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First Quarter Meeting  
22 February 2023 Calapan City (Online)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

**Represented by**

**EDC Officers**

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 2. Hon. Armi D.C. Carrion         | Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque and EDC Chairperson    |
| 3. Mr. Delfin M. Natal, Jr.       | Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement and EDC Co-Chairperson |
| 4. Dir. Agustin C. Mendoza        | NEDA MIMAROPA and RDC Vice Chairperson                          |
| 5. Mr. Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr. | NEDA MIMAROPA and EDC Secretary                                 |

**Regional Directors of National Government Agencies**

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|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 6. MGen. Roberto S. Capulong, PA        | 2ID-AFP                 | LtCol. Tony Yago             |
| 7. Dir. Emmanuel H. Asis                | BFAR MIMAROPA           | Mr. Patrick Jun U. Lorque    |
| 8. Atty. Tomas J. Cariño, Jr.           | BSP South Luzon         | Mr. Dennis A. Gamaya         |
| 9. Dir. Alberto A. Sabarias             | CDA MIMAROPA            |                              |
| 10. RED Ma. Christine C. Inting         | DA MIMAROPA             | RTD Romnel B. Salazar        |
| 11. Atty. Marvin V. Bernal              | DAR MIMAROPA            | ARD Jocelyn O. Ramones       |
| 12. RED Lormelyn E. Claudio             | DENR MIMAROPA           | ARD Donna Mayor-Gordove      |
| 13. Dir. Ma. Josefina P. Abilay         | DOST MIMAROPA           | ARD Jerry B. Mercado         |
| 14. Dr. Azucena C. Pallugna             | DOT MIMAROPA            |                              |
| 15. Dir. Rodolfo J. Mariposque          | DTI MIMAROPA            |                              |
| 16. Dir. Joe Amil M. Salino             | EMB MIMAROPA            | Engr. Buena Fe A. Rioflorido |
| 17. Dir. Arnold G. Alindada             | FDA South Luzon Cluster |                              |
| 18. Dir. Glenn Marcelo Marcelo C. Noble | MGB MIMAROPA            |                              |
| 19. Engr. Ronilio M. Cervantes          | NIA MIMAROPA            |                              |
| 20. RM Bibiano C. Concibido, Jr.        | PCA Region 4            |                              |
| 21. Dir. Niño Rey C. Estoya, MNSA       | PCSD                    | Ms. Levita A. Lagrada        |

**Provincial Planning and Development Offices**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 22. EnP. Marian M. Cunanan      | PPDO-Marinduque         |                                |
| 23. EnP. Anthony A. Dantis      | PPDO-Occidental Mindoro | Mr. Ron Lowell Karl A. Daproza |
| 24. EnP. Lydia Muñeca S. Melgar | PPDO-Oriental Mindoro   | Ms. Edmin L. Distajo           |
| 25. EnP. Sharlene D. Vilches    | PPDO-Palawan            |                                |
| 26. EnP. Willard B. Mortos      | PPDO-Romblon            | Mr. Christopher M. Mariño      |

**City Planning and Development Offices**

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| 27. EnP. Joselito R. Bautista | CPDO-Calapan |
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**Absent**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 28. Sec. Roberto E.A. Borje    | CCC               |
| 29. Dir. Marie Grace T. Pascua | NCIP MIMAROPA     |
| 30. Dir. Piolito C. Santos     | NFA Region 4      |
| 31. Dir. Edel M. Dondonilla    | PhilFIDA Region 4 |

57	32. Usec. Honey Rose V. Mercado	PMS-ORC
58	33. Engr. Jovene C. Sagun	CPDO-Puerto Princesa
59	34. Mr. Rodne R. Galicha	Bayay Sibuyanon, Inc.
60	35. Engr. Ana Margarita Lustre-Malijan	PCCI-Puerto Princesa City
61	36. Mr. Solomon C. Rosario	Taw Kabui for a Child, Inc.
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63	<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
64	37. Hon. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona	Lone District of Romblon, Atty. Dorothy Geronimo Rodenas
65		House of Representatives
66	38. Hon. Eduardo B. Gadiano	Provincial Government of
67		Occidental Mindoro
68	39. Dir. Ricky L. Sanchez	DBM MIMAROPA
69	40. Mr. Nathaniel A. Saquiban	Council for Restoration of Filipino Values
70	41. Ms. Maria Milagros Quieng	Palawan Aid International
71		Kabatangan View Schools, Inc.
72	42. Atty. Homelo V. Estoque	Philippine Adventist Medical
73		Aviation Services, I
74	43. Mr. Raymundo D. Cometa	Roadbook Centre, Inc.
75	44. Mr. Darius M. Guerrero	Philippine Trade and General
76		Workers Organization
77	45. Ms. Juvelyn V. Gumal-in	Pampamayang Mangyan Ugnayan, Inc.
78	46. Mr. Keith Eduard S. Hidalgo	BSP South Luzon
79	47. Mr. Nex D. Basi	DA MIMAROPA
80	48. Ms. Jean E. Tirante	DA MIMAROPA
81	49. Mr. William Lugen	DA MIMAROPA
82	50. Mr. James Rendell G. Panganiban	DA MIMAROPA
83	51. Mr. Jonas Paolo M. Saludo	DENR MIMAROPA
84	52. Ms. Jeremy A. Melchor	DENR MIMAROPA
85	53. Ms. Gladys A. Quesea	DOT MIMAROPA
86	54. Mr. John Stephen M. Dumpit	DOT MIMAROPA
87	55. Mr. Glenn Sebastian	DOT MIMAROPA
88	56. Ms. Anjoneth A. Daileg	DTI MIMAROPA
89	57. Ms. Joyce Espaltero	DTI MIMAROPA
90	58. Mr. Dindo L. Canonigo	FDA South Luzon Cluster
91	59. Mr. Joseph M. Olpindo	FDA South Luzon Cluster
92	60. Ms. Divina A. Borja	EMB MIMAROPA
93	61. Ms. Mariella Anna Hizola	MGB MIMAROPA
94	62. Mr. Luigi Y. Lubrico	PCSD
95	63. Mr. Sener Sagado	Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro
96	64. Mr. Emmanuel V. Pacifico	Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro
97	65. Mr. Arlan C. Casumpang	Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro
98	66. EnP. Luna Eulogio M. Manrique	Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque
99	67. Mary Jean L. Manalo	Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque
100	68. Ms. Ronalyn J. De Chavez	Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque
101	69. Ms. Judith Robles	PPDO-Marinduque
102	70. Ms. Susan Arellano-Uy	PPDO-Marinduque
103	71. Mr. John Paul Aristotle C. Ramos	PPDO-Occidental Mindoro
104	72. Ms. Joanne A. Bautro	PPDO-Occidental Mindoro
105	73. Ms. Emelita C. Agpalo	PPDO-Occidental Mindoro
106	74. Ms. Kathleen Aisa Estacio	PPDO-Palawan
107	75. Mr. Jaime Lagrada	PPDO-Palawan
108	76. Mr. Alain M. Maulion	Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor
109	77. Ms. Rowena V. Genetiano	Pampamayang Mangyan Ugnayan, Inc
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111	<b><u>Secretariat</u></b>	
112	78. EnP. Sheryll B. Sarabia	NEDA MIMAROPA

79. Mr. Roy A. Dimayuga	NEDA MIMAROPA
80. Mr. Emerson Kim J. Lineses	NEDA MIMAROPA
81. Mr. Ryan O. Manrique	NEDA MIMAROPA
82. Mr. Joel M. Paule	NEDA MIMAROPA
83. Ms. Jobelle M. Cruzado	NEDA MIMAROPA
84. Ms. Amalia S. Tuppil	NEDA MIMAROPA
85. Engr. Kimberly Ann T. Pilongo	NEDA MIMAROPA
86. Ms. Kenneth Joy T. Arteza	NEDA MIMAROPA
87. Ms. Angelus G. Genterola	NEDA MIMAROPA
88. Mr. Wilfred Anthony P. Dela Cruz	NEDA MIMAROPA

## **A. PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting started at 09:15 AM with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem followed by an invocation and the singing of the MIMAROPA Hymn.

## **B. BUSINESS PROPER**

### **A. Declaration of Quorum**

Mr. Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr. of NEDA MIMAROPA called the roll and declared a quorum. Of the 34 members, 13 were present and 12 were represented registering 73.53% attendance.

