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SUBJECT : CREATION OF NATIONAL PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED "BIODIVERSITY FINANCE INITIATIVE (BIOFIN) PHILIPPINES"

In line with the Office of the President's approval of the acceptance of the grant from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to implement the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) Phase II, DENR Special Order No. 2013-143 is being updated and revised. Moreover, to support the full implementation of the third iteration of the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP) and its Biodiversity Finance Plan, BIOFIN's Project Steering Committee cum Project Board and Technical Working Group (TWG) are amended to include the following:

A. Project Steering Committee cum Project Board

The PSC, functions as a Project Board, shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	<i>Undersecretary, Policy, Planning and International Affairs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)</i>
Co-Chairpersons	<i>Undersecretary, Planning and Policy, National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)</i> <i>Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</i>
Members	<i>Commissioner, Climate Change Commission (CCC)</i> <i>Undersecretary, International Finance Group, Department of Finance (DOF)</i> <i>Senior Undersecretary, Energy Policy and Planning Bureau, Department of Energy (DOE-EPPB)</i> <i>Undersecretary for Planning and PPP, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)</i> <i>Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB)</i> <i>Director, Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Services, DENR (DENR-FASPS)</i> <i>Director, Forest Management Bureau (DENR-FMB)</i> <i>Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB)</i> <i>Director, Planning and Policy Service (DENR-PPS)</i> <i>Director, Systems Wide Climate Change Office, (DA-SWCCO)</i>

*Director, National Convergence Technical Support Unit,
Department of Social Welfare and Development
(DSWD-NCTSU)*

*Director, Bureau of Local Government Development,
Department of the Interior and Local Government
(DILG-BLGD)*

*Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,
Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR)*

*Executive Director, Business for Sustainable
Development (BSD)*

Executive Director, Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP)

*Executive Director, Foundation for the Philippine
Environment (FPE)*

Chief Operating Officer, Haribon Foundation

The Project Steering Committee has the following functions:

- a) Ensure the commitment of all government agencies and other stakeholders and their compliance with the implementation of PBSAP and its Biodiversity Finance Plan;
- b) Ensure the mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation into the planning and budgeting process of national government agencies and local government units as well as into national socio-economic development plans;
- c) Through its members, educate the public on biodiversity conservation and communicate and build awareness about the PBSAP and its Biodiversity Finance Plan as well as the progress of their implementation in the Philippines;
- d) Require the support or assistance of any department, bureau, agency or office of the government;
- e) Review and approve the project's Annual Work and Financial Plan;
- f) Designate members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) to provide support and assistance in the performance of its functions; and
- g) Perform such other functions and activities as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Order.

Each member agency of the Project Steering Committee shall appoint a 1) permanent representative who shall hold a rank of not lower than an Undersecretary, Director, Commissioner or equivalent appropriate position in its respective agency, and an 2) alternate representative, for consistency of discussions.

The Project Steering Committee shall meet bi-annually or as often as the Chairperson may deem necessary.

B. Technical Working Group

The Technical Working Group (TWG) will complement the Project Steering Committee by providing support and assistance. The TWG will be chaired by the Assistant Director (AD) of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB). It is composed of Senior Technical Staff from the member agencies of the Project Steering Committee.

The Technical Working Group shall perform the following functions:

- a) Provide technical assistance to the Project Steering Committee in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the PBSAP and its Biodiversity Finance Plan;
- b) Assist in the coordination of activities that have direct relevance to their respective agencies' or organizations' objectives and functions;
- c) Review and endorse the project's Annual Work and Financial Plan;
- d) Provide links to different sectors taking into consideration perspectives from other relevant sectors;
- e) Facilitate information dissemination and feedback within their respective agencies and organizations;
- f) As necessary, call on the assistance of any concerned government agency, NGO or academe representative; and
- g) Perform other functions as may be assigned by the Project Steering Committee.

Likewise, each member agency of the Technical Working Group shall formally designate the following: 1) permanent representative; and 2) alternate representative, for consistency of discussions.

The Technical Working Group shall meet as often as the Chairperson may deem necessary.

The Project Management Unit shall serve as the Secretariat of the PSC and TWG.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the completion of the project.

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Secretary

