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SPECIAL ORDER
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE WORKING COMMITTEES TO THE 2021 EAST ASIAN SEAS CONGRESS

In the interest of the service and in line with the Philippines' commitment under the Haikou Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangements for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), the Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), will be participating in the 2021 East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress which will be hosted by the Royal Government of Cambodia in collaboration with the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA).

In this regard, the creation of the 2021 EAS Congress Working Committees is hereby authorized to facilitate the necessary preparations for the Philippines' participation in the Congress activities which shall be spread out and conducted virtually from the months of June to November 2021, culminating to the EAS Congress proper on December 1-2, 2021. The Heads of the following Offices are directed to assign two (2) focal persons per Office and shall ensure that requirements from the Philippines and its delegation are being met.

I. Overall Supervision

The 2021 EAS Congress Working Committees shall be supervised by the:

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| Advisers | - | Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh
Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones |
| Chairperson | - | Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) |
| Vice Chairperson | - | Director, Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service |

II. 2021 EAS Congress Working Committees

- A. Ministerial and Major Plenaries Committee – shall prepare Philippines' position/statements, i.e., Ministerial Declaration, Plenary messages
1. Policy and Planning Service (PPS) – Lead
 2. Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) - Support
 3. Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) - Support
 4. Climate Change Service (CCS) - Support
- B. ICT Committee – shall ensure strong and stable network connectivity in tandem with the PEMSEA Secretariat


1. Knowledge and Information Systems Service – Lead
 2. Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS) - Support
- C. Editing and Promotions Committee – shall promote EAS Congress activities through DENR website and social media platforms;
1. Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS) - Lead
 2. Knowledge and Information Systems Service - Support
- D. Administrative, Logistics and Finance Committee – shall ensure administrative, logistical requirements and financial support are provided to ensure Philippines’ participation
1. Financial and Management Service - Lead
 2. Administrative Service - Support
- E. DENR Counterpart Secretariat – shall ensure that the preparations and other arrangements for the 2021 EAS Congress are properly coordinated and facilitated with all and among the Working Committees, and with the DENR Offices and Officials concerned
1. Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) - Lead
 2. Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS) - Support

Expenses such as food, supplies and other allowable expenses to be incurred in the conduct of this activity shall be charged against DENR Fund 101-Support to Sustainable Development Strategy-SEA Philippines, subject to the usual accounting rules and regulations.

Other Offices shall be enjoined to assist or provide inputs, as needed, to the respective Committees through the Chairperson.

Each Working Committee shall submit a report to the DENR Secretariat within ten (10) days upon completion of the activity. The DENR Counterpart Secretariat shall submit the consolidated report to the undersigned within fifteen (15) days upon completion of the activity.

This Order shall take effect on the dates herein specified.


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