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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : All Undersecretaries
The Head Executive Assistant
All Assistant Secretaries
All Bureau Directors
All Service Directors
Executive Directors of MBCO, RBCO, ELEPS
Heads of Attached Agencies (NAMRIA, NRDC, NWRB, LLDA)

FROM : The Undersecretary
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING NO. 2023-03 HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2023, 9:00 AM AT THE OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM**

DATE : FEB 06 2023

We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of Meeting No. 2023-03 held on January 23, 2023, 9:00 AM at the OSEC Conference Room, with the following agenda:

1. Updates on Seabed Quarry Study by MGB
2. Assessment of Visayas Multi-stakeholders Forum and Status of Preparation of Mindanao Multi-stakeholders Forum
3. Additional Seal of Good Local Governance on Environmental Management for Local Government Units
4. Concept of Next Generation Leader Development in Bureaus
5. Continuation of Presentation and Discussion of the 2023 Planning Guidelines – for Cascading During the Reprogramming Workshop

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION.


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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023-03
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

23 January 2023, 09:00 AM, OSEC Conference Room, DENR Central Office Building
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

The Executive Committee meeting commenced at 09:00 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

AGENDA	AGREEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS/UPDATES	PERSON/OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
1. Updates on seabed quarry study by MGB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sec. Loyzaga asked for the list of absent guidelines for operations/activities permitted by Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).	MGB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sec. Loyzaga proposed for a third-party reviewer in processing the comments/ inputs of the proponents on the draft guidebook on “<i>Offshore Mining Application Evaluation and Operations Monitoring</i>”. The third-party reviewer will consist of practitioners, somebody from an international organization and private sector.	MGB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sec. Loyzaga instructed for a team to sit down and come up with a position and policy recommendation on whether or not to lift the moratorium as contained in Department Administrative Order No. 2022-08 re: “<i>Deferring Acceptance of New Applications for Reclamation Projects</i>” considering the scientific, technical, legal and resource component. She also added to put a timeline of 3 months.	Usec. Jonas R. Leones/MGB/PPS	3 Months

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Jonas R. Leones stated that they will provide the timelines for the position paper this week. 	Usec. Jonas R. Leones/MGB/PPS	Within the Week
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Teh suggested to review Executive Order No. 153, <i>“Authorizing the Utilization of Offshore Areas not Covered by Approved Mining Permits and Contracts as Sources of Dredge Fill Materials for Government Reclamation Projects and for Other Purposes”</i>; DAO No. 2000-25 re: <i>“Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order No. 153”</i> and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered between NRDC, PRA and DENR in 2000. 	MGB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. Loyzaga shared that Dr. Fernando Siringan of University of the Philippines - Marine Science Institute will come over in the afternoon and agree to provide inputs for the paper on whether to lift or not lift the moratorium as mentioned earlier. 		
2. Assessment of Visayas Multi-stakeholders Forum and status of preparation of Mindanao Multi-stakeholders Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Fragada shared that there are two options for the welcome remarks since Hon. Rolando “Klarex” A. Uy wasn’t sure yet and said that Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez has already signified his attendance. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Fragada informed that for the Keynote Messages, Vice President Sara Vicenta Duterte-Carpio has already sent a letter of regrets, however, they are working to get a video message of the VP as an alternative. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Leones provided updates that the MOA between DENR and BARMM was already forwarded to BARMM for feedback and that DENR has already provided comments/inputs. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Sec. Loyzaga, it is important for the Undersecretaries to attend and support the Mindanao Multi-stakeholders Forum. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the experiences from the previously held Visayas Multi-stakeholders Forum, Sec. Loyzaga suggested bringing one or two writers from the national media to cover the upcoming event and to provide key themes that the press will pick-up from the conference. Sec. Loyzaga said that she will talk to Business World and ask for somebody to cover the event. Usec Fragada said that they will provide the list of local media who will be present. 	Usec. Joselin Marcus Fragada/SCIS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sec. Loyzaga asked for a brief Curriculum Vitae of the identified keynote speakers and to also consider inviting somebody coming from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and invite under the plenary session on responsible mining. She suggested coordinating with Usec. Augusto Dela Peña on inviting the AFP participants such as Eastern Mindanao Command or Western Mindanao Command. 	Usec. Joselin Marcus Fragada	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sec. Loyzaga instructed Usec. David to assist the moderators of Group B assigned in the Natural Resource Management (Environmental Management, Mining, Water Management). He will replace RED Digamo or RED Gacad. 	Usec Carlos Primo David	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usec. Erni suggested to include Executive Director Roberto Calingo of Peace and Equity Foundation to present some case studies in Mindanao region about their sustainable livelihood programs. Sec. Loyzaga also suggested making room for another speaker from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Philippines. 	Usec. Joselin Marcus Fragada	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sec. Loyzaga asked to provide a write-up of the significant messages from the Visayas Multi-stakeholders Forum. 	Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usec. Fragada informed that they have selected Eagle as the icon to represent the Mindanao Region. Sec. Loyzaga proposed to find and select an icon (mammals) to represent Luzon and 	Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna	

