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MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Director**
Policy and Planning Service

The Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions CAR, VII and XIII

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **PARTICIPATION OF SOME DENR PERSONNEL TO THE NATIONAL CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NCI-SRD) ISLAND-WIDE POLICY ADVOCACY ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL CONVERGENCE STRATEGY (NCS) BILL**

DATE : **MAR 10 2021**

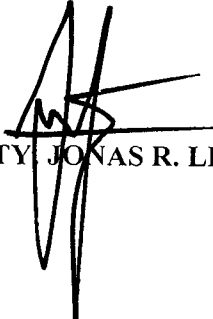
This refers to the attached letter of Undersecretary Waldo R. Carpio, Undersecretary for Special Concerns, Department of Agriculture and Permanent Alternate Chairperson, National Steering Committee, DA-DAR-DENR-DILG NCI-SRD, requesting the participation of some DENR personnel to the above-mentioned activity to be held on April 13-15, 2021 for Luzon Cluster (Benguet), April 20-22, 2021 for Visayas Cluster (Bohol), and May 4-6, 2021 for Mindanao Cluster (Butuan), as follows:

PARTICIPANT/S	NO. OF PAX
National Level	
PA CWG Chairperson	
Policy and Planning Service (PPS)-Policy Studies Division (PSD) Director Melinda D. Capistrano/Alternate	1
Regional Level	
RCI-TWG Member and Secretariat (CAR, Region VII and Region XIII)	2
TOTAL	3

Please be informed that we forwarded/informed you of the matter through our Memorandum dated March 4, 2021. (see attached)

For confirmation of your participation, please register on this link: <https://bit.ly/3aw7AOs>. For other inquiries, kindly coordinate with the NCI-SRD Secretariat at telephone no. 8-929-5683/8-929-4927 or email at ncisrd@da.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

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National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD)

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LETTER OF INVITATION

March 01, 2021

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES, CESO I

Undersecretary for Priority Programs
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear **Undersecretary Leones**:

The NCI-SRD Policy and Advocacy Component Working Group (PA CWG) will be conducting the **Island-Wide Policy Advocacy Activity on the Proposed National Convergence Strategy (NCS) Act which will be divided into three (3) clusters: Luzon Cluster (13-15 April 2021, Benguet), Visayas Cluster (20-22 April 2021, Cebu), and Mindanao Cluster (04-06 May 2021, Butuan)**. The policy advocacy campaign is designed to mobilize support for the proposed NCS Act in the Senate by increasing the participants' knowledge of the NCI-SRD, its milestones and activities. A draft manifesto of support to the NCS Act is expected at the end of the activity. The target participants are the members of the NCI-SRD PA CWG, the National Secretariat, the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Groups (RCI TWGs), RCI TWG Secretariat, and Local Government Unit (LGU) Representatives. Attached is the provisional program of activities for your reference.

In this regard, **may we request you to facilitate the participation of DENR PA CWG members in the activity?** We have allotted one (1) slot per cluster for your agency which may come from the following offices:

1. Policy and Planning Service (PPS);
2. Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB);
3. Forestry Management Bureau (FMB);
4. Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB);
5. Land Management Bureau (LMB).

The activity for each cluster will run for one day and shall require face-to-face facilitation. The National Secretariat shall make certain that the venue, food, and logistical arrangements are compliant with applicable health and physical distancing protocols. To ensure a productive and efficient discussion, we request the designated participants to be present for the whole duration of the activity.

Kindly confirm your participation through the **online confirmation form (<https://bit.ly/3aw7AOs>) on or before Wednesday, 17 March 2021**. For confirmation and other concerns, your staff may contact Ms. Ram Bernal of the NCI-SRD Secretariat at nos. (02) 8- 929-5683/ (02) 8-929-4927 or send an email at ram.bernal@denr.gov.ph.

Thank you for your continued support to the NCI-SRD and we look forward to DENR's participation in the activity.

Truly yours,

WALDO R. CARPIO
Undersecretary for Special Concerns
Department of Agriculture and
Permanent Alternate Chairperson, National Steering Committee (NSC)
DA-DAR-DENR-DILG NCI-SRD

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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES
ISLAND-WIDE POLICY ADVOCACY ACTIVITY ON THE PROPOSED
NATIONAL CONVERGENCE STRATEGY (NCS) ACT

Day 1	
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Arrival and Billeting of Participants
Day 2	
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration of Participants <i>National Secretariat</i>
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Invocation and Philippine National Anthem <i>National Secretariat</i>
9:20 am – 9:20 am	Introduction of Participants <i>National Secretariat</i>
9:20 am – 9:30 am	Welcome Remarks Mayor and/or District Representative of the Host Municipality
9:30 am – 9:40 am	Opening Remarks Regional Executive Director, DA- Regional Field Office (RFO) and Chairperson, Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Group (RCI TWG)
9:40 am – 9:50 am	NCI-SRD Audio-Video Presentation <i>National Secretariat</i>
9:50 am – 10:30 am	NCI-SRD Briefing <i>National Secretariat</i>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Brief Introduction to the Proposed NCS Bill <i>PA CWG/National Secretariat</i>
11:00 am – 11:10 am	Keynote Speech USEC. WALDO R. CARPIO DA Undersecretary for Special Concerns
11:10 am – 11:40 am	Ceremonial Support Statement Signing and Photo Opportunities
11:40 am – 11:50 am	Closing Remarks MELINDA CAPISTRANO OIC-Chief, Planning & Programming Division, DENR-PPS and PA CWG Chairperson, NCI-SRD
11:50 am – 12:00 nn	Ways Forward
12:00 nn – 1:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Distribution of Certificates and Collection of Activity Feedback Forms
Day 3	
9:00 am – 12:00 nn	Departure

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DATE : **MAR 04 2021**

This has reference to the attached Department of Agriculture Special Order No. 75, Series of 2021 signed by Secretary William D. Dar, Ph.D., relative to the above-mentioned event to be held on April 13-15, 2021 for Luzon Cluster (Benguet), April 20-22, 2021 for Visayas Cluster (Bohol), and May 4-6, 2021 for Mindanao Cluster (Butuan).

The activity will be attended by the following members of the DENR Policy Advocacy Component Working Group (CWG) and Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Group (RCI-TWG):

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A Special Order was already forwarded to the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs for his approval. We will appreciate receiving feedback on the outcome of the activities. For further inquiries and confirmation of attendance, please directly coordinate with the NCI-SRD Secretariat at telephone no. 8-929-5683/8-929-4927 or email at ncisrd@da.gov.ph.

For your consideration and appropriate action.


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