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KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



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THE DIRECTOR, ERDB
and concerned staff

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DENR Region-3
and concerned staff

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DENR Region-5
and concerned staff

THE PENR OFFICER, PENRO Sorsogon
and concerned staff

ATTN : THE CHIEF, FASPS-Project Accounts Management Division

THE CHIEF, FASPS-Project Preparation Division

THE CHIEF, FASPS-Project Management Division

FROM : THE DIRECTOR
Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF CONSULTATION/ WORKSHOP ON THE CO-
FINANCING COMMITMENT FOR THE DENR-UNDP-GEF
PROJECT TITLED: "IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL
FRAMEWORK ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING OF
GENETIC RESOURCES AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN
THE PHILIPPINES"

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), through the *GEF-UNDP-DENR project Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines (ABS Project)* will be conducting a **Workshop on Updating and Reporting of Co-financing Commitments to the ABS Project**, on **February 14-15, 2024**, in **Legazpi, Albay** (exact venue to be announced at a later date).

The activity will provide a venue for key stakeholders that have committed co-financing to the Project to: (a) have a clear understanding and be guided on the Global Environment Facility (GEF) co-financing guidelines (i.e. principles, requirements, and procedures) in the context of the ABS Project; (b) determine the status of their co-financing commitment to the Project, and update as necessary; and (c) prepare a comprehensive accomplishment report detailing the co-financing commitments fulfilled/realized to date.

In line with this, we are pleased to invite three (3) representatives (Project Focal Person, Planning Officer, and Accountant/ Finance Officer) from your office to attend the said activity.

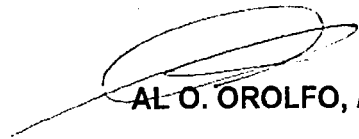
We would like also to request your office to update your respective co-financing commitment reports that will serves as working document during the actual co-financing workshop.

Expenses to be incurred by the participants for the duration of the workshop (hotel, food, land/air travel via the most economical and direct route, and as necessary) shall be charged against the ABS Project funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Other incidental expenses shall be borne by the participants' respective Office.

We would appreciate receiving confirmation of your participants' attendance by email to Ms. Sheena Rubin at phl.abs.project@gmail.com, on or before **31 January 2024**. Kindly anticipate a separate communication for the documents and final workshop arrangements.

Attached is the activity design for your reference.

For your information and consideration.


AL O. OROLFO, Ph.D.
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Project Management Unit – ABS Project



Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines

ACTIVITY DESIGN

Activity	:	Consultation/Workshop on the Co-Financing Commitment for the DENR-UNDP-GEF Project on Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines
Date	:	14-15 February 2024
Venue	:	Legazpi, Albay

I. Introduction and Rationale

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), is implementing the project titled: “Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines. The project aims to strengthen the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (NP) in the Philippines by strengthening the national Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) framework, building national and local capacities and developing critical experience in ABS agreements. The project seeks to increase economic opportunity and biodiversity conservation for local communities and indigenous people in the Philippines stemming from fair and equitable sharing of biodiversity benefits through three project outcomes:

1. Strengthening the national framework for the implementing ABS in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol;
2. Enhanced understanding of the ABS regime and the value of traditional knowledge associated with genetic and biological resources for improved policy making and on the ground conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits; and
3. At least one ABS agreement negotiated and finalized that demonstrate Prior Informed Consent (PIC) and Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT) and with clear provision on fair and equitable benefit sharing.

Co-financing is a strategic funding approach integral to GEF projects, designed to amplify the impact and reach of environmental and sustainable development initiatives. At its core, co-financing involves the collaboration and contribution of diverse financial resources from multiple stakeholders, beyond the GEF's initial grant, to bolster the overall project budget. The DENR-BMB, as the executing agency of the ABS Project, is expected to provide its co-financing commitments

in order to ensure the sustainability of the project, create innovative solutions, knowledge sharing, and the pooling of resources for a collective cause.

Thus, the DENR, through the ABS Project, aims to support the conduct of this consultation/workshop for target DENR units and other partners to achieve the following objectives and expected outputs as follows:

II. Objectives

- 1) To have a shared understanding on the GEF guidelines on co-financing and how project partners may be able to follow-through on what were provided in their offices' previous letters of co-financing commitment for the ABS Project;
- 2) To determine the status and update the co-financing commitments from November 2021 to November 2027; and
- 3) To prepare the accomplishment report on co-financing commitments of the DENR units and other partners.

