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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Directors  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau  
Mines and Geoscience Bureau  
Climate Change Service  
Legal Affairs Service  
  
The Executive Director  
National Water Resource Board

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

**SUBJECT :** **UPCOMING 4<sup>TH</sup> INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK (IPEF) NEGOTIATING MEETING FOR PILLARS I-IV AND RELATED MEETINGS**

**DATE :** **27 JUN 2023**

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This refers to the letter dated 15 June 2023 from Director Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos of the Department of Trade and Industry – Bureau of Internal Trade Relations (DTI-BITR) regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> In-Person Negotiating Meeting and Related Meetings for Pillars I-IV of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) which will be held in Busan, South Korea on 09-15 July 2023.

Following the first part of the Virtual Inter-Agency Focus Group Discussion (FGD) led by the Department of Energy on 26 June 2023 for the Pillar III Negotiating Text, we would like to invite your IPEF Focal Points for the conduct of the DENR IPEF Meetings to discuss the Post-Singapore Texts on Pillar I (Trade) – Environment and Pillar III (Clean Economy) and come up with the DENR Unified Position, in relation to the said event.

Kindly note of the following meeting schedule:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Link</b>
<b>30 June 2023</b>  IPEF Pillar III Text - Section B. Advancing Low-GHG Technologies & Solutions In Priority Sectors	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	via Zoom Meeting ID: 469 574 5952

Date	Time	Link
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Section D. Innovative Technologies For GHG Removal</li> <li>- Section C. Sustainable Land, Water, Ocean</li> </ul> <p>IPEF Pillar I – Environment</p>		

We would appreciate receiving the confirmation of the attendance of your IPEF Focal Points by 29 June 2023, send to [psddivision@gmail.com](mailto:psddivision@gmail.com). The Post-Singapore Negotiating Texts for Pillar I – Environment and Pillar III can be accessed thru this link: <https://bit.ly/3qWdiDL>

For your information and appropriate action, please.

  
**CHERYL LOISE T. LEAL**

cc: **Atty. Jonas R. Leones**  
 Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs

**For. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., CESO II**  
 Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects

**Dir. Norlito A. Eneran, CESO III**  
 Legal Affairs Service

15 June 2023

Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs (PIA)  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman  
Quezon City, Philippines

Attn: Assistant Secretary Marcial C. Amaro, Jr.  
Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

Dear Undersecretary Leones:

This has reference to the **4<sup>th</sup> In-Person Negotiating Meeting and Related Meetings for Pillars I-IV of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)**, which will be held in **Busan, South Korea on 9-15 July 2023 (exclusive of travel time)**.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Negotiating Round will seek to achieve substantial progress in the negotiations for Pillars I, III, and IV and commence the legal review for Pillar II following the finalization of the Supply Chain Agreement in May 2023. For Pillar I, negotiations will continue for the chapters on Agriculture, Digital Trade, Environment, Inclusivity, Labor, Good Regulatory Practices, Services Domestic Regulation, Trade Facilitation, and Technical Assistance and Economic Cooperation.

Given the technical expertise and mandate of the DENR in pursuing the negotiating objectives of the Philippines in this undertaking, we respectfully request the in-person participation and leadership of the DENR in negotiating the **Pillar I Environment Chapter** of the IPEF. We also request the participation of the DENR in its capacity as a **Resource Person for other Chapters under Pillar I**. Similar to previous rounds, kindly note that the DTI will not be able to cover all meetings due to the parallel format of negotiations. There may also be technical difficulties with respect to virtual participation, which may affect the negotiators' ability to provide real-time comments and attributions during the meetings.

Agencies will be responsible for their representatives' airfare and Inland transportation, accommodation arrangements, and other requirements including COVID-19 tests as needed. To facilitate the registration of participants, we would appreciate confirmation of agency representatives (both in-person and virtual) by **Wednesday, 21 June 2023**. For travel and planning purposes, kindly refer to the following attached documents:

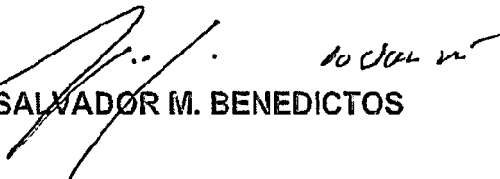
- Annex A: Administrative Note
- Annex B: Schedule of Meetings for Busan Negotiating Round
- Annex C: Internal Work Program
- Annex D: IPEF Negotiating Texts for Pillars I-IV as of June 2023
- Annex E: Registration Form for Busan Negotiating Round

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Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Marianne Shimada through email ([MarianneJayShimada@dti.gov.ph](mailto:MarianneJayShimada@dti.gov.ph) / [brd@dti.gov.ph](mailto:brd@dti.gov.ph)) or Viber/WhatsApp (+63 961 772 0101).

