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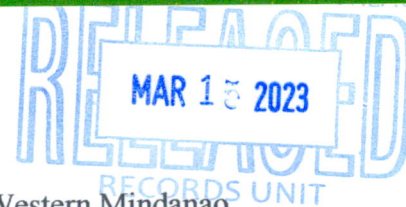
MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : The OIC, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Western Mindanao
and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF
THE PHILIPPINE MASTER PLAN FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT
FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT**

DATE : MAR 14 2023



This pertains to the assessment of the Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry Development (PMPCRFD) being commissioned by the Forest Management Bureau with the Center for Environmental Law and Policy Advocacy (CELPA).

The assessment/study aims to:

- Review, evaluate and analyze status of accomplishments under the PMPCRFD, including issues and concerns in its implementation;
- Come up with recommendations on the updating of the Implementation Plan for the PMPCRFD;
- Come-up with recommendations for the establishment of an M and E system for PMPCRFD;
- Come-up with recommendations for policy, strategic and operational directions that would support the realization of targets under the PMPCRFD until 2028; and
- Develop recommendations relative to the updating of the Master Plan vis-à-vis recent developments related to the Forestry Sector.

In line with this and in order to arrive at results that would represent the implementation status of the masterplan, consultation through Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with FMB and DENR Field Offices shall be conducted. Specifically, the conduct of FGD with the regions is one of the tools to be used in the assessment.

The target participants for the FGD are the technical personnel from PENROs and CENROs particularly the PENR Officers, CENR Officers, Division Chiefs, Section Chiefs and Unit Heads who are directly involved in the implementation of programs, activities and projects of the PMPCRFD.

Relative hereto, we would like to invite the said officials from your Office to attend the FGD through an online platform which shall be conducted and to be facilitated by CELPA from March 20-29, 2023. Our staff from the Forest Policy, Planning and Knowledge Management Division – Forest Plans and Standards Section will coordinate with you on this matter. If you have further clarifications, you may coordinate with For. Mary Edestin Henson of FPPKMD-FPSS at email fppkmd.fpss@fmb.denr.gov.ph.

Attached for your reference are the schedule of the FGDs, meeting links and questionnaire.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION, PLEASE


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REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS GUIDE QUESTIONS and FACT SHEET

Project:	Consultancy Service for the Conduct of Assessment of the Implementation of the Philippine Master Plan for Climate-Resilient Forestry Development
Commissioned by:	Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Consultant:	Center for Environmental Law and Policy Advocacy, Inc. (CELPA, Inc.)
Objectives of the Consultancy Project:	As specified in the Terms of Reference (ToR), this consultancy service has the following objectives: 1) to review, evaluate and analyze the status of accomplishments under the PMPCRFD, including issues and concerns in its implementation; 2) to come up with recommendations on the updating of the Implementation Plan for the plan; 3) to come up with recommendations for the establishment of an M and E system for the plan; 4) to come up with recommendations for policy, strategic and operational directions that would support the realization of targets under the plan until 2028; and 5) to come up with recommendations relative to the updating of the Master Plan vis-à-vis recent developments related to the Forestry Sector.

Purpose of the Focus Group Discussion:

The conduct of the focus group discussion (FGD) per region is one of the assessment tools for the assessment of the implementation status of the Philippine Master Plan for Climate-Resilient Forestry Development (PMPCRFD) being commissioned by the DENR FMB to CELPA, Inc.

This FGD aims to gather data and information relevant to the assessment of the performance and status of the implementation of the PMPCRFD to complement with the review of relevant documents, policies, researches, and information and analyze using the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability criteria.

Target Participants:

The target participants for the FGD are the technical personnel from the PENROs and CENROs nationwide, particularly the PENR Officers, CENR Officers, Division Chiefs, Section Chiefs and Unit Heads, who are directly involved in the implementation of the programs/activities/projects (PAPs) of the PMPCRFD. The conduct of FGD will be done online. These questions will serve as guide to the facilitators to gather information from the participants. Questions will be asked in plenary mode for discussion to achieve the consensus of the participants in the session.

Results of the FGD for all regions will be presented to the national validation workshop wherein the target participants are the technical personnel from 16 DENR regional offices, particularly from the Conservation Development Division, Enforcement Division, Licenses, Patents and Deeds Division, and Planning and Management Division.



