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MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Undersecretaries
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FROM : The Undersecretary
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2022-08 HELD ON JUNE 20, 2022, 10:00 AM AT THE DENR-OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM**

DATE : JUN 30 2022

We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of Executive Committee Meeting No. 2022-08 held on June 20, 2022, which tackled the draft document on Defining the Mechanisms for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in the DENR and the Proposed Establishment of the DENR DRRM Committee and the Transition Report as of June 2022.

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION.


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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2022-08
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

20 June 2022, 10:00 AM, OSEC Conference Room, DENR Central Office Building
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

The Executive Committee meeting commenced at 10:11 AM and was presided over by Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna

AGENDA	AGREEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS/UPDATES	PERSON/OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
1. Message of the Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sec. Sampulna stated that the forestry sector should look into the concerns on value appraisal (e.g. FLAGT holders)• Sec. Sampulna stated that the process for the FPIC, in coordination with NCIP, should be fast-tracked.• Levelling – off meeting with REDs with regards to the operational and critical issues concerning NCIP areas including the proposed position of the DENR.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- USec Fragada stated that the Field Operations should conduct levelling-off prior to the identification of the policy gaps.- USec Cuna explained the purpose of the Meeting tomorrow is for the simplification and to identify the main issues that were experienced by the DENR. He	FMB USec Fragada and USec Cuna All concerned bureaus and offices	Tuesday, 21 June 2022

	<p>also mentioned the problem of the delay in issuances of NCIP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- USec Abas suggested creating a mechanism to have dialogue like the Technical Working Group which is the long-term solution for the conflict between two offices.- Sec. Sampulna agreed to include it in the draft Joint Policy.- Dir. Parian proposed that the agreements should be included in the provisions of JMC between NCIP and DENR.- ERDB Dir. Ferrer suggested that all the issuances related to FPIC should be taken into consideration prior to the discussion with NCIP.- USec Leones suggested trying possible positions or proposals not just the issues to trigger the discussion and compromise the agreements.- USec Fragada explained that the main issue is the coordination with all the government agencies inside IP areas and in terms of the benefits of NCIP.- All the bureaus will be included in the levelling-off meeting which will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 1:00 PM at OSEC Conference Room. All the relevant issues and way forward should be prepared prior to the discussion.		
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<p>2. Draft document on Defining the Mechanisms for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in the DENR and the Proposed Establishment of the DENR DRRM Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The objective is to mainly clarify the Mechanisms for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in the DENR and the proposed mechanism and the gaps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USec Teh presented the draft document pertaining to the proposed mechanisms for DRRM in the DENR and establishment of the DENR DRRM Committee. She provided a brief background regarding the Special Orders issued related to those who are in-charge of the disaster risk management. She also pointed out the scope of the draft document: Environment and Natural Resources and the DENR internal (assets, personnel). - ASec Nicer stated that the mechanism is already complicated. He suggested focusing on the most suitable competency of DENR. Further, he added that among the four pillars of DRRM, preparedness and response, and recovery are actually the LGUs concern. The competency of DENR will be mostly on disaster prevention and mitigation and recovery and rehabilitation. The focus of the policy should be identified to simplify the draft DAO. In terms of Task Force Build Back Better, he said that it is not easy to regionalize based on one's own official actions because it emanated from a presidential issuance. He shared his experience of research in Marikina River Basin and Cagayan River Basin where the data gathered are used to analyze for future use in disaster prevention and mitigation. Thus, he recommended continuing doing research particularly supported by the ERDB and getting experts from other agencies. 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sec. Sampulna had the same sentiments. He said that the presentation is well-developed, however, it is very elaborate. He suggested integrating the resources/ activity of DENR into the legal perspective of the National and focus on how to assist the NDRRMC.- USec Teh explained that the scope is the environment and the DENR internal. The presentation proposed the DRRMC in the ecosystem Management of DENR or our response mechanism and it is not referring to the NDRRMC which is the broader picture. It looks like it was elaborated since the template was adopted from the DRRM but actually it proposes the institutionalization of DRRM in the context of the environment system. She agreed to Asec Nicer's comment that preparedness and response and recovery are LGU's concerns, however, the draft policy does not imply to create a new response in line with the LGUs mandates and initiatives but this will further help set up a mechanism for responses in line with the jurisdiction of the Department. Further, she also agreed to simplify it and seek more inputs on the body to enhance the draft document.- ERDB Dir. Ferrer further explained their comment that most of these are admin, and recovery rehabilitation. When it comes to policies, she stressed having no committee on a policy that mainstreams the resiliency part. She also said that it is not just a climate-caused disaster and suggested to leave the action in the Admin Group to handle it and forming the group from		
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	<p>other offices. Further, she pointed out that strict separately making all programs resilient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USec Teh stated that the representation of the DENR in NDRRMC should be clarified. - Exec. Dir. David stated that the draft policy should be simulated with the disasters that were experienced by the DENR at the field level. - RED Claudio commented that the proposed policy is very broad. He suggested to distinguish the functions into a regional level. 		
<p>3. Transition Report as of June 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USec Leones discussed the flow of the discussion for the transition to the next appointed Secretary. • Exec. Dir. David proposed to add some specific activities conducted by DENR in response to the COVID Pandemic as well as how the PAPs being implemented are addressing issues such as food security and income generation. • Dir. Fontanilla proposed to include the revenue collection in the presentation. 		

There having no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.