



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



MEMORANDUM

TO : **Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects**

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

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- Environmental Management Bureau
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- National Water Resources Board
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- 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 WRITESHOP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLICY FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NbS) ON CLIMATE CHANGE, 23-24 MAY 2024, METRO MANILA**

DATE : **MAY 13 2024**

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.

Following the *NbS Policy Forum: Prospects for Institutionalization in the Philippines* on NbS held last 16-17 November 2023 in Quezon City which affirmed the need for an overarching NbS Policy with the DENR as the lead government agency, a *Focus Group Discussion on the NbS Policy Framework and Outline* was conducted among the bureaus, attached agencies and offices of the DENR Central Office on 11 April 2024 in Quezon City.

Building from the inputs and comments raised during the FGD, a **Writershop (live-in) for the Development of the National NbS Policy** will be held on **23-24 May 2024** at a venue within Metro Manila (to be announced later). The writershop shall aim to further enhance and refine the elements of the draft NbS policy structure. Additionally, possible next steps and approaches for the development and adoption of local NbS standards will also be discussed. The draft national NbS policy which will be the main output of the writershop will be presented to the DENR regional offices including the EMB and MGB regional offices in June 2024 for their comments and recommendations.

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

Please designate **two (2) technical representatives** from your office to participate in the said writershop. Please accomplish and submit the attached Confirmation Slip to CCS-CCITSD at ccitsd@denr.gov.ph or mgadmerilo@denr.gov.ph not later than **21 May 2024**.

For your consideration.


ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEJ

**WRITESHOP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLICY FOR
NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NbS) TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE**

23-24 May 2024, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Venue within Metro Manila

CONFIRMATION SLIP

Name of Bureau/Office/Attached Agency:

Name of 1st Representative: _____

Gender: _____

Position/Designation: _____

Division/Unit : _____

Office/Agency: _____

Agency address: _____

Landline Nos.: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Email address: _____

Name of 2nd Representative: _____

Gender: _____

Position/Designation: _____

Division/Unit : _____

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Agency address: _____

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Pls. email back to ccitsd@denr.gov.ph or mgadmerilo@denr.gov.ph not later than **21 May 2024**.



Activity Design for Writershop on the NBS National Policy

Proposed date: May 23-24, 2024

Format: in-person

Proposed venue: TBD

I. Rationale

The DENR/CCS-sponsored Policy Forum on Nature-Based Solutions: Prospects for Institutionalization in the Philippines, held on November 16-17, 2023, affirmed the need for one overarching NBS policy with DENR as the principal government agency identified to issue it. The policy forum, attended by representatives from the DENR bureaus, offices and attached agencies, national government agencies, civil society organizations and other stakeholders also identified important issues, concerns and processes that should be considered in the development of the NBS policy.

As a follow-up to the said policy forum, a focused group discussion on the NBS policy framework and NBS policy outline was conducted among the bureaus and attached agencies and offices of the DENR on April 11, 2024. The FGD was attended by more than 30 participants from the different bureaus and offices of the DENR including the FMB, MGB, BMB, EMB, LMB, ERDB, NWRB, LLDA, River Basin Coordinating Office, PPS, FASPS, Office of the ASec for Field Operations – Eastern Mindanao, Office of the ASec for Field Operations – Eastern Mindanao, Office of the Asec for Field Operations – Western Mindanao. Participants to the said FGD provided invaluable inputs on the proposed policy framework and policy outline. The project will draft the NBS policy based on the inputs and suggestions of the participants. This draft policy will be further enhanced during the proposed writershop activity.

The next steps and timeline were also discussed at the FGD. (see below)

Activity	Timeline/Target Dates
FGD Highlights Submission by CI to CCS	April 17, 2024
DENR Inputs Submission to CI	April 29, 2024
Initial Policy Narrative Submission from CI to CCS	May 10, 2024
DENR Comments Submission to CI	May 20, 2024
Writershop with DENR Representatives/Focal	May 24, 2024
Regional Presentation	TBD

The writershop will be a 1.5-day activity to give more time to the participants to discuss and enhance the draft NBS policy. Food and overnight accommodation will be provided to the participants.

Support and assistance for the conduct of the activity will be provided by Conservation International and the CI-CRC project.

II. Activity objectives, outputs, and targets

Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To present the draft national NBS policy to the different DENR offices, bureaus and attached agencies.To generate narratives/inputs and suggestions to develop the body of the draft national NBS policy.

Output
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft national NBS policy (acceptable to all participating DENR bureaus, offices and services).
Gender and Social Inclusion Integration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women representative participants will be encouraged.

III. Proposed Program

Day 1		
Time	Activity/Topic	Responsible Person/Agency
Day 1, May 23, 2024		
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Arrival and Registration	CCS
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Preliminaries/Opening Program	CCS
9:15 – 9:25 AM	Introduction of Participants	CCS
9:25 – 9:35 AM	Background and Objectives of the Writeshop	CCS
9:35 – 10:15 AM	Presentation of the Draft NBS Policy	CCS
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Writeshop mechanics and assignments.	CRC-CI
10:45 – 12 NN	Writeshop on Proposed NBS Policy Part 1 (divide into groups)	CRC-CI
12 Noon – 1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 – 4:45 PM	Continuation of Writeshop (with break)	CRC-CI
4:45 -5:15 PM	Wrap up for Day 1	CRC-CI
Day 2, May 24, 2024		
8:30-8:45 AM	Registration	
8:45-9:45 AM	Plenary Presentation and discussion of writeshop results per group (with break)	CRC-CI & CCS
9:45– 11:15 AM	Second Round—cleaning the policy by the various groups.	CRC-CI & CCS
11:15-11:45AM	Presentation of the final draft (highlighting the improved sections as per the 2 nd round of writeshop.	CCS
11:45-12:00 NN	Closing Program and Next Steps	CCS
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM onwards	Departure	

Target participants

Expected participants shall be representatives from the relevant DENR bureaus, offices and attached agencies.