Proposed Schedules of Regional Focus Group Discussions

The conduct of FGD will be done by region. The conduct of regional consultations will be on March 20 - 29, 2023 with the following proposed schedules by regions:

Date	Regions	Zoom link
March 20, 2023 (Monday)	Region 1 Region 2	<p>Topic: FGD Region 1 and 2 Time: Mar 20, 2023 08:45 AM Singapore</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87080964918?pwd=V1FFTkwxU1FMaUJiQVpVOG56ZE9SZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 870 8096 4918 Passcode: R1&R2</p>
March 21, 2023 (Tuesday)	Region 3 CALABAR ZON	<p>Topic: FGD R3 and CALABARZON Time: Mar 21, 2023 08:30 AM Singapore</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84458236167?pwd=UE9QU052R2lWcW4yUDN4U3VlOHY2dz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 844 5823 6167 Passcode: R3&R4A</p>
March 22, 2023 (Wednesday)	NCR CAR	<p>Topic: FGD NCR&CAR Time: Mar 22, 2023 08:30 AM Singapore</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81684632378?pwd=WDRqdHlTTkoxSkE4MWU0YmNud0FEZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 816 8463 2378 Passcode: NCR&CAR</p>
March 23, 2023 (Thursday)	MIMAROP A Region 5	<p>Topic: FGD MIMAROPA & R5 Time: Mar 23, 2023 08:30 AM Singapore</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88271484848?pwd=cWE1bElNUDdTWFfsYXZEBWYxODI2UT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 882 7148 4848 Passcode: R4B&R5</p>
March 24, 2023 (Friday)	Region 6 Region 7	<p>Topic: FGD R6&R7 Time: Mar 24, 2023 08:30 AM Singapore</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81615738690?pwd=bmFuYXNTNW5WU0tOVFF0bHRCaUc0UT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 816 1573 8690 Passcode: R6&R7</p>
March 27, 2023 (Monday)	Region 8 Region 9	<p>Topic: FGD R8&R9 Time: Mar 27, 2023 08:30 AM Singapore</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82060294607?pwd=L3MrRVFHN3lTmlmV0cxbHlyVHpWZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 820 6029 4607 Passcode: R8&R9</p>



March 28, 2023 (Tuesday)	Region 10 Region 11	<p>Topic: FGD R10&R11 Time: Mar 28, 2023 08:30 AM Singapore</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83391172496?pwd=cmRycExKSklSRlF3NlgrTEptOUNqUT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 833 9117 2496 Passcode: R10&R11</p>
March 29, 2023 (Wednesday)	Region 12 CARAGA	<p>Topic: FGD R12&CARAGA Time: Mar 29, 2023 08:30 AM Singapore</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89995197021?pwd=L1NZMXFwcVptVUEwSUVFdzFyL04wUT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 899 9519 7021 Passcode: R12&CARAGA</p>

Confidentiality and Data Privacy:

The responses and information to be gathered from the interview will be treated with confidentiality and will be used strictly for the above purposes only.

Consent for Data Privacy:

By continuing this FGD, the participants have read and understand the information provided above, and hereby consent to participate in this activity under the following conditions:

- that he/she consent to the FGD being audio and video recorded; and
- that he/she consent to having his/her personal data/information disclosed for this purpose.

Basic Information:

Region: _____ Date of FGD: _____

Name	Office	Designation	Age	Gender

Name and Signature of the Facilitator: _____



Part 1: Awareness of the PMPCRFD

Are the mission, vision, and objectives of the PMPCRFD clear? (Yes or No)

If yes,

Are the targets clear?

_____ Yes _____ No

Are the success indicators for each target clear?

_____ Yes _____ No

If no, please state the reason _____

Part 2: Relevance of the PMPCRFD

1) What can you say about the vision of the forestry sector?

1.1) How does the vision affect you as an implementer of the programs of the forestry sector?

1.2) Do you share the same vision? _____ Yes _____ No

1.3) Do you think the current vision of the forestry sector is still relevant and appropriate?

_____ Yes _____ No

1.4) If not, what do you think should be the focus/foci of the vision?

1.5) What specific focus/foci should be added?

2) Below are the forestry sector's goals to pursue the above vision. Provide answers per column.

Sector Goals	Relevant/ Appropriate? Yes or No	Why or Why Not?
To place all forestlands under sustainable forest management in order to meet demands for forest goods and ecosystems services and promote climate resilience;		
To sustainably manage watersheds in partnership with stakeholders;		
To strengthen the resilience of forest-dependent communities to climate change hazards;		
To place all forestlands under appropriate management arrangements;		
To enhance decision-making through improved systems of information management and monitoring and evaluation.		



3) What are the top five (5) opportunities in the forestry sector that are present in the region/province/area?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

4) What are the top five (5) problems/challenges in the forestry sector that are present in the region/province/area?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

4.1) Do you think these problems are being addressed by the PMPCRFD? ____ Yes ____ No

4.2) If yes, please cite sample strategies that the regions implemented?

4.3) What do you think is the best strategy in order to address the problems of the region/province in the forestry sector?

5) Do you know any programs in the PMPCRFD that are applicable to your region/province?
____ Yes ____ No

5.1) If yes, cite examples and the reasons why it is applicable in your region.

