



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Undersecretary**
Integrated Environmental Science

The Directors
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service

The Bureau Director
Environmental Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau

The Administrator
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) ON
DOST PRIORITY BILLS FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

DATE : 29 MAY 2023

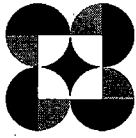
The Senate Committee on Science and Technology will hold a **Focus Group Discussion (FGD)** on **01 June 2023, Thursday, 08:30 AM to 12:00 NN** at the **Sen. Padilla Room, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay** to discuss the following DOST priority bills, namely:

- A. Vaccine and Virology Institute of the Philippines Act**
- B. PHIVOLCS Modernization Act**
- C. Philippine National Nuclear Energy Safety Act**

In this regard, we would like to invite you or your representative to attend the upcoming FGD, as requested by the Committee. The FGD hopes to gather key policy makers and legislative staff to discuss the current situation, challenges, and advancements related to the priority bills of DOST. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as **resource person/s**.

Attached herewith are the Letter Invitation and a Program Overview for your reference.


IGNATIUS LOYOLA A. RODRIGUEZ



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



29 May 2023

ATTY. IGNATIUS LOYOLA A. RODRIGUEZ

Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Diliman, Quezon City

Dear **Undersecretary Rodriguez**:

Greetings!

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology (S&T), together with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), is jointly organizing the **1st Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on DOST priority bills on June 1, 2023 from 8:30AM-12:00 NN at Padilla Room, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City.**

The FGD hopes to gather key policy makers and legislative staff to discuss the current situation, challenges, and advancements related to the priority bills of DOST, namely: Virology and Vaccine Institute of the Philippines (VIP) Act, PHIVOLCS Modernization Act, and Philippine National Nuclear Energy Safety Act. This will be an opportunity to be informed and build consensus on the proposed science-based legislations which addresses the pressing needs of the new normal.

As our valuable partner in S&T, may we invite you to the FGD? Enclosed is the program and confirmation slip for your reference.

Thank you in anticipation of your favorable reply. Should you have any questions, you may contact DLLO-DOST at email address dllo@dost.gov.ph or telephone number 88372071 loc 2160.

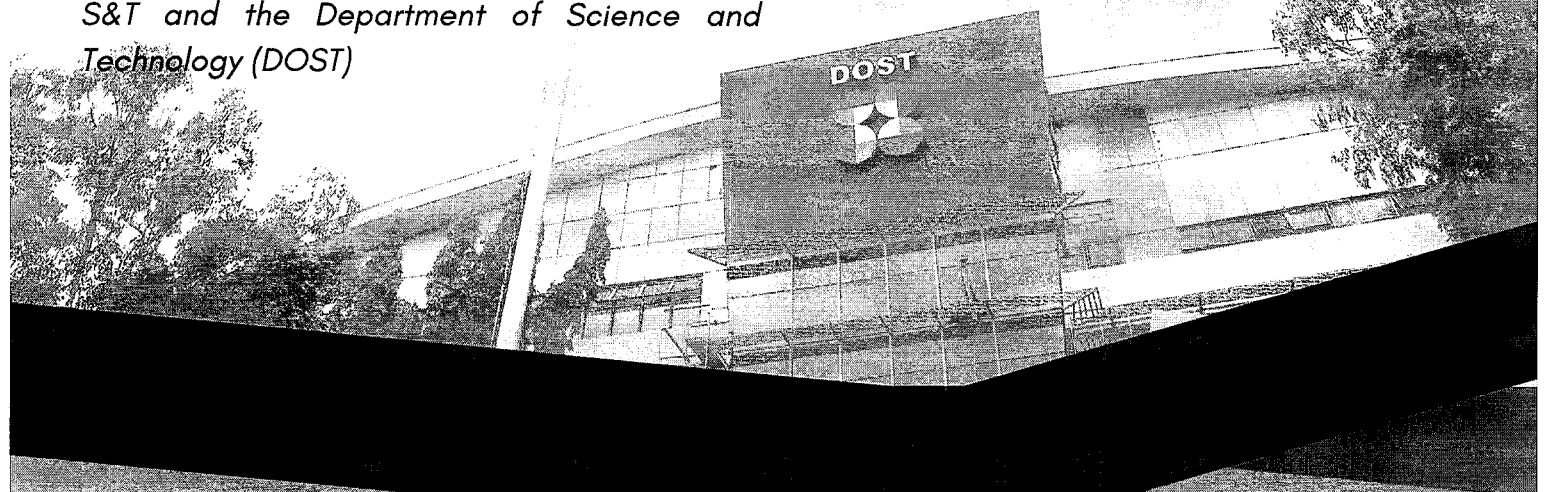
Very truly yours,


LITA S. SUERTE FELIPE

Director
Department Legislative Liaison Office

FGD ON DOST PRIORITY BILLS

Jointly organized by the Senate Committee on
S&T and the Department of Science and
Technology (DOST)



1 June 2023
8:30AM-1:00PM

Padilla Room
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City

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Meet the Speakers



Dr. Jaime C. Montoya

Executive Director, PCHRD-DOST



Dr. Teresito C. Bacolcol

Director, PHIVOLCS-DOST



Dr. Carlo A. Arcilla

Director, PNRI-DOST

FGD ON DOST PRIORITY BILLS

June 1, 2023

8:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Senator Padilla Room, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City
Program

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| 8:30 - 9:00 AM | Registration |
| 9:10 - 9:15 AM | Message Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano Senate Committee Chair on Science and Technology |
| 9:15 - 9:20 AM | Message Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Jr. DOST Secretary |
| 9:25 - 9:40 AM | Vaccine and Virology Institute of the Philippines Act Dr. Jaime C. Montoya Executive Director Philippine Council for Health Research and Development |
| 9:40- 9:55 AM | PHIVOLCS Modernization Act Dr. Teresito C. Bacolcol Director Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology |
| 9:55 - 10:10 AM | Philippine National Nuclear Energy Safety Act Dr. Carlo A. Arcilla Director Philippine Nuclear Research Institute |
| 10:10 - 11:30 AM | Question and Answer |
| 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM | Closing and Lunch |

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