### **B. Welcome Remarks and Messages**

EDC Chairperson and Boac Mayor Armi D.C. Carrion welcomed the members and guests present. She highlighted the importance of the first quarter meeting as the Committee will review the FY 2024 agency budget proposals. She stressed that the budget proposals of the economic sector agencies shall be supportive of the 8 point socioeconomic agenda of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. and the region's thrusts and priorities as reflected in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2023-2028.

### **C. Proposed Agenda**

On motion duly seconded, the proposed agenda was approved as presented.

### **D. Approval of the Minutes of the previous EDC Meeting**

On motion duly seconded, the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter EDC meeting conducted on November 23, 2022 was approved.

### **E. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

Mr. Atienza reported the status of agreements during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter EDC meeting. There were four agenda items presented: a) MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2023-2028; b) MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2023-2028; c) 2022 Regional Development Report (RDR) Preparation Guidelines; and d) Schedule of CY 2023 RDC and Sectoral Committee Meetings.

He discussed that the following resolutions emanated from the EDC meeting were passed by the MIMAROPA RDC during its 80<sup>th</sup> full council meeting held on December 02, 2022 in Pasay City:

- a. RDC Resolution No. 2022-080-1105 *“Approving the 2022 RDR Preparation Guidelines”*, and,
- b. RDC Resolution No. 2022-080-1113 *“Approving and Adopting the Schedule of CY 2023 RDC Meetings”*.

On the other hand, he enumerated the following resolutions that were passed by the MIMAROPA RDC during its special meeting held on February 10, 2023 in Pasay City:

- a. RDC Resolution No. 2023-08-010 *“Approving and Adopting the MIMAROPA RDP 2023-2028”*, and,
- b. RDC Resolution No. 2023-08-011 *“Approving and Adopting the MIMAROPA RDIP 2023-2028”*.

Mr. Atienza reported that copy of resolutions were already transmitted to concerned agencies for their appropriate actions.

## **F. Matters for Approval/Review/Endorsement**

### **1. Election of EDC Co-Chair**

RDC Vice-Chairperson and NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director Agustin C. Mendoza presented the mechanics and rationale of the election of EDC Co-Chairperson. He highlighted the following: a) legal basis of RDC; b) functions and powers of RDC and sectoral committees; c) term of office of Co-Chairperson; and d) election mechanics.

Director Mendoza said that the Co-Chairperson of the EDC shall be selected by the members among themselves. The Co-Chairperson must come from the private sector and shall be a regular member of the Committee.

The following PSRs were nominated: a) Mr. Rodne R. Galicha of Bayay Sibuyanon, Inc; b) Engr. Ana Margarita Lustre-Malijan of Puerto Princesa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (PCCI); and c) Mr. Delfin M. Natal of Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM). Mr. Delfin M. Natal, Jr. of PRRM was elected and took an oath as the new EDC Co-Chairperson. The oath taking was administered by EDC Chairperson Carrion.

### **2. FY 2024 RDC Budget Review**

#### **a. FY 2022 Budget Implementation Report**

Mr. Atienza presented the consolidated status of the FY 2022 budget implementation of the regional offices of BFAR, CDA, DA, DAR, DOST, DOT, DTI, EMB, FDA, MGB, NIA, PCA, and the PCSD. He stressed that the regional offices of DOST, EMB, FDA, and MGB achieved 100 percent budget utilization rate for CY 2022. The budget utilization of agency was based on the expenditure

class of personnel services, maintenance and other operating expenses, and capital outlay.

b. Updates on the Status of FY 2023 RDC-Endorsed Budget Proposals

Mr. Atienza presented the agency feedback on FY 2023 RDC-endorsed budget proposals reflecting whether the RDC-endorsed PAPs were considered or not considered in the 2023 GAA. The batting average, which is the percentage of approved budgets vis-à-vis FY 2022 RDC-endorsed budgets, was considered in analyzing the reported status of the RDC-endorsed budgets.

He reported that the batting average of economic sector agencies in terms of costs ranges from 16% to 74%.

c. Presentation/Review of FY 2024 Budget Proposals

**BFAR MIMAROPA**

Mr. Patrick Jun U. Lorque of BFAR MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the BFAR MIMAROPA comprising seven Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 188.48 million and 18 Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 341.96 million.

PSRs Delfin Natal, Jr. and Mr. Raymundo D. Cometa both emphasized the need to monitor the establishment and management of the Community Fish Landing Centers (CFLC) in the region. The coordination/ collaboration mechanism of BFAR among private sectors, NGAs, and LGUs, particularly on PAPs relative to community organizing and operationalization of CFLCs should also be strengthened.

Occidental Mindoro Governor Eduardo B. Gadiano commented that the CFLCs can be utilized as source of data in terms of fish landing and catches. Moreover, he expressed that the establishment of cold storage facilities/ice plant to complement the CFLC shall be prioritized to improve productivity. He informed the body that the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro is currently coordinating with Public-Private Partnership Center on the proposed establishment of cold storage facility/ice plant in the province.

Mayor Carrion recommended to increase the number of capacity building activities to fisherfolk organizations, particularly on new fishery technologies and best practices (i.e., aquaculture/mariculture).

Director Mendoza agreed on the comments of the members and emphasized the importance of establishing and maintaining a database on fisheries which will serve as basis for the formulation of policies such as the open/ closed fishing season. He also recommended for BFAR to allocate funds for reefer van which can serve as cold storage/cold chain facility.



EnP. Sharlene D. Vilches of PPDO Palawan recommended to include the fisherfolk of Kalayaan as beneficiaries of FY 2024 proposed PAPs, particularly on alternative livelihood and provision of fishing vessels.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of BFAR MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revision based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

### **CDA MIMAROPA**

Dir. Alberto A. Sabarias of CDA MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the CDA MIMAROPA comprising three Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 115.74 million and four Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 466.00 million proposed.

PSR Juvelyn V. Gumal-in recommended that the construction/ establishment of regional government offices (RGOs) in Calapan City be included in FY 2024 budget proposals of all agencies. Director Mendoza added that the agencies may consider the Php 35,000 per square meter standard cost in the computation of the proposed RGO which can be implemented under Multi-Year Obligation Authority. The agencies may adjust the cost based on the inflation rate of 2%-4%.

Mr. Natal suggested including in the budget proposal the cost of augmenting the following: a) number of CDA personnel; b) service vehicles for field monitoring; and c) capacity building provided to farmers. He reminded CDA to follow the specification and requirements stipulated in the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 or RA 9003, particularly in the design of the proposed material recovery composting and organic fertilizer facilities.

Director Sabarias noted the comments of Mr. Natal and informed the body that their agency already hired additional manpower while additional service vehicles will be provided to provincial field offices in 2024. He added that their agency is also providing capacity building on bookkeeping or accounting for eligible cooperatives in a form of grant.

Governor Gadiano recommended to verify and validate whether the PAPs directly requested by the cooperatives to CDA are included in the AIP of the provinces and for CDA to review local AIPs to avoid duplication or overlapping of local PAPs with the NGAs.

Mr. Guerrero suggested for the agencies to ensure that beneficiaries are provided with proper training on management of facilities.

PSR Gumal-in suggested to consider the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSPP) in the identification of PAPs for inclusion in the agency budget proposals. She encouraged the agencies to allocate percentage of budget to IP groups.

Director Mendoza requested the NCIP MIMAROPA to share ADSDPP to other NGAs for identification of PAPs for inclusion in the agency budget proposals.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of CDA MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

### **DA MIMAROPA**

RTD Romnel Salazar of DA MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of DA MIMAROPA comprising 19 Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 2.91 billion and 30 Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 2.97 billion.

Governor Gadiano requested DA MIMAROPA to consider the province of Occidental Mindoro as an onion hub for Visayas and Mindanao and explore new technologies for onion cold storage. RTD Salazar responded that the DA is currently exploring other types of cold storage systems such as solar-powered ones.

Mr. Natal suggested to consider hydroponics projects in the budget proposal of DA. RTD Salazar replied that hydroponics and livestock projects are considered in the DA budget proposals. These will be implemented in all MIMAROPA provinces. ,

Governor Gadiano recommended to DA the identification of agri-fishery products in the region that are contributory to the national production and demand. He also encouraged the department to maximize the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund to improve agricultural productivity and to limit the need for importation.

