



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



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

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

SUBJECT : **INDO PACIFIC ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK FOR PROSPERITY (IPEF) ENVIRONMENT CHAPTER VIRTUAL SESSION ON 08/09 JULY 2024**

DATE : **01 JUL 2024**

This pertains to the electronic mail dated 17 June 2024 from the Director for Environment and Natural Resources of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, inviting IPEF partners for a virtual session for the Environment Chapter which is proposed to be held on 08/09 July 2024.

Please be informed that a virtual session on Sustainable Forest Management and Timber Trade was conducted in May 2024. Relative thereto, the United States side is planning for a second session to focus on domestic policies and approaches to promote trade and investment in environmental goods and services, including sharing experiences about relevant measures (*e.g. non-tariff measures*) that would cover the following topics: trade and investment; information on economic, environmental, and sustainable development benefits; and implementing best practices/lessons learned.

This session will not be a text-based negotiation, but rather an opportunity for technical exchange to better understand one another's positions or approaches to the underlying issue. In addition, interested IPEF partners are requested to give a brief (8-10 minute) presentation.

In view of the above, we would like to invite the DENR IPEF Focal Points to attend the said virtual session (*further details to be circulated once available*). Further, we would like to request the submission of presentation notes regarding domestic policies and approaches to promote trade and investment in environmental goods and services. In this regard, the following topics are proposed:

- 1. Philippine policies and approaches to promote sustainable trade of wood (*Forest Management Bureau*)**

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2. **Philippine legal wildlife trade** (*Biodiversity Management Bureau*)
3. **Best Practices on Environmental Services relative to trade** (*Environmental Management Bureau*)

In order to facilitate the Department's proposed presentation during the said virtual session, may we request the aforementioned Bureaus to limit the presentation into three (3) slides. We would also like to recommend **Atty. Rosette Ferrer**, who is the lead PH negotiator for IPEF Environment Chapter, to be the presenter during the event.

We would appreciate receiving your: 1) presentations (*3 slides only*) and 2) names of your resource person for the Q&A portion by **03 July 2024** through the following email addresses: policy@denr.gov.ph and/or psddivision@gmail.com.

For your information and consideration, please.


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cc: DENR IPEF Focal Points



Fwd: IPEF Environment Chapter - Save the Date for 8/9 July Virtual Session

1 message

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Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 2:05 PM

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Good day, Dir. Aquia and Ma'm Ging,

Forwarding the US' invitation to a virtual session for technical exchange on environmental goods and services.

Thank you
Rosette

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Subject: IPEF Environment Chapter - Save the Date for 8/9 July Virtual Session

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Dear IPEF Trade Pillar Environment Chapter Colleagues,

I hope you are doing well! Thanks again to everyone who participated in our May virtual session on Sustainable Forest Management and Timber Trade. Attached as discussed, please find the slides from all of the presentations for your reference.

Looking ahead, we are aiming to host our next session on the evening of 8 July / morning of 9 July. We did our best to take into consideration the various holidays and other events that are also taking place this month, so hopefully it will work for everyone. I will also send an Outlook invitation save-the-date following this message.

We are planning for this second session to focus on domestic policies and approaches to promote trade and investment in environmental goods and services, including sharing experiences about relevant measures (e.g., NTMs) to such trade and investment; information on economic, environmental, and sustainable development benefits; and implementing best practices/lessons learned. As with the previous session on forests, we don't intend for this to be a text-based negotiation, but rather an opportunity for technical exchange to help us better understand one another's positions or approaches to the underlying issue. If you would be interested to give a brief (8-10 minute) presentation, or even moderate the Q&A portion of the discussion following the presentations, please let us know. I will also be reaching out individually to some Partners with specific requests for speakers.

Thank you, and please don't hesitate to reach out at any time with comments or questions.

Best,

Amy

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5 attachments

 **NZ Presentation_Overview of New Zealand's forestry practices and policies_May 2024_IPEF_to share.pdf**
2729K

 **AU Presentation_Australia's Sustainable Forest Management and Timber Trade Policies.pdf**
10950K

 **ID Presentation_DG SFM - IPEF - Sustainable Forest Management_KS.pdf**
4840K

 **US Presentation_IPEF Environment Session_29 May_Sustainable Forest Mgmt Timber.pdf**
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 **Draft Agenda_IPEF Environment Mtg on EGS_July 2024_as of 17 June.docx**
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