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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR/TO :** **The Undersecretaries**  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs  
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

**The Directors**  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

**FROM :** **The Undersecretary**  
Field Operations – Mindanao

**SUBJECT :** **PREPARATION FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT FORUM HOSTED BY THE MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MinDA) ON MAY 18, 2023 AT ACACIA HOTEL DAVAO CITY**

**DATE :** 11 MAY 2023

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Please be informed that the Honorable DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga has been invited by Secretary Maria Belen S. Acosta of the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), through her letter<sup>1</sup> dated 05 April 2023, to participate in their **2nd Mindanao Development Forum 2023** on May 18, 2023 at Acacia Hotel in Davao City. The Secretary was also requested to present a topic on "*Ecological Integrity, Preparedness, and Resilience: Environment, Climate Change, and Disaster Resilience*" as part of the breakout session.

During a meeting last 10 May 2023, the undersigned was instructed by the Secretary to attend the event on her behalf. The Secretary further instructed to include the following four (4) priority points for discussion during the forum:

1. Ecotourism for Siargao (c/o BMB)
2. Implementation of the Extended Producer's Responsibility (EPR) Law (c/o OUPPIA)
3. Climate Change Resiliency (c/o OUFISCC)
4. Responsible Mining (c/o MGB)

<sup>1</sup> Copy of the letter attached as Annex A

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Anent the above and per instruction of the Secretary, you are advised to provide a **short powerpoint presentation with no more than six (6) slides** on your concerned subject covering the following points:

1. Background and current status
2. Gaps and Challenges & strategies to address these
3. Priority actions/way forward or areas where collaborations and partnerships with the private sector and Official Development Assistance (ODA) is needed

Due to time constraints since the event is scheduled on 18 May 2023, you are requested to provide the requested presentations **not later than 6pm of 12 May 2023** through our official email address: [usec.fom@denr.gov.ph](mailto:usec.fom@denr.gov.ph), for this Office's further consolidation. We are also requesting for your **respective focal person/s information (name, contact number and email address)** on this matter should there be further information/data needed from your offices.

Attached are the program of activities<sup>2</sup> and the guide for presenters<sup>3</sup> from MinDA for your further reference.

For information and immediate appropriate action, please.

  
JOSELIN MARCUS E. FRAGADA, CESO III

<sup>2</sup> Copy of the program attached as Annex B

<sup>3</sup> Copy of the program attached as Annex C

**Copy Furnished:**

- Office of the Secretary
- The Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Eastern Mindanao
- The OIC, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Western Mindanao and FMB Director, in concurrent capacity

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## MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



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5 April 2023

**SEC. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA**

Secretary  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
DENR Main Building, Visayas Avenue,  
Diliman Quezon City, Philippines

Dear *Secretary Loyzaga*;

*Greetings of Peace and Solidarity!*

We are pleased to inform you that the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), the principal government agency mandated to coordinate and integrate Mindanao's overall development, is convening the **Mindanao Development Forum 2023** on **18 May 2023** at Acacia Hotel, Davao City.

The forum aims to promote coordination and collaboration among Official Development Assistance (ODA) development partners and national government agencies in supporting Mindanao's inclusive growth. We believe that your presence at the event will contribute significantly to the discussions and the achievement of our shared goals.


The forum will also discuss key agenda items, which include an overview and updates on Bangsamoro Development, strengthening partnerships for inclusive development financing, evaluating the impact of aid on the national and Mindanao development agenda, communicating development, and launching the Mindanao C4D Program. Additionally, it will have breakout sessions covering several sectors for further in-depth discussions.

In preparation for this event, the MinDA staff is currently drafting the discussion paper for each of the 10 Mindanao Agenda which will be presented and deliberated through an online focus group discussion with our partner agencies on 25-27 April 2023. With this, we would like to invite your technical team between 25-27 April from 9:00am to 5:00pm for this purpose. We hope that during our interaction, we will be able to jointly identify the most pressing and urgent gap/s including the specific interventions that both agencies will undertake collaboratively for the period 2023-2028. The discussion paper will be sent to our partner NGAs on 19 April 2023 for your review and reference.

Our focal team led by Ms. Madania Malang-Casinto of the Planning, Policy and Project Development Office will coordinate with your office regarding this request. Your team may also contact her through mobile number 0917 126 4986 and email address [madania.malang@minda.gov.ph](mailto:madania.malang@minda.gov.ph).

Thank you and we look forward to your positive response on this request.

