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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors

Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Executive Director
National Water Resources Board

The Administrator
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

FROM : The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **Philippine Contributions to International Organizations and Proposals for Hosting of International Conference for FY 2022 International Commitment Fund (ICF) Budget Preparation**

DATE : JAN 15 2021

This refers to the letter of Assistant Secretary Noralyn Jubaira-Baja, Office of United Nations and International Organizations, DFA dated 01 December 2020 and 25 November 2020 in relation to the submission of proposals for hosting of international conference and Philippine contributions to international organizations for FY 2022 ICF budget preparations.

In preparation for the ICF budget review, DFA is requesting us to provide a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) of Philippine membership in the following International Organizations (IOs) under the DENR jurisdiction using the attached template:

1. Coordination Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programme in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP);
2. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
3. Trust Fund for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (VC);
4. International Hydrographic Organization (IHO);
5. International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO);
6. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – Core Budget (UNFCCC);
7. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – Kyoto Protocol (UNFCCC);
8. Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (RAMSAR);
9. Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (MP);
10. International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR);

11. General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (BG);
12. ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB);
13. ASEAN Transboundary Haze Pollution Control Fund (ATHPCF);
14. ASEAN Minerals Trust Fund (AMTF);
15. Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative of Coral Reefs Fisheries and Food Security (CTICFF);
16. Global Biodiversity Information Facility (New) (GBIF); and
17. Asian-Republic of Korea Forest Cooperation (AFoCO) Organization (New) (AFoCO)

Also include your recommendation to either continue or withdraw from the IOs and the corresponding justification for our continuing membership.

In addition to our contributions to the IOs, kindly submit your proposals for the hosting of international conferences in 2022 based on the following considerations and format (copy of sample proposal attached as template guide):

1. The conduct of the international conference is consistent with the President's Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and AmbisyonNatin 2040;
2. The meeting is part of a commitment pursuant to an international agreement (that the conference is based on a rotating policy of hosting meetings among member states or States Parties);
3. The meeting/conference budget is not less than PHP 1million, otherwise, the hosting budget should be incorporated in the agency's regular budget; and
4. Proposals should include the following elements:
 - a A one-page executive summary of the proposal (e.g. title, date, rationale, expected outcome, legal basis, budget participants)
 - b Rationale and description of the meeting (i.e. date/s, venue, objective/s background of the meeting, meeting participants);
 - c Legal Basis/international agreements, including rotation cycle;
 - d Justification that the conference is aligned with one or more objectives contained in the PDP and AmbisyonNatin 2040; and
 - e Detailed budget for the proposed hosting.

In this regard, submit your inputs on or before 15 January 2021 for consolidation prior to submission to DFA for deliberation by the ICF Review Panel and endorsement to the Office of the President in February 2021. Kindly send also soft copies of your inputs through email at psddivision@gmail.com.

For your preferential and appropriate action.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

25 November 2020

Sir:

In preparation for the FY 2022 budget review relating to the International Commitments Fund (ICF) and in view of the need to rationalize Philippine contributions to international organizations (IOs), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is respectfully requested to provide a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) of Philippine membership in the following IOs under your agency's jurisdiction using the attached template:

1. Coordination Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programme in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP);
2. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
3. Trust Fund for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (VC);
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The cost-benefit analysis should include all forms of assistance provided by the above IOs that have benefited your agency and the country.

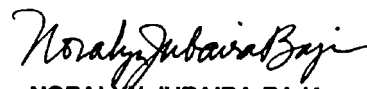
If deemed appropriate, the DENR may also note in its submission its recommendation to either continue its membership or withdraw from the IOs under its jurisdiction. For those with continuing membership, the DENR is also requested to indicate the justification for said membership. This information is regularly requested by the Senate and Congress budget committees in the defense of ICF budget proposals.

The information that you will provide will aid the ICF Review Panel in prioritizing ICF funding to IOs from which the Philippines' participation derives the most benefit, as well as in the prioritization of payment of membership dues.

The DENR's submission should be received **no later than 31 January 2021** to enable the ICF Review Panel to review and prepare the FY 2022 ICF budget proposal to be endorsed to the Office of the President for approval in February 2021. Soft copies of the CBA matrices should be emailed to unio.div3@dfa.gov.ph.

With our assurances of continued support and cooperation.

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


NORALYN JUBAIRA-BAJA
Assistant Secretary

Hon. ROY A. CIMATU
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

01 December 2020

Sir:

The International Commitments Fund (ICF) Review Panel, chaired by this Department, is about to prepare the budget proposal for 2022. The ICF budget proposal will include Philippine commitments related to the hosting of international conferences.

The Department invites agencies to submit proposals for the hosting of international conferences in 2022.

In preparing your proposals, please be guided by the following considerations:

1. The international conference's objective is consistent with the President's Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and Ambisyon Natin 2040;
2. The meeting is part of a commitment pursuant to an international agreement (that the conference the Philippines is organizing in 2021 is pursuant to a rotating policy of hosting meetings among member states or States Parties);
3. The meeting/conference budget is not less than PHP 1 million¹; and
4. Proposals should include the following elements:
 - a. A one-page executive summary of the proposal (e.g. title, date, rationale, expected outcome, legal basis, budget, participants);
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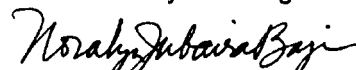
Please submit DENR's inputs **on or before 31 January 2021** to enable the ICF Review Panel to review and prepare the FY 2022 ICF budget proposal to be endorsed to the Office of the President for approval in February 2021. Soft copies of the proposals should be emailed to unio.div3@dfa.gov.ph.

Please note that proposals approved by the ICF Review Panel should be used within the year. Modifications and/or realignment for other purposes will have to be justified and presented to the Panel and the Office of the President approval.

For coordination purposes, you may contact Mr. Dexter N. Nebres at 834-3142.

With our assurances of continued support and cooperation.

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


NORAH JUBAIRA-BAJA
Assistant Secretary

Hon. ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary

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DENR Central Office, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

¹ Otherwise, the hosting budget should be incorporated in the agency's regular budget.

Submission of Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) for FY 2022

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Attached are copies of DFA's letter, inviting agencies to submit budget proposals for hosting of international conferences, and cost-benefit analysis for mandatory contribution.




Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Thank you and regards.

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3 attachments

-  **2020.11.03_Letter_DENR_2022 Budget Preparation for Mandatory Contributions.pdf**
291K
-  **CBA Template.docx**
23K
-  **2020.11.16. Letter to DENR Hosting for FY 2022.pdf**
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