expertise and understanding of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) practices;
- To assess the SALT model area and gather comprehensive knowledge necessary for the effective implementation of the project; and
- To develop a strategic farm plan for each of the SLM-Corn exemplars based on the principles of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT).



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


OFFICE	Number of Participant/s
Department of Agriculture - Office of the Secretary	3
Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office II (DA-RFO II)	2
Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office IV-A (DA-RFO IV-A)	2
Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office V (DA-RFO V)	2
Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office VII (DA-RFO VII)	2
Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office X (DA-RFO X)	2
Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office XII (DA-RFO XII)	2
Department of Agriculture- National Corn Program (DA-NCP)	3
Department of Agriculture- Bureau of Soils and Water Management (DA-BSWM)	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

The expenses associated with conducting the activity, including venue and training facilities, food, and accommodation, will be covered by the funds of the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Soils and Water Management (DA-BSWM). Meanwhile, the travel expenses and per diem of participants will be charged to their respective office funds, in accordance with applicable government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately and will be considered revoked upon the completion of the activity. All previous orders, memoranda, and issuances that are inconsistent with this directive are hereby revoked.

Done this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

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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