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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO: All Undersecretaries

The Head Executive Assistant All Assistant Secretaries All Bureau Directors All Service Directors

Executive Directors (MBCO, RBCO)

Heads of Attached Agencies (NAMRIA, NRDC, NWRB, LLDA)

FROM:

Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT :

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023-01 HELD ON January 3, 2023, 9:00 AM AT THE DENR-

OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM

DATE

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We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of Executive Committee Meeting No. 2023-01 held on January 3, 2022, which tackled the following agenda:

- 1. Multi-Sectoral Forum Visayas
- 2. GAA 2023
- 3. Discussion on GEF
- 4. Other Matters
 - a) Finalization of IRR EPR
 - b) Letter to NEDA on WTE
 - c) Status of ADB Technical Assistance

Please take appropriate action on the instructions that require inputs/updates from your office.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023-01 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

03 January 2023, 9:00 AM, OSEC Conference Room, DENR Central Office Building Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

The Executive Committee meeting commenced at 9:24 AM and was presided over by DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

AGENDA	AGREEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS/UPDATES	PERSON/OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
1. Multi-Sectoral Forum Visayas	• January 18-19, 2023 is the tentative schedule set for the conduct of the Multi-Sectoral Forum. The venue will be at the Grand Xing Imperial Hotel, Iloilo.		
	 The target participant is 250 pax and was distributed among the three regions in the Visayas. Accommodations were also provided to some NGOs and CSOs. 	Usec. Juan Miguel T.	Defere January 10
	 All DENR ROs recommended plenary speakers from their respective regions to highlight their environmental programs and perspectives. 	Cuna/Asec. Gilbert C. Gonzales	Before January 18, 2023
	• The key note speaker is Honorable Regina B. Legarda. Afterwards, there will be MOU signing with LGU – Megaworld In Jap. The Plenary presentations will be represented by private sectors and LGUs. There will also be two parallel breakout sessions (Setting ENR Policy Agenda and Environmental		

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	Protection). This will be followed by the plenary presentation on Disaster Management and synthesis.		
	• For Day 2, inauguration of New DENR Building R6 will be held. The keynote message will be delivered by Hon. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez. Plenary discussion will include the academe and professional groups.		
	• Include a representative from the international groups/partners which will be further discussed with Usec. Marilou Erni.		
	• For the afternoon session, there will be panel discussion with the development partners followed by the parallel breakout sessions, synthesis, and closing remarks.		
	• The presentation should run at 7 minutes max with no more than 5 slides.		
	• The estimated cost is Php 3,296,750 which will cover the food, transportation, accommodation, supplies, and LED walls. Asec. Gilbert was requested to include the engagement of Evident in the Multi-Sectoral Forum.		
	• The Planning Office shall assist in the documentation process.		
	Briefing should be conducted with the organizing partner regarding the content and the expected outputs for the purpose of consistency.		
	Regional and local perspectives should be gathered regarding the concerns in the region. The questions should be refined and contextualized rather than discussing broad topics.		

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2. GAA 2023	 There is a budget increase of 250,022,000 for FY 2023 GAA. Include another slide with the breakdown of the budget amount under the Office of the Secretary. Provide the details and keep track of the commitments/targets based on the proposed increase in budget. Current location of the storage facilities, geographic coordinates, and the existing utilization should be provided to the Secretary. The organization should follow the function. As such, there should be an assessment of the functions which the offices are operating. The impacts should be determined by the proposed reorganization. Coordinate with Cong. Edgar Chatto, Bohol 1st District Representative, to discuss about the pending issues and how to address these. Infrastructure projects to be established within NIPAS areas in connection to the COP issues under Montreal Protocol should be taken into consideration. The breakdown of budget for NGP 2023 should be reviewed first prior to the downloading of funds to the region. The bureaus and regions will be adjusting their budget during the reprogramming prior to the approval of their Work and Financial 	Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-	
	Plan (WFP).		

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	 There should be an institutionalized process and an assigned body accountable for the validation and monitoring of the graduated NGP sites. 		
3. Discussion on GEF	• The amount per region (projects vis-à-vis GEF grants) shall be prepared in order to identify the focal areas.	Usec. Analiza Rebuelta- Teh	Before January 18, 2023
	• The identified gaps and who identified them as well as the baseline data and specific targets should be determined.		Before January 18, 2023
	• There should be a 5-slides presentation for each of the project.	Concerned regions	Before January 18, 2023
	 Secretary Loyzaga shall have a meeting with GEF Secretariat to be held on January 17, 2023 prior to the GEF Workshop. 		
4. Other Matters			
4.1 Finalization of IRR EPR	• Copies of the proposed policy were provided to all the undersecretaries for comments and review. The legal definition for private sector was also included. The final draft of the IRR was already provided to the Office of the Secretary for signature and approval.		
4.2 Letter to NEDA re WTE	• GIS was requested to be provided in relation to the proposed floating solar projects.		
	• The threshold at the regional level and their capacity to assess the floating solar projects should be taken into consideration.		
	• The online application for ECC should be included and accessible in the dashboard.		

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	• There will be mapping of the renewable energy sources in the country which will include regions that will be attractive to various investors. This will be coordinated with DOE through Usec. Felix William Fuentebella.		
4.3 Status of ADB Technical Assistance	 Locations for offshore, onshore areas, and biodiversity hotspots should also be considered in relation to GEF projects. 		
	The map of the protected areas should be secured.		
	• The meeting is tentatively set on Friday, January 6, 2023.		
	 Meeting with Department of Tourism (DOT) on January 16, 2023 via Zoom. 		

There having no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.