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	Visayas. Sec Loyzaga added that she wanted to know the number of living tamaraws in the Philippines.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Fragada informed Sec. Loyzaga that they are planning to set up a small exhibit booth outside the hall that will showcase the tourism areas of the five Regions present. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Fragada said he will prepare a template for the itinerary of the Siargao trip. Sec. Loyzaga said the Siargao trip will push through at another time, if it cannot push through this time. 	Usec. Joselin Marcus Fragada	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Erni suggested inviting the DILG Secretary to the Mindanao Multi-stakeholder Forum. 	Usec. Joselin Marcus Fragada	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec Loyzaga instructed reviewing DILG Secretary's message and use it as lead in the press coverage. 	Usec. Joselin Marcus Fragada	
3. Additional Seal of Good Local Governance Indicators on Environmental for Local Government Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. Loyzaga inquired if the wording of the assessment criteria for environment can still be changed. She asked Asec Noralene Uy to assist in recrafting the statement, which does not include enhancement of the environment or reference to science-based evidence. Asec. Gonzales said that this can be brought up with the Council, which will be meeting on 25 January 2023. 	Asec. Noralene Uy, Asec. Gilbert Gonzales	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. Loyzaga instructed to convene another short meeting to go over the document and go through the indicators one by one. She emphasized the importance of alignment and intersection between each of the indicators under thematic areas presented by the Bureaus. She said to seek the assistance of scientists like Usec. Carlos P. David and Dr. Noralene Uy. 	Usec. Carlos P. David, Asec. Gilbert Gonzales, Asec. Noralene Uy	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. Loyzaga also suggested requesting for more time from the council the submission of the indicators. 	Asec. Gilbert Gonzales	ASAP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Teh informed of the available Technical Assistance from UNDP which can be tapped for assistance with the indicators. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. Loyzaga stated that there should be Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience indicators as well as specific indicators for water security. 	Asec. Gilbert Gonzales	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On the indicator on Green Spaces, Sec. Loyzaga said this should also be part of climate change as green spaces have implications on the GHG Inventory. ● Sec. Loyzaga suggested synchronizing the indicators on including biodiversity and GHG Inventory in the Annual Investment Plan to the same year. ● Sec. Loyzaga asked to include indicator on establishment and funding of wildlife rescue centers. ● Atty. Angela Consuelo Ibay recommended getting indicators from other agencies identified earlier such as the Office of Civil Defense for disaster preparedness to see how these intersect with DENR's indicators. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On the indicator of the creation of City/Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Sec. Loyzaga asked if there is a study on what can be covered by the Mandanas in terms of eligible expenses for environmental management. How much will go to the LGUs and how much will be reduced from the budget of DENR. ● Usec. Cuna suggested discussing with DILG on how to make the creation of the CENRO/MENRO mandatory. 		
<p>4. Concept of next generation leader development in bureaus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deferred 		
<p>5. Continuation of Presentation and discussion of the 2023 Planning Guidelines for cascading during the Reprogramming Workshop</p>	<p>Planning Guidelines – (Environmental Management Bureau) EMB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On enhancement of data collection and reporting system pertaining to GHG Inventory, be specific as to the type of data to be collected. Get inputs relative to possible NASA project participation so that this can be programmed. ● Itemize/Breakdown on the replacement of unserviceable lab equipment. ● Include figures on last year's budget for comparison. 	<p>EMB</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Include breakdown/specific output for the item regarding formulation of new policies, including timelines. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide background of technical employees in EMB Policy, Planning, and Program Development Division. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide breakdown of budget on IEC activities for Adopt an Estero/Waterbody Program, Operationalization of Water Quality Management Areas. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On the budget for Manila Bay Rehabilitation, make sure there is no double-counting. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On budget for Malabon Navotas, check if the budget will be spent or will be downloaded to the LGU and provide breakdown. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide list of Treatment Storage and Disposal Operators. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On climate proofing and review, this should be integrated. There should be adoption of climate scenarios. Coordinate with the Climate Change Service on the adoption of specific climate scenarios. 	EMB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate Change Service to discuss specific climate scenarios. 	Usec. Analiza R. Teh/CCS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All policies should go through the Usec. for Policy, Planning and International Affairs, including those that will not be signed by the Secretary. 	All Bureaus	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft a Memorandum of Instruction that all policies shall go through the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs. 	Usec. Jonas R. Leones/PPS	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec. Cuna and Usec. Leones to convene separate meeting on outsourcing of Air Quality Management Equipment. 	Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna/Usec. Jonas R. Leones	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquire with UNDP or UNIDO if Technical Assistance can be provided on existing capacity of EMB to undertake operations and come up with recommendations. 	Usec. Analiza R. Teh	

There having no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 AM.

Attendees:

Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga
 HEA Jose Joaquin Loyzaga
 Usec. Marilou G. Erni
 Usec. Augusto D. De la Peña
 Usec. Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez
 Usec. Carlos Primo C. David
 Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr.
 Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh
 Usec. Jonas R. Leones
 Usec. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada
 Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna

Asec. Gilbert Gonzales
 Asec. Noralene Uy
 Atty. Angela Consuelo Ibay
 Dir. Melinda C. Capistrano
 Dir. Emelyne V. Talabis
 Dir. Maria Lourdes G. Ferrer
 Dir. William Cuñado
 Dir. Wilfredo Moncano
 Dir. Joe-Mar Perez
 Engr. Teodorico Sandoval
 Dr. Rogelio Santos
 Asst. Dir. Amelita Ortiz
 Ms. Nancy Corpuz
 Ms. Lariza Ramos

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