Programs/Activities/Projects	Reasons

6) Do you know any programs in the PMPCRFD that are not applicable to your region?
____ Yes ____ No



6.1) If yes, cite examples and the reasons why it is not applicable in your region.

Programs/Activities/Projects	Reasons

Part 3: Efficiency of the Programs and Activities

7) Rank all the programs in the PMPCRFD in terms of level of priority for financial allocation using the Likert Scale.

Programs/Strategies	Financial Allocation Priority (1-5) (5) Essential Priority; (4) High Priority; (3) Moderate Priority; (2) Low Priority; and (1) Not Priority	Reasons
A. Program to Strengthen Resilience of Forest Ecosystems and Communities to Climate Change		
1) Ecosystem-Based Vulnerability Assessment		
2) Climate Change Adaptation Planning		
3) Enhanced Management of Protected Areas and Protection Forests		
4) Protection of Existing Natural Forests and Established Plantations		
5) Rehabilitation and Conservation of Mangroves		
6) Livelihood Support to CBFMA and CADT Holders		
7) Integrated Watershed Management Planning and Integration of Forest Land Use Plans in the LGUs' Comprehensive Land Use Plans		
8) REDD+ for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation		
B. Program to Respond to Demands for Forest Ecosystems Goods and Services		
1) Delineation and Demarcation of Forest Management Zones		



2) Development of Commercial Forest Plantations for Round Wood Production		
3) Fuel Wood/ Bio Energy Plantation Development		
4) Sustainable Management of Grazing Lands		
5) Watershed Management and Rehabilitation		
6) Support to Urban Forestry		
C. Strategies to Promote Responsive Governance in the Forestry Sectors		
1) Tenure Issuance to Place Open Access Forestlands Under Appropriate Management Arrangement		
2) Enhancement of Forestry Policies		
3) Institutionalizing Collaborative Management		
4) Mainstreaming Climate Change into the DENR's Policy and Institutional Processes		
5) Capability Enhancement		
D. Other Support Programs and Strategies		
1) Information, Education, and Communication (IEC)		
2) Database Management System		
3) Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation		
4) Forest Certification		
5) Forestry Research		

8) In terms of financial utilization, what are the issues and challenges that the region has encountered in implementing the abovementioned programs and strategies? What are your recommendations to address such issues and challenges, causes, and effects of the programs?

Issues and Challenges	Causes	Effects	Recommendations
Human resource development: <i>hiring, capacity building, training, etc.</i>			



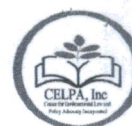
Implementation of infrastructure project			
Implementation of non-infra project			
Procurement			
Financial processing			
Policy			
Other administrative aspects:			

Part 3: Effectiveness of the Implementation of Programs/Projects and Activities

9) What can you say about the accomplishment of your region in terms of the activities stated in the master plan?

10) Operational issues pertain to exceptional circumstances and decisions affecting the implementation of programs and strategies. In this regard, what are the operational issues and concerns that the region has encountered in implementing the following programs and strategies? Also, indicate the root causes of the issues/concerns and your recommendations to improve the implementation of the programs.

Programs/Strategies	Operational Issues and Concerns	Causes of Issues and Concerns	Recommendations
A. Program to Strengthen Resilience of Forest Ecosystems and Communities to Climate Change			
1) Ecosystem-Based Vulnerability Assessment			
2) Climate Change Adaptation Planning			
3) Enhanced Management of Protected Areas and Protection Forests			
4) Protection of Existing Natural Forests and Established Plantations			
5) Rehabilitation and Conservation of Mangroves			
6) Livelihood Support to CBFMA and CADT Holders			
7) Integrated Watershed Management Planning and Integration of Forest Land Use Plans in the LGUs'			



Comprehensive Land Use Plans			
8) REDD+ for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation			
B. Program to Respond to Demands for Forest Ecosystems Goods and Services			
1) Delineation and Demarcation of Forest Management Zones			
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D. Other Support Programs and Strategies			
1) Information, Education, and Communication (IEC)			
2) Database Management System			
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4) Forest Certification			
5) Forestry Research			



11) Does the region/province have a problem with the targets set in the PMPCRFD?

_____ Yes _____ None

12) What are the strategies or programs in the PMPCRFD that still relevant in your region/province?

13) What are strategies or programs in the PMPCRFD that needs revision?

14) What are the best practices of your region in implementing the programs and targets?

Part 4: Impacts of the PMPCRFD

15) Rank all the programs in the PMPCRFD in terms of the level of the impact brought by the successful implementation using the Likert Scale. Impact means the outcome or change or the consequence of the results of the interventions to the target clients or desired objective of the program. For this purpose, the assessment of initial impact will be based on the qualitative assessment of the DENR personnel based on their ground experienced and exposure.