Director Rodolfo Mariposque of DTI MIMAROPA said that DA and BFAR may consider the strengthening of the salt industry based on House Bill No. 170: Declaring salt growers as farmers. Further, for improving onion productivity, he suggested to consider the following: a) strengthen the interventions for the services (i.e., establishment of buying stations, conduct of capacity building, provision of harvesting and post-harvesting facilities) and marketing assistance/ market linkages; b) geotag onion farms; and c) establish online database that will provide direct links to food producers to consumers and institutional buyers.

Director Mendoza requested DA MIMAROPA to provide the estimated power demand for several agricultural facilities in the region. DA MIMAROPA will request agencies to estimate power demand (kilowatt-hour) for the implementation/construction of facilities (i.e., cold storage, ice plant, among others) and provide feedback to the EDC Secretariat.

Director Ricky L. Sanchez of DBM MIMAROPA recommended to consider the devolved functions/ services to LGUs in the preparation/

revision of agency budget proposals. The implementation of EO No. 138 is not observed in the budget proposals of RLAs.

RTD Salazar said that DA is currently mobilizing Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Systems (PAFES) to determine the needs of LGUs as to the devolved functions/services. However, they are still waiting for the approved DTP.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of DA MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

#### **DAR MIMAROPA**

ARD Jocelyn O. Ramones of DAR MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the DAR MIMAROPA with three Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 46.07 million.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of DAR MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

#### **DENR MIMAROPA**

ARD Gordove of DENR MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the DENR MIMAROPA comprising 11 Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 441.18 million and seven Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 691.18 million.

On PAPs relative to the forest law enforcement and regulations, Governor Gadiano requested the assistance of DENR MIMAROPA in facilitating the release of confined vehicles used in transporting illegally sourced materials such as charcoal. He also recommended to include in the budget proposal of DENR MIMAROPA, funds for the conduct of suitability assessment of protected area such as FB Harrison in Occidental Mindoro as there are existing settlements reported in the said protected area.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of DENR MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

#### **DOST MIMAROPA**

ARD Jerry B. Mercado of DOST MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the DOST MIMAROPA comprising four Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 123.55 million and 25 Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 100.90 million. He said that all proposed PAPs supports the Industry 4.0 or the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Mr. Cometa, EnP. Vilches, and Mr. Natal suggested to include the following in the agency budget proposal: a) establishment of wild honey processing facility (packaging); b) establishment of Radar station in Puerto Princesa City; and c) establishment of water system as a source of potable water in remote areas, particularly for IP communities.

ARD Mercado noted the comments of the members and informed them the establishment of water system was already incorporated in the presented budget proposal.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of DOST MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

### **DOT MIMAROPA**

Dir. Azucena C. Pallugna of DOT MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the DOT MIMAROPA comprising four Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 12.54 million and two Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 8 million.

PSR Gumal-in suggested to promote ramit design for uniforms and clothes. She expressed her organization's interest in collaborating with DOT for the promotion of ramit. The Pampamayanang Mangyan Ugnayan Inc. (PMUI) is also coordinating with PCAARD for the development and design of clothes using ramit.

PSR Cometa stressed the need to enhance the region's tourist destinations and products as well as its support services such as passenger terminals/ports. He also suggested considering Cresta de Gallo as one of the tourist destinations for cruise tourism.

Director Pallugna replied that DOT is currently promoting programs such as dive tourism and cruise tourism in the region. She added that DOT MIMAROPA is already coordinating with LGU for the possible inclusion of Cresta de Gallo as a stop-over site for international cruise tourism.

Mr. Natal suggested considering the provision of solid waste management facilities in the DOT's budget proposal for FY 2024 since tourists generate a significant portion of waste in the area.

Governor Gadiano suggested to include community preparation for tourism activities in the DOT's budget proposal for FY 2024. Dir. Rodolfo J. Mariposque of DTI MIMAROPA suggested to consider Apo Reef as one of the major dive sports in the region.

RTD Romnel B. Salazar of DA MIMAROPA said that tourism is considered as one of the driving forces of agriculture sector. He suggested to include in the DOT MIMAROPA's activities the identification of agri-fishery products based on tourism/market

demand and intensification of collaboration and coordination mechanism among NGAs such as DA and DOT.

ARD Mercado informed the Committee that the DOST is currently developing the halal industry. Micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are being assisted to be HALAL certified. DOT may identify PAPs that could complement these efforts. He suggested to include the provision of assistance to MSMEs to secure Halal certification in the DOT's budget proposal for FY 2024. He added that tourism products may be incorporated in the MIMAROPA Ventures website which is an e-marketing website for government-assisted MIMAROPA MSMEs created by DOST MIMAROPA.

On PAPs relative to tourism policy formulation and planning, Ms. Levita A. Lagrada of PCSD inquired if the issuance of guidelines standards relative to bird watching and nature-based tourism is included in the said program. She suggested that the DOT may coordinate with concerned agencies such as DENR and PCSD and consider issuing orders/guidelines related to bird watching and other nature-based tourism. Director Pallugna answered that the guidelines being issued by DOT are focused on standards, classifications, and requirements of tourism establishments and services. She added that during the pandemic the DOT also issued guidelines relative to health and safety concerning matters for accommodation establishments and travels, among others.

EnP. Joselito R. Bautista of CPDO Calapan and PSR. Gumal-in emphasized the need to include the establishment of DOT RGO in Calapan City in DOT budget proposals in FY 2024.

Director Pallugna replied that the establishment of RGO in Calapan City will be reconsidered. However, she shared the challenges that the office had encountered when they established a regional satellite office in Calapan City such as internet connection, high expenses and low number of transactions in the satellite office, among others. She informed the members that DOT MIMAROPA has established offices in Calapan City and Palawan. Director Pallugna also committed to include the establishment of satellite offices in Romblon and Marinduque in their proposal.

Director Mariposque commented that transferring to Calapan City is unappealing for many RLAs because there was no budget allocated for it while the rental cost in Calapan City is higher compared to Manila.

Director Mendoza informed the members of the approved RGC master plan, where at least 48 agencies confirmed to transfer in the Calapan City. On February 20, POPCOM MIMAROPA conducted their groundbreaking ceremony in the RGC. He added that substantial efforts and initiatives relative to the establishment of regional government center in Calapan City are being done by concerned agencies. Once preparation of the detailed engineering and architectural design of the RGC is done and the backfilling and fencing of the area is completed, the transfer of RLAs in Calapan

City will follow. He encouraged everyone to be more patient on supporting this program.

On PAPs relative to standards development and enforcement, EnP. Vilches suggested that these PAPs be devolved to LGUs since they are the frontliners. Director Pallugna replied that the DOT only handle accreditation of tourism establishments and coordination with concerned agencies and offices relative to accreditation. The DOT is no longer issuing permits and licensing of tourism establishments.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of DOT MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

### **DTI MIMAROPA**

Director Mariposque presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the DTI MIMAROPA comprising seven Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 67.53 million and ten Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 107.59 million.

Director Sanchez noticed that some of the proposed Tier 2 PAPs are already considered devolved to LGUs. Director Mariposque shared that the DTI Central Office prioritizes Metro Manila and Davao City in the implementation of projects that are already devolved to LGUs such as the establishment of Negosyo Centers. He added that the shared service facilities were included in their FY 2024 budget proposals in anticipation of requests from LGUs.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of DTI MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

### **EMB MIMAROPA**

Engr. Buena Fe A. Rioflorido of EMB MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the EMB MIMAROPA comprising Tier 1 and Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 101.68 million and Php 128.70 million, respectively.

Mr. Natal recommended to intensify the implementation and establishment of MRFs, as well as the provision of IEC materials and capacity-building assistance to local communities.

Engr. Rioflorido answered that the implementation of ecological solid waste management (ESWM) is already devolved to LGUs. The EMB, however, recognizes the need to capacitate all LGUs in the implementation of ESWM. Thus, capacity building activities are conducted but up to municipal level only. The municipal LGUs are requested to cascade the technical knowledge on the implementation of program to their respective barangays.

Gov. Gadiano requested the EMB to assist the province in terms securing Environmental Compliance Certificate for their river dredging activity.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of EMB MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

#### **FDA South Luzon Cluster**

Dir. Arnold G. Alindada of FDA South Luzon Cluster presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the FDA for MIMAROPA comprising ten Tier 1 proposals amounting to Php 3.50 million and one Tier 2 proposal amounting to Php 20.00 million.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of FDA South Luzon Cluster was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

#### **MGB MIMAROPA**

Ms. Mariella Anna Hizola of MGB MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of MGB MIMAROPA comprising three Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 21.84 million.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of MGB MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement.

