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Dear RED Ferrer;

Good day! **Forest Foundation Philippines** is a non-profit organization that provides grants to organizations that empower the people to protect the forests. Fundamental to the implementation of the Foundation's Results Framework (RF) 2017-2021 is its long-term goal of sustainable management of the forests in its focal landscapes. Part of this strategy is strengthening the collaboration among its partners and stakeholders within the landscape through an annual Partner's Meeting. The Partners' Meeting provides the venue for constructive dialogue, as well as sharing strategic information on sustainable management of forests to ensure coordinated support among partners.

This year's **Partners Meeting for the Palawan Landscape** is anchored on the theme "**Growing Futures: Sustainable Landscapes, Empowered Communities**", to acknowledge the past accomplishments, current success and challenges, and the need to think through multiple possibilities of what the future holds for forest conservation work to enable a more concrete, strategic, and concerted actions moving forward.

The Meeting, which will be held via the Zoom platform on 26-27 April, 2021 (Zoom link to be sent later), is co-hosted by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS), the professional support staff of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development. PCSD is a multi-sectoral and inter-disciplinary body in charge of the governance, implementation, and policy direction of the **Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act (Republic Act 7611)**. In light of the closing of Foundation's RF 2017-2021 and planning for the next five-year strategy plan; and in accordance with PCSD's mandate and role as the primary agency for sustainable development and management of natural resources in Palawan, this part aims to bring together different stakeholders and decision-makers in the Palawan landscape and provide a platform for knowledge-sharing (e.g., programs, plans, initiatives) and opportunities for multi-stakeholder collaboration.

In line with this, we would like to invite you as a resource speaker for **Session 1: Mandated Agencies' Landscape-level Plans and Programs related to forests, agroforestry,**

communities, and livelihoods. Specifically, we hope that you can discuss the **Natural Resources Management in Palawan landscape within the Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry Development.** Below are some guide questions that you may address through a **15-minute presentation:**


- What are the current programs, and plans on natural resources management in Palawan aligned with the Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry Development?
- What are the gains so far, challenges, and potential pathways for collaboration with DENR in Palawan that can be explored moving forward?

Your presentation is highly important for us and other stakeholders to understand your current programs and explore potential pathways for collaboration towards sustainable landscapes in Palawan. The event can also serve as an opportunity for your good office in exploring partnership opportunities with other stakeholders. **Kindly share the presentation file with us on or before Thursday 22 April 2021.** For your reference, please see attached provisional program for the two-day meeting.

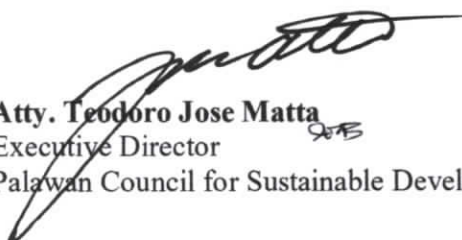
For confirmation, clarification, and other questions, you may contact **Ms. Lyn Valdez**, Project Development Officer, of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development at mobile number **0917 539 1925** or email lsv1222@yahoo.com and/or **Ms. Ana Gabriel**, Landscape Coordinator for Palawan, Forest Foundation Philippines at mobile **0916 297 9412** or email avgabriel@forestfoundation.ph.

Thank you very much and we look forward to a successful meeting.

Sincerely,



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