Programs/Strategies	Quality of Initial Impacts (1-5)		Expected Gains in 6 Years (2028)
	(5) Very High Impact; (4) High Impact; (3) Moderate Impact; (2) Insignificant Impact; and (1) Negative impact		
A. Program to Strengthen Resilience of Forest Ecosystems and Communities to Climate Change			
1) Ecosystem-Based Vulnerability Assessment			
2) Climate Change Adaptation Planning			
3) Enhanced Management of Protected Areas and Protection Forests			
4) Protection of Existing Natural Forests and Established Plantations			
5) Rehabilitation and Conservation of Mangroves			
6) Livelihood Support to CBFMA and CADT Holders			
7) Integrated Watershed Management Planning and Integration of Forest			



Land Use Plans in the LGUs' Comprehensive Land Use Plans			
8) REDD+ for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation			
B. Program to Respond to Demands for Forest Ecosystems Goods and Services			
1) Delineation and Demarcation of Forest Management Zones			
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Part 5: Sustainability of the PMPCRFD

16) Indicate the major climate change-related disturbances experienced by the region and the degree or magnitude of the impact of such disasters.

Major Climate Change-related Disturbance	Year	Extent of Disturbance (5) Severe; (4) Major; (3) Moderate; (2) Minor; and (1) Insignificant
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		

17) What are the impacts of climate change-related disturbances in terms of management?

18) What are the impacts of climate change-related disturbances in terms of operations?

19) What are the impacts of climate change-related disturbances in terms of quality of life?

20) What are the impacts of climate change-related disturbances in terms of income?

21) What will be your recommendations in setting the targets for the region that will ensure sustainability of the programs and strategies?

22) Identify the partners/stakeholders in the implementation of the plans/programs and their roles. Since their roles can help ensure the sustainability of the programs, rate the level of importance using the Likert Scale.



Programs/Strategies	Identify Stakeholders (Other Government Agencies, Local Government Units, People Organizations, Civic Organization, Academe, Private, Community)	Stakeholder's Role	Level of Importance of the Role of Stakeholders (5) Very Important; (4) Fairly Important; (3) Important; (2) Slightly Important; and (1) Not Important
A. Program to Strengthen Resilience of Forest Ecosystems and Communities to Climate Change			
1) Ecosystem-Based Vulnerability Assessment			
2) Climate Change Adaptation Planning			
3) Enhanced Management of Protected Areas and Protection Forests			
4) Protection of Existing Natural Forests and Established Plantations			
5) Rehabilitation and Conservation of Mangroves			
6) Livelihood Support to CBFMA and CADT Holders			
7) Integrated Watershed Management Planning and Integration of Forest Land Use Plans in the LGUs' CLUP			
8) REDD+ for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation			
B. Program to Respond to Demands for Forest Ecosystems Goods and Services			
1) Delineation and Demarcation of Forest Management Zones			
2) Development of Commercial Forest Plantations for Round Wood Production			
3) Fuel Wood/ Bio Energy Plantation Development			



4) Sustainable Management of Grazing Lands			
5) Watershed Management and Rehabilitation			
6) Support to Urban Forestry			
C. Strategies to Promote Responsive Governance in the Forestry Sectors			
1) Tenure Issuance to Place Open Access Forestlands Under Appropriate Mgmt. Arrangement			
2) Enhancement of Forestry Policies			
3) Institutionalizing Collaborative Management			
4) Mainstreaming Climate Change into the DENR's Policy and Institutional Processes			
5) Capability Enhancement			
D. Other Support Programs and Strategies			
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5) Forestry Research			

23) Indicate the implementing measures of the region to ensure the sustainability of the program and strategies.

Sustainability Measures	Specific Programs/Activities	Beneficiaries
a) internal capacity-building		



b) external capacity-building		
c) conducted policy gap/review and issued a relevant policy		
d) established multi-stakeholder linkages and platforms (LGUs, NGAs, etc)		
e) financial sustainability (established POs, partnerships with private sectors, etc.)		
f) promotion and marketing		
Others:		

24) What are the possible strategies or policies to ensure the sustainability of the PMPCRFD and the programs that need to be included in the revision of the master plan?

25) What can you say about the capacity of the field and regional offices in terms of staff?

_____ High _____ Moderate _____ Low _____ Very Low

26) What can you say about the capacity of the field and regional offices in terms of equipment?

_____ High _____ Moderate _____ Low _____ Very Low

27) What can you say about the capacity of the field and regional offices in terms of budget?

_____ High _____ Moderate _____ Low _____ Very Low

28) What are the lessons learned in implementing the programs and strategies?

29) What is the needed capacity building of the field and regional offices?

30) What are your recommendations (strategies or policies) to achieve sustainability in addressing climate-related hazards and other disturbances that might occur in the future?

Strategies: _____



Policies:
