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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**  
DENR CAR, NCR, Regions I-XIII

**FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change  
and GEF Operational Focal Point for the Philippines

**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF THE GEF NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER  
DIALOGUE ON JANUARY 18-19, 2023 IN THE PHILIPPINES**

This refers to the conduct of the GEF-8 National Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on 18-19 January 2023. The dialogue will be participated by representatives from: the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat including the GEF CEO; GEF Operational Focal Point (DENR); GEF Political Focal Point (NEDA); Focal Points of the MEA Conventions; National Government Agencies (NGAs); relevant local government units (LGUs); civil society organization (CSOs); private sector (PS); and GEF Implementing Agencies (IAs).

Briefly, the GEF is a financial mechanism which supports 183 member countries in complying with their obligations to the 5 (five) Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)/conventions. This is in partnership with the international institutions, civil society organizations (CSOs), and private sectors to address global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives. It provides assistance in the form of projects/programs that address environmental threats/concerns which the countries submit to GEF for funding on a four (4)-year cycle basis. GEF works with 18 multilateral agencies as implementing arm, of which nine (9) of them are actively supporting the country level, namely: UNDP, UNEP, WB, ADB, UNIDO, FAO, IFAD, WWF GLOBAL, and CI Global

At the country level, the GEF concerns are being coordinated and facilitated by the DENR through the undersigned who serves as the Operational Focal Point (OFP) and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), which serves as the Political Focal Point (PFP) of the GEF. The Foreign Assisted and Special Project Service (FASPS) of the DENR serves as the GEF OFP Secretariat and supports the identification and prioritization of projects for GEF funding in close collaboration with the following Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) Focal Point Agencies: Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) for the UNCBD; Climate Change Commission (CCC) for the UNFCCC; Bureau of Soils and Water Management of the Department of Agriculture for the UNCCD; and Environmental Management Bureau for the SCPOPs and the Minamata Convention on Mercury

The National Dialogues are part of the GEF's Country Support Program (CSP) which aims to provide recipient countries with assistance and capacity building to make better use of the GEF resources available, including support for programming.

In this regard, we would like to invite you or your able representative to participate in the conduct of the *GEF National Multi-stakeholder Dialogue* on *January 18-19, 2023* to be held at *Grand Hyatt Manila, 8th Avenue corner, 35th St, Taguig, 1634 Metro Manila*.

Attached is the copy of the Program for your perusal.

We would appreciate if you could register for the event through the link/QR Code below:

Google Form Registration:

[bit.ly/GEFNationalDialogue2023](https://bit.ly/GEFNationalDialogue2023)



Ms. Maridel F. Villalon and Ms. Noreen Eborde from the Project Preparation Division (PPD) of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS) will coordinate with your office regarding this matter. You may wish to contact them through: [mfvillalon@denr.gov.ph](mailto:mfvillalon@denr.gov.ph) or 09173144053 and [noreen.eborde@gmail.com](mailto:noreen.eborde@gmail.com) or 09568701314 for any queries in this regard.

Your participation is highly appreciated.

  
**ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH**

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*Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs*