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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
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THE DIRECTORS
Forest Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Ecosystem Research Development Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau

FROM : **THE DIRECTOR**
Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service

SUBJECT : **PREPARATORY MEETING REGARDING WORLD BANK'S
REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW AND INFORMATION FOR
ANALYTICAL REPORT ON THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN
THE PHILIPPINES**

This has reference to the letter from the World Bank dated February 23, 2022 regarding its request for an interview with the DENR officials and staff to seek their views regarding the preparation of the analytical report on the Indigenous Peoples (IP) in the Philippines. Furthermore, they would also like to request for access to information such as results of official surveys, administrative data and policies that would substantially help in the analysis of the IPs in the country.


In light of the foregoing, may we respectfully request you or your representative for a meeting on **March 10, 2022, Thursday, 10:00 AM** at the **DENR Protocol Office** to discuss the following matters:

- Preparation of pertinent data relative on the request of the World Bank's interview with the DENR officials and staff; and
- Other matters

For. Agatha Diane T. Zepeda of the Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service will gladly coordinate with your good office regarding this matter. Your staff may reach her through this email adzepeda.scis@gmail.com or mobile number 0953-174-1410.

We look forward to a fruitful discussion regarding this matter. Likewise, we thank you for your continued partnership in promoting support for our indigenous peoples.

For your information and consideration.


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PHILIPPINES: Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines (P177409) - Request for an Interview and Information for Analytical Report

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Sent on behalf of Mr. Ndiame Diop, Country Director for Brunei, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand

Hon. Jim O. Sampulna
OIC Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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Dear Secretary Sampulna:

Please find attached Letter from Country Director Ndiame Diop on the Request for an Interview and Information for Analytical Report for the PHILIPPINES: Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines project.

We would appreciate receiving your office's acknowledgment of receipt of this email and its attachment. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Myra

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February 23, 2022

Hon. Jim O. Sampulna
OIC Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman,
Quezon City, Philippines 1100

Dear Secretary Sampulna:

*PHILIPPINES: Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines (P177409)
Request for an Interview and Information for Analytical Report*

We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank is preparing an analytical report on Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in the Philippines. This is the first report the World Bank has ever undertaken, exclusively focusing on IPs. The objective of the analytical report is to inform policy, operations, and research agenda for the promotion of social inclusion strategies targeted at IPs in the Philippines. The report's strategic context and activities are presented Annex 1.

In this regard, the World Bank Task Team ~~would like to request for an interview~~ with you and/or other DENR officials and staff to seek your views on this analytical activity and some leading research questions. We would also like to identify and request access to information such as results of official surveys, administrative data, and policies that can contribute to the analysis of IPs in the country (see questions in Annex 2).

Due to the COVID-19 situation, we propose a virtual meeting next week at your team's convenience. The Bank Task Team is led by Carlos Perez-Brito (Task Team Leader, Senior Social Development Specialist) and Nadia Belhaj Hassine Belghith (co-Task Team Leader, Senior Economist). My colleagues Elaine Chee En Hui, Social Development Specialist (echeenhui@worldbank.org) and Myra Fe Ramones, Team Assistant (mramones@worldbank.org, mobile: +63-9959573284) will be in touch with your office to follow up on our request.

We look forward to a productive meeting with you and our continued cooperation for the Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines.

Sincerely,

cc: Atty. Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs,
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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Annex 1:**The World Bank Advisory Services and Analytics (ASA) on
Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines (P177409)**

The World Bank is preparing the first-ever Analytical Report focused exclusively on Indigenous Peoples (IPs) issues in the Philippines. The report is led by World Bank Task Team Leaders Carlos Tomas Perez Brito (Senior Social Development Specialist) and Nadia Bellhaj Hassine Belghith (Senior Economist).

Strategic Context: Available evidence from the few available data and studies suggests that IPs lag behind the general population in many socioeconomic factors (education and nutrition for example). However, little research has been done examining the disparities among and within ethnic groups in the country. The absence or under-representation of IP-specific data and information in official national surveys and administrative data has also prevented an accurate understanding of their socio-demographic profile and the extent of the challenges and inequalities IPs face. Among multiple challenges, the governance of ancestral domains and territories is one of the top priorities among indigenous leaders and communities that contribute to the IP identity, subsistence, and inclusion.

Objective: The development objective of this analytical report is to inform policy, operations, and research agenda for the promotion of social inclusion strategies targeted at IPs in the Philippines.

Activities: This will be done through a series of activities, including: (a) mapping IPs' data in government central and sectoral databases and information systems (including ethnicity variables, dataset, and surveys), and sectoral policies/ regulations specific to IPs (education, health, agriculture, environment, etc.); (b) quantitative and qualitative poverty and inequality analysis using existing data and information from population census, surveys, administrative data and interviews; and (c) spatial multicriteria analysis of ancestral domains and indigenous territories with publicly available information.

Annex 2:

Key Interview Questions:

1. What are the available Indigenous Peoples (IP)-related information (or ethnicity, language, geographical variables) in the form of official surveys or administrative data in your agency (preferably in machine-readable formats)? Are the data published, and could the micro data be accessed for further analysis and survey forms/questionnaires be shared with the World Bank (i.e., data on IPs that received assistance through the DENR's programs; data/ shapefiles on illegal logging hotspots, tenurial instruments and management agreements that may be relevant to IPs)?
2. What are government policies, regulations, and other ordinances relating to IPs in your agency? Could these legal, administrative and policy instruments and documentations be shared with the World Bank?
3. What are the key challenges the agency face in relation to IPs, including their inclusion, data collection and targeting, etc.?
4. Are there ways that the activities of the World Bank's analytical report can contribute towards your agency's work, particularly in reaching the IPs more effectively?
5. Any general comments/feedback on the activities of the analytical study, or areas of possible collaboration and support?