III. Expected outputs

- 1) Clear and unified understanding of the GEF co-financing guidelines - principles, requirements, and procedures- and in the context of the ABS Project.
- 2) Detailed and up-to-date report highlighting the co-financing commitments made by the DENR and other partners, spanning from November 2021 to November 2027.
- 3) Comprehensive accomplishment report detailing the co-financing commitments fulfilled/realized by the DENR units and other partners.

IV. Methodology

The Consultation/Workshop shall include: (1) technical presentation on GEF Guidelines on Co-Financing; (2) presentation and discussion on the status and update on co-financing commitments of the DENR units and other partners; and (3) preparation and presentation of accomplishment reports on co-financing fulfilled/realized by DENR units and other partners.

V. Target Participants

No.	Target Participants	No. of Pax	Position
1	DENR Bureaus, DA and DOST	27	
	ABS Project	4	Admin Officer, Finance Officer, Planning and M&E Officer and Project Manager
	Biodiversity Management Bureau	5	Finance Officer/Budget Officer/Accounting, PMU
	FASPS	5	Representative/s, PAMD, PMD, PMED, PPD
	Forest Management Bureau	2	Planning Officer and Finance Officer

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	Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau	2	Planning Officer and Finance Officer
	DOST-PCAARRD	2	Planning Officer and Finance Officer
	DA 5	2	Planning Officer, Finance Officer
2.	DENR Regional Offices and PENRO Sorsogon	14	
	Region III	4	Regional Executive Director, Project Focal Person, Planning Officer and Accountant
	Region V	5	Regional Executive Director, Project Focal Person, Planning Officer and Accountant
	PENRO Sorsogon	4	PENR Officer, Project Focal Person, Planning Officer and Accountant
3	Local Government Units (LGUs)	6	
	LGU – Albay	3	Project Focal Person, Planning Officer and Accountant
	LGU - Sorsogon	3	Project Focal Person, Planning Officer and Accountant
4	Other Project Partners	15	
	Sorsogon State University	3	Representative/s, Office of the President
	CLSU	3	Representative/s, Office of the President
	Phil Pili Industry	3	Representative/s
	Pharmalytics	3	Representative/s
	Herbanext	3	Representative/s
5	Other Partner Agency		
	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	2	Representative/s, Climate Action Programme Team
	TOTAL	58	

VI. Budget

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Accommodation and Meals	58	4000/pax/day	565,200
Airfare (RT)	28	15000/pax	420,000.00
Van Rental	10	6000/van	60,000.00
		Total	1,045,200.00

VII. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY/TOPIC	Lead/ Resource Speakers
DAY 1: February 14, 2024			
	1:00 – 1:15 pm	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Anthem ● Invocation 	
	1:15 – 1:30 pm	Introduction of Participants	
	1:30 – 1:45 pm	Opening Remarks	Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr. , Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Concurrent OIC Director Dr. Al O. Orolfo, PhD Director, DENR-FASPS Mr. Edwine Carrie Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Philippines
	1:45 – 2:00 pm	Objectives and Program Flow	Mr. Anthony Foronda Project Manager, ABS Project
	2:00 – 2:15 pm	Photo Opportunity	Secretariat
	2:15 – 2:30 pm	GEF CO-Financing Policy	UNDP
	2:30 – 3:00 pm	ABS Project Background On Co-Financing	FASPS
	3:00 – 5:00	Presentation of Reports: <u>Co-Financing Commitment 2021-2027 and Co-Financing Realized as of December 2023</u> DENR, DA, and DOST Open Forum	DENR, DA, and DOST
DAY 2: February 15, 2024			
	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Continuation of Reports: Presentation per Office LGUs, Academe and Project private partners Open Forum	LGUs, Academe and Project private partners
	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Consolidation of all reports presented	
	2:00 – 2:30 pm	Wrap-Up and Next Steps	
	2:30 – 3:00 pm	Submission of all reports thru soft and hard copy	Ms. Maybell N. Mangubos

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY/TOPIC	Lead/ Resource Speakers
			Chief, FASPS-PAMD
	3:00 –3:30 pm	Closing Message	Mr. Anthony Foronda Project Manager, ABS Project
		Departure time	

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