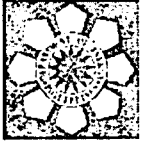
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Very truly yours,

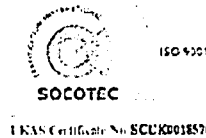
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**ANGELO SALVADOR M. BENEDICTOS**  
Director

*Encl: A/s*

cc: Dr. Ceferino S. Rodolfo, Undersecretary  
Atty. Allan B. Gepty, Assistant Secretary



Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Energy Policy and Planning Bureau



22 June 2023

***IPEF Philippines Pillar III Inter-Agency Members***  
*(Please see distribution list.)*

**Subject: Invitation to a Virtual Focus Group Discussion on 26, 27, & 29 June 2023**

Dear Colleagues:

In preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Enhancing Prosperity (IPEF) Negotiating Meeting and Related Meetings for Pillars I-IV on 9-15 July 2023 in Busan, Republic of Korea, the Department of Energy (DOE) in its capacity as the Philippine co-lead for IPEF Pillar III (Clean Economy) invites you and/or your designated representative/s to a Virtual Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on 26, 27, and 29 June 2023.

The FGD will primarily tackle the negotiating text, considering the partners' comments during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round in Singapore, highlighting attributions, redlines, offensive interests, and the overall negotiating position of the Philippines.

Attached for your reference are the following:

1. Schedule of FGD per section of the negotiating text
2. Post-Singapore round text (An updated text is expected to be circulated by the U.S. on 23 June 2023, EDT).

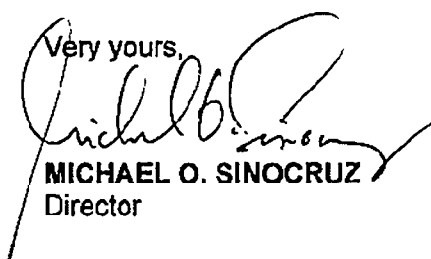
Kindly confirm your participation by accomplishing the form: <https://forms.gle/V29efr7NyVQ6pDp96>.

Should your office have any queries, you may send us a message through Ms. Ingrid Marche Perpetua C. Calapit ([icalapit@doe.gov.ph](mailto:icalapit@doe.gov.ph)) or EPPB International Cooperation ([eccd.intl@doe.gov.ph](mailto:eccd.intl@doe.gov.ph)).

Looking forward to your usual support and cooperation in this undertaking.

Thank you.

Very yours,



**MICHAEL O. SINOCRUZ**  
Director

**FGD Schedule**

<b>Overall moderator: DOF and DOE</b>			
<b>Topic*</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Link</b>
<b>June 26 (Monday)</b>			
Section B. Advancing Low-Ghg Technologies & Solutions In Priority Sectors	CCC, DOTR, NEDA, GPPB, DENR, BOI	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85493229662?pwd=anJ4N3lobnpIW XQ2UEUvYkNZZ0I1Zz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85493229662?pwd=anJ4N3lobnpIW XQ2UEUvYkNZZ0I1Zz09</a>
Section D. Innovative Technologies For Ghg Removal	CCC, DENR, NEDA, DOST	11:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Meeting ID: 854 9322 9662 Passcode: 276873
Section E. Incentives To Enable The Clean Economy Transition	CCC, GPPB, DOST, NEDA, BOI, DOF	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	
<b>June 27 (Tuesday)</b>			
Section F. Just Transition	DOLE, DFA, DTI	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87229429137?pwd=OXJ3TGxhVlBwV1lFVU01UGx6SFg2Zz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87229429137?pwd=OXJ3TGxhVlBwV1lFVU01UGx6SFg2Zz09</a>
Section G. Stakeholder Engagement	DFA, DTI	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Meeting ID: 872 2942 9137 Passcode: 329920
<b>June 29 (Thursday)</b>			
Section C. Sustainable Land, Water, Ocean	DA, DENR	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85493229662?pwd=anJ4N3lobnpIW XQ2UEUvYkNZZ0I1Zz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85493229662?pwd=anJ4N3lobnpIW XQ2UEUvYkNZZ0I1Zz09</a>  Meeting ID: 854 9322 9662 Passcode: 276873

\*The Preamble, Scope, and Definitions will also be discussed per session.



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## DENR MEETING ON THE INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK (IPEF) MEETING 2023-02

### NOTICE OF MEETING

**FOR/TO:** The Undersecretary, Policy, Planning and International Affairs  
The Assistant Secretary, Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special  
Projects  
The Division Chief, Policy Studies Division  
The Division Chief, Legal Research and Opinion Division  
The Division Chief, Climate Change Information and Technical Support Division  
Representative/s, Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and  
International Affairs  
Representative/s, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and  
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects  
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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, National Water Resource Board  
Representative/s, Policy and Planning Service

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

**DATE/TIME:** June 30, 2023 | 8:00 AM

**VENUE:** Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 469 574 5952

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA:**

1. Updates on Inter-agency meetings on IPEF;
2. Presentation of Negotiating Text for Pillar I - Environment in preparation for the conduct of the 4th In-Person Negotiating Meeting and Related Meetings for Pillars I-IV of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) in Busan, South Korea
3. Other Matters

  
CHERYL LOISE T. LEAL