Very truly yours,

  
SECRETARY MARIA BELEN S. ACOSTA, CESE  
Chairperson





**2ND MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2023**  
 ACACIA HOTEL, DAVAO CITY | MAY 18, 2023

Sustaining Strategic Partnership for Mindanao Peace & Development

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**PROGRAM**

**I. OPENING PROGRAM**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Preliminaries	
	Welcome Message	<b>SEC. MARIA BELEN S. ACOSTA, CESE</b> MinDA
	Message	<b>SEC. ANTONIO LAGDAMEO JR.</b> Special Assistant to the President
	Welcome Message	<b>HON. SEBASTIAN "BASTE" Z. DUTERTE</b> Davao City Mayor
	Message	<b>SEC. ARSENIO M. BALISACAN</b> National Economic and Development Authority
		<b>SEC. BENJAMIN DIOKNO</b> Department of Finance
	Keynote Message	<b>HON. SARA ZIMMERMAN DUTERTE</b> Vice President
	Photo Opportunity	
	Morning Break	

**II. PLENARY SESSION**

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Mindanao: Accelerating Growth in an Inclusive Economy	<b>SEC. MARIA BELEN S. ACOSTA, CESE</b> MinDA
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	BARMM Development	<b>MR. ABUNAWAS "VON AL-HAQ" MASLAMAMA</b> BARMM Senior Minister
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Strengthening Partnerships for Inclusive Development Financing	<b>USEC MARK DENNIS YC JOVEN</b> DOF – International Finance Group
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Evaluating Impact of Aid on National and Mindanao Development Agenda	<b>USEC. JOSEPH J. CAPUNO</b> NEDA
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Open Forum/Discussion	<b>USEC. JANET M. LOPOZ</b> MinDA
11:45 AM – 12:00 AM	Breakout Session Mechanics and Other Announcements	
12:00 NN – 1:00 PM	Lunch	



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### III. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

*Sub-Group 1*  
**FOOD, WATER & ENERGY  
NEXUS**

Presenters:

**USEC. GIOVANNI CARLO J. BACORDO**  
Department of Energy

**ASEC ROMEO M. MONTENEGRO**  
MinDA

Response:

**DR. NELSON ENANO, ADDU-CREATE**  
**MAYOR JOHN DALIPE, RDC IX**

Facilitator:

**MS. DIVINA CHINGCUANCO**  
USAID Energy Secure

*Sub-Group 2*  
**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION  
AND INNOVATION**

Presenters:

**SEC. IVAN JOHN E. UY**  
Department of Information &  
Communications Technology (DICT)

**USEC. ROSEMARIE G. EDILLON**  
Chairperson  
National Innovation Council – Executive  
Technical Board

Response:

**ENGR. JOHN NARANJO**  
Ingenuity

**REP. CHEENO MIGUEL D. ALMARIO**  
Vice Chairperson of Committee on ICT

Facilitator:

**MR. JOHN GARRITY**  
USAID BEACON

*Sub-group 3*  
**CONNECTIVITY  
(Infra, Transport & Logistics)**

Presenter:

**USEC. MARIA CATALINA E. CABRAL**  
Department of Public Works and  
Highways

**ASEC. LEONEL DE VELEZ**  
Department of Transportation

**USEC. ALFREDO BAYAN**  
Department of the Interior and Local  
Government



*Sub-Group 4*  
**ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY &  
PREPAREDNESS & RESILIENCE:  
Environment, Climate Change,  
and Disaster Resilience**

Reactors:

**DR. MA. LOURDES MONTEVERDE**  
President  
SCMAP Mindanao

**MR. JOSE PAOLO DELGADO**  
DelBros Logistics Company

Facilitator:

**DR. ENRICO L. BASILIO**  
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Presenters:

**SEC ANTONIA LOYZAGA**  
Department of Environment & Natural  
Resources

**MS. RAQUEL DE LEON**  
Research Section Lead and Civil Defense  
Office of Civil Defense

Reactors:

**SCI. DPL. GLENN BANAGUAS**  
UN Sasakawa Laureate  
Chairman, ASEAN Science Diplomats

**GOV. CORA MALANYAON**  
RDC XI Chairperson

**CAPT. STANLEY NG**  
President and COO, PAL

Facilitator

**MS. FLORADEMA C. ELEAZAR, EnP**  
United Nations Development Programme

Presenters:

**MR. ROGER B. MASAPOL**  
Director, Office of Planning Service  
Department Of Education

**DR. ABDULLAH B. DUMAMA, JR., CESO I**  
Undersecretary of Health  
Department of Health

**MINISTER MOHAGHER M. IQBAL**  
Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical  
Education (MBHTE)

Reactor:

**MR. GARIBALDI ALVIN C. ENRIQUEZ**  
Portfolio Manager  
Philippine Business for Social Progress

*Sub-Group 5*  
**PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING:  
Health & Education**



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*Sub-Group 6*  
**TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS  
JOBS CREATION  
& INTERNATIONAL  
PARTNERSHIPS & BIMP EAGA**

**DR. RAMJIE Y. ODIN**  
Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension  
MSU-Maguindanao

Facilitator:

**DR. JENNIE JOCSON**  
Vice President for Academic Affairs of  
Philippine Normal University

Presenter:

**SEC ALFREDO E. PASCUAL**  
Department of Trade & Industry

**USEC. ZAMZAMIN L. AMPATUAN**  
Department of Agriculture

**DR. KENNETH V. TANATE, PHD**  
Philippines Competition Commission

Reactors:

**MR. RICARDO LAGDAMEO**  
ANFLO Group of Companies

**MR. ARTURO MILAN**  
PCCCI Mindanao

Facilitator

**MR. KELLY BIRD**  
Country Director Philippines Country Office  
ADB

*Sub-Group 7*  
**PEACE, SECURITY,  
GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONS**