#### **NIA MIMAROPA**

Dir. Ronilio M. Cervantes of NIA MIMAROPA presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of NIA MIMAROPA comprising one Tier 1 PAP amounting to Php 150.00 million and 14 Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php 6.15 billion.

Director Mendoza requested NIA MIMAROPA to present to the EDC the irrigation development roadmap or plan for MIMAROPA.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of NIA MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

#### **PCA Region 4**

RM Bibiano C. Concibido, Jr. of PCA Region 4 presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the PCA for MIMAROPA with three Tier 1 PAPs amounting to Php 16.14 million.

Mr. Natal raised the need to augment the following: a) number of PCA personnel; b) service vehicles for field monitoring; and c) capacity building provided to coconut farmers. RM Concibido

informed the members that the PCA Central Office will provide service vehicles to PCA Region 4 this year. RM Concibido also said that their office has already requested additional personnel to be assigned for provincial field offices. He also shared that the capacity building activities for coconut farmers are already outlined in the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP). The trainings will be conducted by ATI, TESDA, and CDA.

Director Mendoza inquired on the updates on the implementation of CFIDP in the region. RM Concibido answered that there are changes/revisions on budget per concerned implementing agencies. Grants are also provided to 16 coconut farmer cooperatives including funds for coconut farmer scholar beneficiaries and free crop insurance to coconut farmers.

Director Mendoza requested PCA to present updates on the CFIDP during the next meeting. PCA was also requested to submit the following data to the Secretariat: a) estimated land area planted with coconut; b) areas for rehabilitation; c) ages of coconut trees; and d) target areas for replanting coconut.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of PCA Region 4 was recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.

### **PCSD**

Ms. Lagrada of PCSD presented the FY 2024 budget proposal of the PCSD comprising one Tier 1 PAP amounting to Php110.57.00 million and five Tier 2 PAPs amounting to Php271.53 million.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed FY 2024 Budget Proposal of PCSD was recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **3. Establishment of Integrated Coconut Processing Center in Marinduque**

Ms. Susan Arellano-Uy of the Provincial Government of Marinduque presented the proposed establishment of integrated coconut processing center at Barangay Pawa in Boac, Marinduque which has an estimated project cost of Php320,266,809.00.

She justified that project is supportive of the MIMAROPA RDP 2023-2028 particularly on modernizing agriculture and agribusiness and ensuring food security. She added that the project is also supportive of President Marcos' eight point agenda and the SDG.

RM Concibido expressed support to the project. He said that all projects for funding under CFIDP will be evaluated by the PCA. Among the criteria is the capability of the province to supply the coconut demand which can be processed in the proposed facility. He also informed the body that the PCA can also assist in linking the coconut processors with direct market.



On motion duly seconded, the proposed establishment of an integrated coconut center in Marinduque was recommended for RDC endorsement to PCA Region 4 for funding and implementation under the CFIDP and for inclusion in the RDIP 2023-2028.

#### **4. Marinduque LGUs Priority Development Projects**

##### **Projects proposed by LGU Boac**

EnP. Luna Eulogio M. Manrique presented the following priority development projects proposed by the Municipality of Boac, Marinduque: a) seven farm-to-market roads (FMRs) in Barangays Tanza, Duyay, Tugos, Cawit, Pawa, Agot, and Maybo in Boac amounting to Php 35.00 million with Php 5.00 million each; b) bridge construction with FMR in Barangay Duyay, Boac amounting to Php 100.00 million; c) construction of Ogbac-Binunga FMR amounting to Php 200.00 million; d) construction of Binunga-Canat-Boi-Bayuti FMR amounting to Php 414.00 million; e) establishment of municipal fish port in Pili, Boac amounting to Php 25.00 million; f) establishment of ice plant and cold storage facility in Tabi, Boac amounting of Php 300.00 million; and g) establishment of Double A slaughterhouse in Tabi, Boac amounting to Php 80.00 million.

The EDC agreed that the proposed projects are supportive to the achievement of SDG and consistent with the eight-point socioeconomic agenda of the current administration particularly on protecting the purchasing power and mitigating socioeconomic scarring by ensuring food security and improving agricultural productivity through modernizing agriculture and agribusiness.

On motion duly seconded, the priority development projects proposed by the Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque was recommended for RDC endorsement to DA MIMAROPA and PFDA for funding and for inclusion in the RDIP 2023-2028.

##### **Projects proposed by PLGU Marinduque**

EnP. Cunanan presented the proposed construction/ improvement of Alobo Port in Sta. Cruz and Marlangga Port in Torrijos, Marinduque amounting to Php50.00 million and Php100.00 million, respectively.

Director Mendoza inquired about the primary purpose of the port, whether as a transportation facility or as a municipal fish port. EnP. Cunanan answered that the two ports served as transportation facilities for the passengers. However, due to the need for fish ports in the said areas, the two ports are also used as fish ports by the local fisherfolk.

Director Mendoza suggested the need to establish port zone delineation, ensure transportation safety, and secure a certificate of public convenience. He recommended that the two proposed projects be endorsed to DOTr and PFDA.

ARD Gordove of DENR MIMAROPA raised the need for the proponent to secure all necessary documentary requirements such as foreshore/miscellaneous lease agreements. This agreement will allow the applicant to occupy, develop, utilize, and manage the foreshore lands for commercial, industrial, or other productive purposes other than agriculture. EnP. Cunanan replied that they will coordinate with concerned agencies for the application of the foreshore lease agreement.

On motion duly seconded, the priority development projects proposed by the Provincial Government of Marinduque was recommended for RDC endorsement to PFDA and DOTr for funding and for inclusion in the RDIP.

## **5. Creation of the Corridor Alliance Advisory Committee (CAAC)**

Mr. Alain M. Maulion of Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor presented the salient features of the proposed creation of CAAC under EDC. The presentation included: a) overview of the Biodiversity (BD) Corridor Project; b) project implementation structure of the BD Corridor; c) the proposed creation of CAAC; and d) Mindoro BD Corridor.

Director Mendoza raised apprehension on the creation of CAAC under the EDC due to lack of legal basis since the tripartite agreement of UNDP, DENR, and NEDA cannot serve the purpose. He also inquired on the proposed composition and membership of the CAAC since not all of its proposed members are part of the EDC or RDC. He also said that since CAAC will be created under RDC and the project's term does not coincide with the current term of office of the RDC members, CAAC will also be reorganized once the RDC is reorganized.

He suggested the submission of detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and other pertinent documents relative to the proposed creation of CAAC to the EDC Secretariat for review. He said that it would be easier for the proponent to enter a memorandum of agreement (MOA) among the concerned agencies instead of creating a sub-committee.

Mr. Maulion said that they consider having MOA with concerned agencies, however, there is difficulty in the process particularly in the involvement of LGUs.

The EDC deferred the requested action on the proposed creation of CAAC under EDC, pending submission of the detailed TOR for further review by the Committee.

## **6. CY 2023 EDC Work Program**

Mr. Atienza presented the proposed CY 2023 EDC Work Program. The proposed activities include participation and inputs to the following RDC activities: a) RDC FY 2024 budget review and consultation, b) regional consultation on the updating of the regional development investment program, c) preparation of the 2022 Regional Development Report, d) monitoring of RDC-endorsed projects, and e) evaluation of project proposals, among others.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed CY 2023 EDC Work Program was recommended for adoption.

**G. Matters for information**

**7. CY 2022 EDC Accomplishment Report**

Mr. Atienza presented the CY 2022 EDC accomplishment report. Among these include: a) conduct of regular and special meeting; b) participation of several interagency consultations and workshops; c) review and approval of economic-related programs and projects; and d) monitoring and evaluation.

**8. CY 2022 EDC Summary of Attendance**

Mr. Atienza presented the CY 2022 EDC summary of attendance. He acknowledged the following member agencies and offices with complete attendance at the three regular meetings: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Bayay Sibuyanon, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), Presidential Management Staff, Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, 2nd Infantry Division, regional offices of DTI, BFAR, CDA, DA, DAR, DENR, DOST, DOT, EMB, MGB, and NIA, PPDOs of Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Palawan, and CPDO Calapan City.

Certificates of recognition were awarded to the heads of agency/office with complete attendance during said meetings.

