



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Climate Change Service
Legal Affairs Service
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

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

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE TRADE FOCAL GROUP MEETING NO. 2023-02 ON 13 DECEMBER 2023, 9:00 AM**

DATE : 05 DEC 2023

This pertains to the agreement during the DENR Trade Focal Group Meeting held on 25 November 2022, that the Focal Group will convene in a meeting **bi-annually** to provide updates to DENR Officials on the current environmental and trade-related issues which may arise during trade negotiations or regular inter-agency meetings.

In this regard, we would like to invite you and/or your technical representative/s included in the reconstituted DENR Trade Focal Group¹ to a **virtual meeting on 13 December 2023 (Tuesday), from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. The said meeting aims to discuss the following:

Agenda	Deliverables
WTO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present the composition and TOR of the Technical Working Group on Trade and Environment under the Technical Committee on WTO Matters• Discussion on the WTO Dialogue on Plastic Pollution• Discussion on Joint Statement Initiative (JSI) -Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement• Discussion on JSI – Fisheries Subsidies Agreement
ASEAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on Green Economy under ASEAN – China FTA• Updates on the ASEAN- Canada FTA Trade and Environment

¹ DENR Special Order No. 2023-458

IPEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on Environment Chapter
EU-GSP+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the country report published last 22 November 2023
PH engagement with EU, UAE and KR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates on the stocktaking activities, intersessional meetings and ways forward

We would appreciate receiving confirmation **on or before 8 December 2023** through our email address: psddivision@gmail.com. Enclosed for your reference is the Notice of Meeting.

For your preferential action, please.


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**DENR TRADE FOCAL GROUP
MEETING NO. 2023-02**

NOTICE OF MEETING

- FOR/TO:** The Undersecretary, Policy, Planning and International Affairs
The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects
The Assistant Secretary for International Affairs
The Director Legal Affairs Service
The Division Chief, Policy Studies Division
Representative/s, Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
Representative/s, Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs
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Representative/s, Biodiversity Management Bureau
Representative/s, Climate Change Service
Representative/s, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Representative/s, Environmental Management Bureau
Representative/s, Forest Management Bureau
Representative/s, Land Management Bureau
Representative/s, Legal Affairs Service
Representative/s, Mines and Geosciences Bureau
Representative/s, Policy and Planning Service
- FROM:** The OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service
- DATE/TIME:** **13 December 2023 (Tuesday) | 09:00 AM**
- VENUE:** Combination of Virtual Meeting via Zoom and In-person Hybrid Meeting
- PROVISIONAL AGENDA:**
1. Discuss updates and matters arising on international engagement of the Philippines, particularly on the following:
 - a. Regional (ASEAN, WTO and IPEF)
 - b. Bilateral (PH – EU FTA, PH-UAE CEPA, PH- Korea FTA); and
 2. Other Matters


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