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RE: Invitation to the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Site Inception Workshop under the DENR-UNDP/GEF Project on "Integrated Approach in Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines" or BD Corridor Project as Opening Keynote Speaker

Dear Director Claudio,

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA Region is the site implementing partner for the Global Environment Facility-United Nations Development Programme (GEF-UNDP) project entitled "Integrated Approach in the Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines (BD Corridor Project)" for the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor (MBC). A **Site Inception Workshop** for the said project will be conducted on **May 12-13, 2022** at the Filipiniana Hotel in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.

The BD Corridor Project aims to operationalize integrated management of biological corridors to generate multiple benefits including effective conservation of globally significant biodiversity, reduced deforestation, degradation of landscapes, and enhanced livelihoods. It has four components:

- Component 1: Effective coordination and governance framework for integrated ecosystem management in the Philippines biodiversity corridors system;
- Component 2: Application of integrated network design and management of biodiversity corridors to ensure continued stability and sustainability of their biological, ecosystem services and socio-economic conservation values;
- Component 3: Community-based sustainable use and management systems in the two pilot biodiversity corridor systems in the Philippines; and

• Component 4: Knowledge management, gender mainstreaming, learning, monitoring, and evaluation.

The workshop will formally launch the project, familiarize stakeholders with its objectives, expected outcomes and outputs, and foster ownership with active partner engagement.

In line with this, we would like to respectfully invite you as the opening keynote speaker to share your knowledge and formally open the workshop.

Hoping for your consideration and favorable response to this request.

Respectfully yours,

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