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 06:35 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
EDC Secretary

ATTESTED:

**ARMI D.C. CARRION**  
EDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
MIMAROPA Region

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Second Quarter Meeting  
May 04, 2023 Ermita, Manila

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

AGENDA ITEM/ISSUE	AGREEMENTS	STATUS
FY 2024 RDC Budget Review	<p>The Committee recommended RDC endorsement of the FY 2024 Budget Proposals of the economic sector agencies subject to revisions based on comments and recommendations of the Committee.</p> <p>The deadline for submitting the revised RDC BP Forms is on March 08.</p>	<p>All revised RDC BP Forms were submitted by the economic sector agencies on set deadline.</p> <p>The RDC, during its 81<sup>st</sup> full council meeting held on March 24 in Pasay City, endorsed the FY 2024 Budget Proposals of the following EDC member agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFAR MIMAROPA</li> <li>• CDA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DAR MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DENR MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DOST MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DTI MIMAROPA</li> <li>• EMB MIMAROPA</li> <li>• FDA South Luzon Cluster</li> <li>• MGB MIMAROPA</li> <li>• NIA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• PCA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• PCSD</li> </ul> <p>Copies of the resolutions and the list of PAPs were transmitted to their respective central offices copy furnished MIMAROPA Congressional District Representatives, DBM Central Office, DBM MIMAROPA, and RLAs on 14 April.</p>

AGENDA ITEM/ISSUE	AGREEMENTS	STATUS
	DA MIMAROPA will provide the estimated power demand including the commodity specification programs. DA MIMAROPA will request agencies to estimate power demand (kilowatt-hour) for the implementation/construction of facilities (i.e., cold storage, ice plant, among others)	Initially, DA MIMAROPA have submitted a detailed engineering design for the construction of a hybrid onion cold storage using ammonia as refrigerant with a capacity of 60,000 bags and an estimated consumption of 45 kwh.  DA MIMAROPA is still computing for the overall power demand.
	NIA MIMAROPA to present the irrigation development roadmap or irrigation plan.	On March 10, NIA MIMAROPA submitted the irrigation development roadmap for 2022 to 2028 to the Secretariat. The NIA MIMAROPA was requested to present the said roadmap during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter EDC meeting on May 04.
	PCA Region 4 to present the updates on the CFIDP and submit the following data to the Secretariat: a) estimated land area planted with coconut; b) areas for rehabilitation; c) ages of coconut trees; and d) target areas for replanting coconut.	The PCA Region 4 was requested to present the updates on the CFIDP during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter EDC meeting on May 04.
Establishment of Integrated Coconut Processing Center in Marinduque	The Committee recommended RDC endorsement of the proposed establishment of integrated coconut processing center in Marinduque to PCA Region 4 for funding and implementation and for inclusion in the RDIP 2023-2028.	During its 81st full council meeting held on March 24 in Pasay City, the RDC endorsed the proposed establishment of an integrated coconut processing center in Marinduque to PCA Region 4 for funding and implementation under the CFIDP and for inclusion in the RDIP 2023-2028.  Copy of the resolution was transmitted to PCA Region 4.
Marinduque LGUs Priority Development Projects	The Committee recommended RDC endorsement of the priority development projects proposed by the Municipal	The RDC, during its 81 <sup>st</sup> full council meeting held on March 24 in Pasay City, endorsed the priority

AGENDA ITEM/ISSUE	AGREEMENTS	STATUS
	Government of Boac, Marinduque to DA MIMAROPA, DOTr, and PFDA for funding and for inclusion in the RDIP 2023-2028.	<p>development projects proposed by the Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque to DA MIMAROPA, DOTr, and PFDA for funding and for inclusion in the RDIP 2023-2028.</p> <p>Copy of the resolution was transmitted to DA MIMAROPA, DOTr, and PFDA.</p>
Creation of the Corridor Alliance Advisory Committee (CAAC) under the EDC	The Committee deferred the proposed creation of CAAC under EDC, pending submission of the detailed Term of Reference (TOR) for further review of the Committee.	Copy of detailed TOR was submitted by Protected Area Management and Biodiversity Conservation Section of DENR on 20 April. The Secretariat is still in the process of reviewing the TOR.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarter Meeting  
May 04, 2023 Ermita, Manila

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: 2022 Regional Development Report**

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1. The MIMAROPA Regional Development Report (RDR) provides an annual assessment of the implementation of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP).
2. For the 2022 MIMAROPA RDR, it will serve as the end-of-plan assessment of the region's performance of the 2017-2022 Updated MIMAROPA RDP and its accompanying Results Matrix (RM).
3. To ensure a more in-depth assessment of the implementation of the RDP, NEDA MIMAROPA prepared technical instructions, specific guidelines, and forms.
4. The MIMAROPA Regional Development Council approved the 2022 RDR preparation guidelines through RDC Resolution No. 2022-080-1105 during its 80th full council meeting held on December 02, 2022.
5. The Secretariat prepared the 2022 RDR based on statistical data, annual accomplishment reports, and other sectoral inputs from the regional line agencies (RLAs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), government and controlled corporations (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), and private sector representatives (PSRs).
6. Written using gender-fair language (GFL), the draft 2022 RDR chapters and results matrices for the economic sector will be presented for relevant sector stakeholders to provide their inputs and comments on the report, and for endorsement for RDC approval after incorporating the inputs and comments from relevant sector stakeholders during the meeting.
7. Action requested: Recommend for RDC approval.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) Scale-Up**

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1. In a letter dated 20 February 2023, the Department of Agriculture (DA) MIMAROPA requested RDC endorsement of the proposed PRDP Scale-Up covering 16 regions and 82 provinces. It is proposed to be implemented in five years from 2024 until 2028.
2. The PRDP Scale Up is one of the flagship programs of DA to address the gaps in the commodity value chains by improving the efficiency of the food supply chain towards greater connectivity, mobility, accessibility, availability, and affordability of food in the market.
3. The estimated total cost of the project is USD 818.4 million with the following financing details:

<b>Financing Source</b>	<b>USD Million*</b>	<b>Php Billion</b>
Loan (World Bank)	600.00	33.00
Government of the Philippines	101.35	5.57
LGU/FCA	117.05	6.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>818.40</b>	<b>45.01</b>

*USD 1 = Php 55 (Foreign exchange based on DBCC forecast for 2023-2028)*

4. The proposed program aims to improve farmers' and fisherfolk's access to markets and increase their incomes from selected agri-fishery value chains. The four components of the original PRDP, namely I-PLAN, I-BUILD, I-REAP, and I-SUPPORT will remain as the components of the PRDP Scale Up. About 92 percent of the total project cost will be used to fund the subprojects under the I-BUILD and I-REAP components.
5. On 04 April 2023, the Secretariat conducted a site inspection on one of the completed PRDP-FMR projects in Marinduque. On 11 April 2023, Investment Coordination Committee- Technical Board (ICC-TB) endorsed the project to the ICC-Cabinet Committee.
6. The project will build on the success of the original PRDP by (a) introducing more holistic design and strategies, (b) articulating regional perspective in the project interventions, and (c) further promoting clustering arrangements among farmers, fishers, and the private sector.



7. A representative from DA MIMAROPA will present the profile of the project. Attached for reference are the project brief and the PDC/CDC resolutions endorsing the PRDP Scale Up.
8. Action requested: For endorsement.

## PROJECT BRIEF

PROJECT TITLE :	Philippine Rural Development Program (PRDP) Scale-Up
PROPONENT :	Department of Agriculture
DURATION :	Six Years (2024-2029)

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### Background

1. **Objectives.** The PRDP Scale Up is one of the flagship programs of DA to address the gaps in the commodity value chains by improving the efficiency of the food supply chain towards greater connectivity, mobility, accessibility, availability, and affordability of food in the market. Specifically, it aims to:
  - a. increase the volume of marketed goods;
  - b. increase in farmers and fisherfolk income derived from agri-fishery commodities and product forms; and
  - c. improve access of farmers and fisherfolk to agri-fishery services and assets.
2. **Components.** The PRDP Scale Up will cover the original components of the PRDP. It will finance rural infrastructure investments mainly FMRs and value chain infrastructure support under the I-BUILD component as well as big ticket enterprise subprojects under the I-REAP component. Activities related to enhancement of the planning process and approaches under I-PLAN will also be funded. The Project will further intensify its technical assistance and capacity building under project implementation support (I-SUPPORT) to enable LGUs to take on their expanded role of pursuing agricultural development under a more devolved environment afforded by the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling.
3. **Beneficiaries.** The project will cover 82 provinces of the country with LGUs, smallholder farmers/fishers cooperatives and associations (FCAs), producers associations, food manufacturers as direct beneficiaries. By the end of the program, the farmers and fisherfolk are expected to generate 30 percent increase in income.
4. **Project Cost and Financing.** The estimated total cost of the project is Php 45.51 billion. The table below shows the estimated cost of the project by component and fund source.