Presenter:

**SEC. ISIDRO L. PURISIMA**  
Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace,  
Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU)

**GOV. JUN TAMAYO**  
National President  
League of Provinces of the Philippines

**MR. ALLEN A. CAPUYAN**  
Chairperson  
National Commission on Indigenous  
Peoples

Reactor:

**ATTY. BENEDICTO BACANI**  
Executive Director  
Institute on Autonomy and Governance



**CHARLITO "KALOY" Z. MANLUPIG**  
Chairperson  
Balay Mindanaw Foundation Inc. (BMFI)

Facilitator:

**MR. CHRISTOPH WAGNER**  
Head of Cooperation  
Delegation of the European Union to the  
Philippines

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break	
	Reporting of Breakout Session Results	
4:15 PM - 4:35 PM	Communications for Development (C4D)	<b>SEC. MARIA BELEN S. ACOSTA</b> MinDA
4:35 PM - 4:50 PM	Institutional Arrangements & Next Steps	<b>USEC. JANET LOPOZ, CESO I</b> Executive Director
4:50 PM		Closing





**Note:**

**1:30 PM – 3:15 Ambassador's Time**

**A separate session for Ambassadors in attendance will be arranged in another venue adjacent to the plenary hall. The session will be limited to 2 participants per office only (Ambassador + 1). Free-flowing discussions on topics covering Peace & Security, Environment, and Economic Development and Jobs Creation**

**AMBASSADORS' TIME (Executive Briefing)**

The session will be generally informal to allow for free-flowing discussion on the following suggested topics: **Peace & Security, Economic Development and Jobs Creation**

1:30 PM	Opening Message Secretary Maria Belen Acosta Chairperson, MinDA
	Message Department of Foreign Affairs
2:00 PM	Presentations
	Mindanao Peace & Security Situation
	Mindanao Economic Development
2:30 PM	Discussions
3:00 PM	Closing Message



## "Sustaining Strategic Partnership for Mindanao's Peace and Development"

THEMATIC SUB-GROUP SESSIONS  
MAY 18, 2023 | THURSDAY | 1:00PM-3:30PM

### GUIDE FOR PRESENTERS

The break out sessions have been divided into seven clustered themes based on the Mindanao Development Agenda within the Philippine Development Plan of the Marcos Jr Administration.

#### Objectives:

The main objective of the break out session is to discuss the government's development priorities for Mindanao and discuss ways for collaboration with the ODA Community and private sector partners in aligning with these priorities.

Specifically, the thematic break out sessions hopes to:

- a) **Discuss the status, challenges and gaps of the sector and the strategies and priority actions needed to facilitate sector growth;**
- b) **Identify priority areas for potential partnerships with the ODA Community and with the private sector in order to align with these priorities;**
- c) Generate new insights on workable and practical approaches toward addressing the identified gaps from sector experts, industry players and development workers
- d) Explore opportunities for partnerships and for aligning future ODA development programs and projects for Mindanao with Mindanao's development agenda and priorities.

#### Guide:

1. **Presenter's Role.** The presenter's role is to accomplish session objectives (a) and (b) listed above. The presenter is expected to give a short context of the sector performance in Mindanao, the priority gaps and challenges that need to be urgently addressed, strategies of how government is addressing these, and suggest areas where partnerships with and support from the private sector and from International Donor Communities can help complement efforts to address the identified sector challenges.
2. **Content of Presentations.** The presenter, as the authority on the subject matter, has the prerogative to decide on the content of his/her presentation. To ensure that we are able to maximize the time allotment, it is suggested that the following are covered:
  - a. Snapshot of the status of the sector or the sector performance in the Mindanao context;

- b. Gaps and challenges, strategies to address these, and indicative priority programs for Mindanao;
- c. Priority actions or areas where collaboration and partnerships with the private sector and the ODA Community will be most needed.

Notes:

- To maximize the time allotment, presenters may also provide links to Department websites or to the MDF Agenda Papers where details on the sector performance and status may be generated.
  - Government Programs for Mindanao may be too many to include in the presentation. We suggest that, for purposes of the session objective, the presenter can **focus on top 3-5 priority areas or programs which can be explored for future partnerships with ODA and private sector.**
3. **Agenda Papers.** Agenda papers are short discussion papers which will be distributed to the participants for additional notes and contexts of the Mindanao Development Agenda being discussed. Presenters may also use the Agenda Papers for reference.
  4. **Time Allocation.** Each presenter is given ten minutes (10mins) to fifteen (15mins) minutes for the presentation to allow for more time for sharing and open discussions.
  5. **Submission of copies of presentations on May 15, 2023 Monday.** To provide time for the Secretariat to organize all materials for consolidation in the kits and for presentations to be tested onscreen prior to the event, may we request that all presentation materials be sent to the Forum Secretariat on or before Monday, May 15, 2023.
  6. **Copies of the materials and presentations.** Copies of all presentations, recordings and other materials of the session will be uploaded online. Links for access to the materials will be shared to all participants during the session.