



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



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Luzon and Visayas  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Eastern Mindanao  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Western Mindanao  
The Bureau Directors/Service and Attached Agency Heads  
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Land Management Bureau  
National Water Resources Board  
Laguna Lake Development Authority  
Climate Change Service  
Policy and Planning Service  
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service  
Legal Affairs Office  
River Basin Control Office

**FROM :** The Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

**SUBJECT :** INVITATION TO A FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE NBS POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLICY FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTION (NBS) ON CLIMATE CHANGE, 11 APRIL 2024, QUEZON CITY

**DATE :** APR 03 2024

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This is in line with the ongoing initiative of the Climate Change Service (CCS) in spearheading the development of a national policy on nature-based solution (NBS) to climate change mitigation and adaptation in support to the DENR's implementation of the National Adaptation Plan as well as in the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Implementation Plan.

The CCS earlier organized a *Policy Forum on NBS: Prospects for Institutionalization in the Philippines* last November 16-17, 2023 in Quezon City which affirmed the need for an overarching NBS Policy with the DENR as the lead government agency. Moreover, the policy forum which was attended by representatives from the DENR bureaus, offices and attached agencies, national government agencies, civil society organizations and other stakeholders also

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identified important issues, concerns and processes that should be considered in the development of the NBS policy.

Building from the Policy Forum, a proposed policy framework on NBS standards has been crafted to be presented to relevant stakeholders for review and recommendations. In view thereof, a **Focus Group Discussion on NBS Policy Framework** will be conducted among the DENR bureaus, offices and attached agencies on **11 April 2024 (Thursday) at 8:30AM – 4:30PM** at the **Novotel Manila Araneta City, Quezon City**.

The focus group discussion aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To present the policy framework on NBS standards and NBS policy structure to the different DENR offices, bureaus and attached agencies.
- To generate inputs and suggestions to enhance the policy framework on developing the NBS standards and the NBS policy structure
- To identify the next steps and ways forward for the development and adoption of the policy/ies on NBS standards and national NBS policy.

We have likewise enclosed the concept note and provisional program for your reference and guidance.

We would highly appreciate to please designate **one (1) or two (2) technical representatives** from your office to participate in the said focus group discussion. Kindly accomplish and submit the attached Confirmation Slip to CCS-CCITSD at [ccitsd@denr.gov.ph](mailto:ccitsd@denr.gov.ph) or [mgadmerilo@denr.gov.ph](mailto:mgadmerilo@denr.gov.ph) not later than **05 April 2024**.

For your strict compliance.

  
**ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH**

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**CONFIRMATION SLIP**

Name of Bureau/Office/Attached Agency:

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Name of Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position/Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

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