<b>Component</b>	<b>World Bank Loan (in Php billion)</b>	<b>National Government Counterpart (in Php billion)</b>	<b>LGU Counterpart (in Php billion)</b>	<b>Total (in Php billion)</b>	<b>% Share</b>
I-PLAN	990.00	247.50		1,237.50	3%
I-BUILD	24,750.00	3,421.91	5,273.75	33,445.66	74%
I-REAP	4,950.00	1,588.13	1,402.50	7,940.63	17%
I-SUPPORT	2,310.00	577.50		2,887.50	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>	<b>5,835.04</b>	<b>6,676.25</b>	<b>45,511.29</b>	<b>100%</b>

5. **Institutional Arrangement.** The existing institutional arrangement in the region, which consists of the Regional Project Advisory Board (RPAB), will be maintained with the view of further strengthening its capacity to ensure the long-term sustainability of PRDP interventions. As the start of the PRDP Scale Up coincides with the closing schedule of the Second Additional Financing with EU co-financing grant, the continuity of technical and administrative support is ensured such as financial management, procurement, environmental and social impact management, MIS/M&E, and baseline, mid-term, and complete surveys.

6. **Implementation of the existing PRDP in MIMAROPA.**

- a. **List of completed Value Chain Analyses (VCAs).** The Secretariat has noted the following list of existing VCAs and Provincial Commodity Investment Plans (PCIPs) for each province:

<b>Province</b>	<b>Commodities with Completed VCAs/PCIPs</b>
Marinduque	coconut, arrowroot, swine
Occidental Mindoro	onion, tuna, cassava
Oriental Mindoro	calamansi, VCO, banana, swine
Palawan	cashew nuts, seaweeds, banana saba, coco sugar, processed mango, swine, GEF commodities (green grouper and mangrove crabs)
Romblon	coconut, mango, seaweeds, coconut sugar, swine

- b. **Completed Sub Projects.** A total of 61 subprojects for the region amounting Php 2,110,715,377.22 were approved under the PRDP original loan, first and second additional financing. This benefitted a total of 62,590 households in the region distributed in the table below.

Province	No. of Subproject	Amount (in Php million)	No. of Household Beneficiaries
Mrinduque	11	371.26	7,579
Occ.Mindoro	6	356.53	6,401
Or. Mindoro	20	544.01	33,958
Palawan	19	620.39	6,163
Romblon	5	218.53	8,489
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2,110.72</b>	<b>62,590</b>

- c. **Site Validation of a PRDP Project.** The RDC Secretariat also conducted a site inspection of the completed PRDP subproject: Improvement/ Upgrading of the Pantayin-Jolo-Napo Farm-to-Market Road in Santa Cruz, Marinduque on 04 April 2023.



*Pantayin-Jolo-Napo Farm-to-Market Road*

## Comments and Recommendations

7. **Alignment of the project's objective with sectoral priorities.** The project is aligned with the identified priority strategies on modernizing agriculture and fisheries and agribusiness and ensuring food security as stipulated in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2023-2028. In particular, the project will provide wider access to sustainable and modern farming and fishing technologies that may be adopted by small FCAs in the region to gain higher income and improve resiliency. The project proposal and concept note provided gender related data in the project's previous beneficiaries as well as the impact of the projects.

The project proposal also conforms to the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): a) SDG 2 (End hunger, achieve food security, and improve nutrition through sustainable agriculture); b) SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth); c) SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure); and d) SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

Further, the project will contribute to addressing several challenges being faced by the agriculture sector, such as vulnerability to climate change and natural hazards, weak agriculture supply chain system, inadequate farm-to-market roads, slow paced irrigation, and limited post-harvest facilities and high post-harvest losses, among others.

8. **Complementation with existing programs and projects.** The project is expected to complement with all the regular programs of the DA and its attached agencies. In the implementation of its subprojects, regular consultation with RPAB and other concerned agencies will avoid duplication of projects.

In some of the completed projects like FMR, it can be maximized through establishing an integrated farming community where DA implements programs like animal dispersal, drip/sprinkler irrigation, and hydroponics, among others.

In the preparation of periodic reports, DA MIMAROPA should highlight the PRDP Scale Up major contribution such as the implementation of Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs) relative to the FMR Network Plan to address the infrastructure backlogs, evidence of efficient and effective implementation of infrastructure components and value chains analyses in partnership local government units.

9. **Pipelined PRDP Projects.** A total of 142 subprojects were submitted under PRDP Scale Up amounting to Php 21.29 billion distributed as follows:

Province	IBUILD		IREAP	
	No. of Projects	Amount (in Php million)	No. of Projects	Amount (in Php million)
Marinduque	8	339.50	1	499.50
Occ. Mindoro	33	7,800.27	13	9,800.67
Or. Mindoro	15	2,879.38	2	3,089.38
Palawan/ PPC	49	6,767.75	13	7,094.25
Romblon	7	805.00	1	810.00
Total	112	18,651.91	30	21,293.80

Without the project, the funding for the development of about 413.73 kilometers of FMRs that will provide access and ease of transport to the farmers, traders, and fisherfolk in the region might not be fulfilled. The project is also expected to reduce travel time and transport costs by 40 percent and 30 percent, respectively.

10. **Local Endorsements.** The following resolutions endorsing the PRDP Scale-Up to the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council were passed by the respective provinces:

Province	Resolution and Date Approved
Romblon	PDC Executive Committee Resolution No. 2023-03-03 (March 28, 2023)
Marinduque	PDC Resolution No. 48, series of 2023 (March 22, 2023)  SP Resolution No. 579, series of 2023 (March 31, 2023)
Occidental Mindoro	PDC Resolution No. 21, series of 2023 (March 29, 2023)
Oriental Mindoro	PDC Resolution No. 2, series of 2023 (March 17, 2023)
Palawan	PDC Resolution No. 6, series of 2023 (March 17, 2023)

11. **Environmental and Social Component.** To enable the smooth implementation of the project and to address possible environmental and indigenous community concerns, DA MIMAROPA shall coordinate and prepare timelines to secure all necessary documents such as the Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) for National Commission for Indigenous People and Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN) Zoning Certification from Palawan Council for Sustainable Development.
12. **Project Sustainability.** For projects under I-REAP, it is suggested to include the preparation of project sustainability plan and/or business continuity and resiliency plan (BCRP) as one of the project sub-components. The BCRP will serve as the guide of what to do in case of disasters and emergencies as well as disruptions in the supply chain, customer demand shifts, and other risks and threats.
13. **Inclusion in the Investment Programs.** The DA should ensure that the project will be included in the Public Investment Program (PIP) and Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) during the next updating cycle. Inclusion in the PIP and RDIP would indicate that the proposed undertaking is among DA's priority projects that will contribute to achieving the targets set in the PDP and RDP.

To guarantee the LGU counterpart funding for the program, the proponent shall ensure that the project is included in the local development investment program of the LGUs.

14. **Monitoring Mechanism.** The transition of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) unit into Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) is a good initiative or practice for PRDP Scale Up. To mainstream the PRDP Scale Up in the regional project monitoring and evaluation system (RPMES) under RDC, it is recommend utilize the MIMAROPA Electronic RPMES or the ProyekTanglaw system (<http://erpmes-mimaropa.neda.gov.ph>). The proponent shall also ensure the status of projects being submitted in the system matches the status on the ground.
15. Further, DA MIMAROPA shall apprise periodically the EDC and RDC on the attainment of project development objectives for the region, which include a number of indicators identified in the Project's Rapid Appraisal of Emerging Benefits.
16. **Recommendation.** The proposed PRDP Scale Up is recommended for endorsement to the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council given its benefits to the farmers and fisher folk as well as its perceived contribution to the performance of agriculture sector in the region.





**PDC RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 2023**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
(PRDP) SCALE- UP TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL –  
(RDC) MIMAROPA**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) is a poverty reduction project of the Department of Agriculture which aims to improve the incomes and food security of the rural poor and indigenous communities in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-PRDP is a World Bank-supported project designed to establish the government platform for a modern, climate-resilient, and market-oriented agri-fishery sector through strategic investments in priority commodity value chains;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-PRDP specifically aimed at reducing the binding constraints to development leading to the current low rural incomes, PRDP partners with the local government units (LGUs) and the private sector in providing key infrastructure, facilities, technology and information to raise incomes, productivity and competitiveness in the targeted areas;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP was originally a six-year project launched in 2014 designed to establish an inclusive and market-oriented agri-fishery sector through strategic investments in priority commodity value chains and the Department of Agriculture's request for the US\$600 Million Financing for the PRDP Scale-Up was approved by the DA Clearinghouse System Technical Committee last January 20, 2023 in which the \$600M PRDP Scale-Up will further extend the project from 2024 to 2029;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale-Up's strategic directions are anchored on rebuilding the whole food value chain by improving the efficiency of the food supply chain;

**WHEREAS**, through the PRDP Scale-Up, interventions would include rolling out more robust development initiatives particularly underscoring engagement with cluster farmer and fisher groups and the private sector;

**WHEREAS**, the project development objective of the proposed PRDP Scale-Up is to improve farmers' and fisher folk' access to markets and increase income from selected agri-fishery value chains.


**WHEREAS**, PRDP Scale Up strengthens partnership and collaboration with Local Government Units such that proposed Programs, Activities and Projects (PAPs) identified and included in the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PCIP) will be considered for funding thru the Program.

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Engr. Eugenia D.L. Cruzado of LGU Torrijos and duly seconded by Mr. Andres N. Lubid of LGU Santa Cruz, it was resolved to **APPROVE AND ENDORSE THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PRDP) SCALE- UP, TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC) MIMAROPA, FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.**






CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
**MARIAN M. CUNANAN, EnP**  
PGDH-PPDO  
PDC Secretariat

APPROVED:

  
**PRESBITERO J. VELASCO, JR.**  
Governor & PDC Chairman



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE  
Boac



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES  
33<sup>RD</sup> REGULAR SESSION, 16TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN  
SP SESSION HALL, MARCH 31, 2023

*Present:*

Hon. Adeline M. Angeles

Hon. Mark Julius P. Caballes

Hon. Melgabal R. Encabo

Hon. Mercedes R. Rejano

Hon. Danilo R. Red

Hon. Ishmael DP. Lim

Hon. Aurelio J. Leva III

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Hon. Jose Neryl L. Manggol

Hon. Baldomero L. Limpiada

Hon. Lauren R. Rosales

Vice-Governor

& Presiding Officer

SP Member

SP Member

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SP Member (PCL)

SP Member (LnB)

SP Member (PPSK)

*Absent:*

(None)

**Resolution No. 579 Series 2023**

**RESOLUTION**

**ENDORISING TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL (RDC) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S  
(DA's) PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
(PRDP) SCALE UP AND SUPPORT ITS  
IMPLEMENTATION IN THE REGION**

*Sponsored by:*

*Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources*

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Rural Development Program is a six-year national government platform for rural development that aims to increase rural income and enhance farm and fishery productivity in the Philippines and is being implemented by the Department of Agriculture (DA) with the end view of reducing poverty and improving rural income and food security through the development of agribusiness in the countryside;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP has been implementing various projects aimed at developing rural communities in the Philippines and has been successful in achieving its goals and has implemented various projects in different regions in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale Up Projects is a continuation of the program's efforts to develop agriculture and fishery sectors by enhancing market access, increasing productivity, and improving the competitiveness of smallholder farmers and fisherfolks and has identified several scale up projects that aim to expand the impact of its development programs in the rural areas of the country;

**WHEREAS**, the DA has identified certain PRDP Scale-Up Projects that are aimed at strengthening the agribusiness value chain and enhancing the productivity and competitiveness of the agriculture sector and to be implemented in the MIMAROPA region, which include the provision of farm-to-market roads, post-harvest facilities, agribusiness support, and enterprise development;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale-Up Projects are aligned with the region's development goals and objectives, particularly in promoting inclusive growth, reducing poverty, and improving the quality of life of rural communities;

**WHEREFORE**, based on the favorable recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and on motion of its Chairperson, Honorable Melgabal R. Encabo, duly seconded by Honorable Mercedes R. Rejano, Honorable Danilo R. Red, Honorable Bernadine E. Opis-Mercado, and Honorable Lauren R. Rosales, it was:

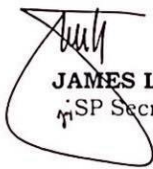
**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to endorse to the Regional Development Council (RDC) the Department of Agriculture's (DA's) Philippine Rural Development Program (PRDP) Scale Up and support its implementation in the region.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Regional Development Council calls on all local government units, national government agencies, private sector organizations, civil society groups, and other stakeholders to extend their full support and cooperation to the implementation of the PRDP Scale-Up Projects in the region.

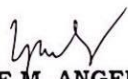
**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Regional Development Council (RDC) MIMAROPA and to all others concerned for their information and appropriate action.

**ADOPTED**, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023 at Boac, Marinduque.

CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

  
**JAMES L. SOLAS**  
SP Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
**ADELINE M. ANGELES**  
Vice-Governor & Presiding Officer





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Province of Occidental Mindoro  
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Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (PDC) FULL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 29, 2023 AT THE PROVINCIAL CAPITOL  
TRAINING CENTER, MAMBURAO, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21  
Series of 2023**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PHILIPPINE RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PRDP) SCALE-UP to the REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture's request for the US\$600 Million Loan Financing for the PRDP Scale-Up was approved by the DA Clearinghouse System Technical Committee last January 20, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal is currently being endorsed to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Investment Coordination Committee Secretariat for review and evaluation;

**WHEREAS**, PRDP provides valuable support to the farmers particularly to the marginalized ones through the I-Build and I-Reap Programs which directly assist the agriculture sector;

**WHEREAS**, Director Maria Christine C. Inting, Regional Executive Director of DA, made representation before the council through a letter dated March 20, 2023 for the endorsement of PRDP Scale-Up;

**WHEREAS**, PRDP plays a vital role in the province's food security programs, thus, making Occidental Mindoro one of the largest palay, corn, and onion producing province in the country as a whole;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED** on motion of Hon. Marlon V. dela Torre of Looc, seconded by Hon. Michael O. Diaz of Paluan, the Provincial Development Council hereby endorsed the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) SCALE-UP to the Regional Development Council (RDC)



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO**  
Calapan City

**PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2, SERIES OF 2023**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PRDP)  
SCALE-UP TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC) – MIMAROPA**

**WHEREAS**, THE Philippine Rural development Project (PRDP) is a poverty alleviation project of the Department of Agriculture which aims to improve the incomes and food security of the rural poor and indigenous communities in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-PRDP is a World-Bank-supported project designed to establish the government platform for a modern, climate-resilient and market-driven agri-fishery sector through strategic investments in priority commodity value chain;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-PRDP specifically aimed at reducing the binding constraints to development leading to the current low rural incomes and PRDP partners with the local government units (LGUs) and the private section to provide key infrastructure, facilities, technology and information to raise income, productivity and competitiveness in the target areas;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-PRDP was originally a six-year project launched in 2014 designed to establish an inclusive and market-driven agri-fishery sector through the strategic investment in the priority commodity value chains and the Department of Agriculture's request for the US\$600 Million financing for the PRDP Scale-Up was approved by the DA Clearinghouse System Technical Committee on 20 January 2023, in which the US\$600M PRDP Scale-Up will further extend the project from 2024-2029;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-PRDP Scale-Up's strategic directions are anchored on rebuilding the whole food value chain by improving the efficiency of the food value chain;

**WHEREAS**, through the DA-PRDP Scale-Up, interventions would include rolling out more robust development initiatives particularly underscoring engagement with cluster farmers and fisherfolks associations/ organizations and the private sector;

**WHEREAS**, the project development objective of the proposed PRDP Scale-Up is to improve farmers and fisherfolks' access to markets and increase income from the selected agri-fishery value chains;

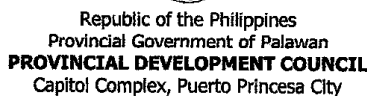
**WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale-Up strengthens the partnership and collaboration with the Local Government Units (LGUs) such that proposed Programs, Activities and Projects (PAPs) identified and included in the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PCIP) will be considered for funding through the Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to **ENDORSE THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PRDP) SCALE-UP TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC) – MIMAROPA**.

