



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service

All Bureau Directors

The Officer-In-Charge
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION COMMITTEE MEETING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE "PHILIPPINE GENETIC RESOURCES ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING ACT" FROM THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 05 March 2024

In reference to the electronic mail received by our Office, the Committee on Science and Technology of the House of Representatives is inviting the Department to a meeting on **12 March 2024, Tuesday, 09:30 AM** at **Nogralles Hall, South Wing Annex (SWA), Hrep Complex, House of Representatives, Quezon City** to deliberate on the following measures:

- I. **Approval of the Philippine Genetic Resources Access and Benefit-Sharing Act or PGRABS Act"**
 - **House Bill No. 2613** - "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL POLICY ON ACCESS, AND BENEFIT-SHARING FROM THE UTILIZATION OF PHILIPPINE GENETIC RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" by Rep. Luis Raymund "LRay" F. Villafuerte Jr., Reps. Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte, Tsuyoshi Anthony G. Horibata and Nicholas C. Enciso III;
 - **House Bill No. 8649** - "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL POLICY ON ACCESS, AND BENEFIT-SHARING FROM THE UTILIZATION

OF PHILIPPINE GENETIC RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" by Rep. Midy N. Cua; and

- **House Bill No. 9839** - "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL POLICY ON WEALTH GENERATION BY MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF PHILIPPINE GENETIC RESOURCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE" by Rep. Acharon.

II. Initial Deliberation on House Bill No. 913

- **House Bill No. 913** - "AN ACT IMPROVING AND SUSTAINING GENOMICS AND FORENSIC SCIENCE FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHING SEPARATE DATABASE FOR GENOMICS AND FORENSIC DNA IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" by Rep. Mario Vittorio 'Marvey' A. Mariño

In this regard, may we request **comments/recommendations** on the abovementioned House Bills, in preparation for the Committee meeting, as requested by the Committee. Kindly send them on or before **11 March 2024, at 5 PM** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. 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 Agenda and the House Bills for your reference.


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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs