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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S STEERING COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES (TCCP)

In the interest of the service and in line with the Department's membership to the Technical Cooperation Council of the Philippines (TCCP) stipulated in Executive Order No. 17, Series of 1992, a Steering Committee and Technical Working Group (TWG) are hereby created to oversee and implement activities under the TCCP.

A. STEERING COMMITTEE (SC)

Responsibilities

1. Provide strategic guidance and policy direction on the implementation of the Department's TCCP initiatives;
2. Recommend work plans, budgets, and timelines prepared by the TWG for the approval of the Secretary;
3. Ensure alignment of TCCP activities with the priorities of the Department of Agriculture and the Philippine Development Plan;
4. Monitor and evaluate the overall progress and impact of TCCP initiatives; and,
5. Recommend approval of the overall accomplishments and impact of TCCP initiatives to the DA Secretary.

Composition

Chairperson: **Engr. Arnel V. de Mesa, CESO III**
Assistant Secretary for Special Concerns and for Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Vice-Chairperson: **Dr. Karen Kristine A. Roscom, PFT**
OIC Director, Policy Research Service (PRS)

Members: **Fernando D. Flores**
Director, Project Development Service (PDS)

Engr. Remelyn R. Recoter, MNSA, CESO III
Director, Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)

Dr. Junel B. Soriano
Director, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)

Dr. Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban
Director, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)

Dr. Gina P. Nilo
Director, Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)

Dr. Dionisio G. Alwindia
Director, Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech)

Elizer S. Salilig, MFT
Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)

Diosamia M. Sevilla, MSc
OIC – Director, Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)

The Steering Committee may invite representatives from other DA operating units and relevant government agencies during its meetings to provide technical support and expertise as deemed necessary.

B. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

Responsibilities

1. Develop and implement detailed work plans, budgets, and timelines for TCCP initiatives;
2. Conduct technical assessments, review and evaluation on TCCP initiatives, including stakeholder consultations, as necessary;
3. Prepare reports, presentations, and documentation required for Steering Committee meetings and external engagements; and,
4. Provide technical assistance and administrative support during the planning and implementation of TCCP-related events, training, and capacity-building programs.

Composition

Chairperson: **KATRIN R. MARES**
OIC Chief, International Division Affairs

Members: Representative of the following offices:

Project Development Service (PDS)
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Concerns and for Official Development Assistance (ODA)
Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)
Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)
Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)

Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization
(PhilMech)
National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI)
Other relevant DA bureaus and attached agencies, if needed.

C. SECRETARIAT: Airene A. Teodoro - Camayudo
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Concerns and for
Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Verly N. Dacalos
Project Development Service (PDS)


Abigail T. Amestoso
International Affairs Division (IAD)

The International Affairs Division (IAD) shall also serve as the DA's focal point/liason for TCCP matters.

Expenses during meetings shall be chargeable against OSEC funds while travelling expenses, per diem, and incidental expenses of the SC, TWG and Secretariat are charged against the funds of their respective offices, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 14th day of February 2025.


FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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