**APPROVED THROUGH A REFERENDUM** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, in Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of the Resolution be furnished to all concerned for their information and reference;

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**







Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
City of Puerto Princesa



**EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2022 AT THE SESSION HALL OF SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD.**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. MARIA NANCY M. SOCRATES  
Hon. PATRICK ALEX M. HAGEDORN  
Hon. JUDITH M. BAYRON  
Hon. MODESTO V. RODRIGUEZ II  
Hon. HERBERT S. DILIG  
Hon. LUIS M. MARCAIDA III  
Hon. ELGIN ROBERT L. DAMASCO  
Hon. JIMMY L. CARBONELL  
Hon. NESARIO G. AWAT  
Hon. HENRY A. GADIANO  
Hon. FRANCISCO R. GABUCO

Hon. JOHNMART M. SALUNDAY

Hon. MYKA MABELLE L. MAGBANUA

City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer  
City Councilor, Chairman Protempore  
City Councilor, Asst. Chairman Protempore  
City Councilor, Majority Floor Leader  
City Councilor, Asst. Majority Floor Leader  
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Ex-Officio Member, President, Liga ng Mga Barangay  
Ex-Officio Member, Indigenous People's Mandatory Representative  
Ex-Officio Member, SK Federation President

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION NO. 277-2022**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AIP) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO PRINCESA IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOUR BILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND PESOS AND 82/100 (P4,671,449,000.82).**

Authored by: Hon. Maria Nancy M. Socrales, City Vice Mayor

Hon. Patrick Alex M. Hagedorn, Hon. Judith M. Bayron, Hon. Jimmy L. Carbonell, Hon. Elgin Robert L. Damasco, Hon. Herbert S. Dilig, Hon. Luis M. Marcaida III, Hon. Modesto V. Rodriguez II, Hon. Nesario G. Awat, Hon. Henry A. Gadiano, Hon. Francisco R. Gabuco, Hon. Johnmart M. Salunday and Hon. Myka Mabelle L. Magbanua,  
City Councilors

**WHEREAS**, Article X, Section 3 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares, that: "The Congress shall enact a local government code which shall provide for a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through a system of decentralization ~~xxx~~ allocate among the different local government units their powers, responsibilities, and resources ~~xxx~~ and all other matters relating to the organization and operation of the local units";

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, Section 16 of which provides, that: "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare ~~xxx~~";

**WHEREAS**, Section 287 of the same Code mandates each local government unit to appropriate in its annual budget not less than twenty percent (20%) of its annual internal revenue allotment for developmental projects;

**WHEREAS**, the City Development Council of Puerto Princesa, during its Full Council Meeting held on September 14, 2022, passed CDC Resolution No. 04-2022, approving the Annual Investment Program (AIP) 2023;

**WHEREAS**, presented before this August Body is a letter dated October 14, 2022 from Atty. Arnel M. Pedrosa, City Administrator, requesting for the approval of the 2023 Annual Investment Program of the City Government of Puerto Princesa;

**WHEREAS**, this August Body, after judicious deliberation, finds the 2023 Annual Investment Program consistent with the existing laws, rules and regulations, hence, favorably acts on the matter.

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Modesto V. Rodriguez II, City Councilor, Majority Floor Leader,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to approve the Annual Investment Program (AIP) for Calendar Year 2023 of the City Government of Puerto Princesa in the total amount of Four Billion Six Hundred Seventy-One Million Four Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Pesos and 52/100 (p4,671,449,000.52).


**RESOLVED further**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to Honorable City Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron, the City Administrator, the City Legal Officer, the City Budget Officer, and the City Planning and Development Coordinator, all of this City, for their information and appropriate action.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT BY:**


  
**ATTY. PHILIP JEROME J. HILANO**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**


  
**MARIA NANCY M. SOCRATES**  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

**APPROVED:** Resolution No. 277-2022 on

**NOV 07 2022**

  
**LUCILO R. BAYRON**  
City Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
**ATTY. ARNEL M. PEDROSA**  
City Administrator



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ROMBLON  
Romblon  
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**PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE ROMBLON INVESTMENT AND TOURISM PROMOTIONS OFFICE, QUEZON AVENUE, QUEZON CITY, ON MARCH 28, 2023.**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Jose R. Riano	-	Governor/Chairperson: PDC ExeCom Presiding Officer
Hon. Fred R. Dorado	-	SP Member, Chairman: Committee on Budget, Finance & Appro./Member
Hon. Gerard S. Montojo	-	Municipal Mayor, Romblon Pres. - LMP Romblon Chapter/Member
Hon. Asher C. Visca	-	Sangguniang Panlalawigan Pres.: ABC Prov'l Federation/Member
Mrs. Nelly Taupo	-	Prov'l Women's League of Romblon CSO Representative/Member

**GUEST/S:**

EnP Willard B Mortos, MNSA	-	PGDH – PPDC/PDC ExeCom Secretary
Atty. Lizette F. Mortel	-	Provincial Administrator
Hon. Elsie D. Visca	-	Municipal Mayor, Santa Fe

**PDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RES. NO. 2023-03-03**

**FAVORABLY INDORSING THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - SCALE-UP (PRDP - SCALE-UP) TO MIMAROPA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC)**

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale-Up aims introduce a more holistic design and strategies by looking at a broader agri-food/commodity system to address the gaps in the whole value chains, level up approaches and innovations based on lessons learned, contribute to improving climate resilience and modernizing the agriculture and fisheries sector;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP), which is proposed to be implemented in five (5) years from 2024 until 2028, is a poverty reduction project being spearheaded by the Department of Agriculture (DA), which aims to improve and increase the food security of the rural poor and indigenous communities in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, PRDP Scale-Up will finance rural infrastructure investments mainly farm to market roads (FMRs) and value chain infrastructure support under the I-BUILD component as well as enterprise subprojects under the I-REAP component;

**WHEREAS**, the Project will further intensify its technical assistance and capacity building under project implementation support (I-SUPPORT) to enable LGUs to take on their expanded role of pursuing agricultural development;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, and after due consideration and deliberation by the PDC ExeCom Members, on motion of Hon. Fred R. Dorado, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member, Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Budget, and Appropriations, and PDC ExeCom Member, seconded by Mayor Gerard S. Montojo, Municipal Mayor of the Capital Town of Romblon, Romblon, and PDC ExeCom Member, the BODY has –

**RESOLVED TO ENDORSE**, as it hereby strongly endorses the Philippine Rural Development Project Scale-up (PRDP Scale-up) to MIMAROPA Regional Development Council for appropriate consideration.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be provided PRDP – RPCO, and all concerned for their information and appropriate consideration.

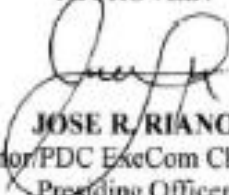
**I HERBEY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

PREPARED BY:



**ENP WILLARD B. MORTOS, MNSA**  
PGDH – PPDC / PDC Secretary

APPROVED:



**JOSE R. RIANO**  
Governor/PDC ExeCom Chairperson  
Presiding Officer

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

First Quarter Meeting  
04 May 2023 Ermita, Manila

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Creation of the Corridor Alliance Advisory Committee (CAAC) under the Economic Development Committee (EDC)

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1. On April 2020, the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR), with support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) received funding approval from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the project entitled: Integrated Approach in Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines, otherwise known as the BD Corridor Project. One of the pilot sites of the project in the country is the Central Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor in the provinces of Occidental and Oriental Mindoro.
2. The primary objective of the project is to operationalize integrated management of biodiversity corridors to generate multiple benefits including effective conservation of globally threatened species and high conservation value forests, reduce deforestation and degradation, and enhance local biodiversity-friendly livelihoods.
3. The project's four components include: 1) effective coordination and governance framework for integrated ecosystem management in the Philippines biodiversity corridors system; 2) application of integrated network design and management of biodiversity corridors to ensure continued stability and sustainability of their biological, ecosystem services and socioeconomic conservation values; 3) community based sustainable use and management systems in the two pilot biodiversity corridor systems in the Philippines; 4) knowledge management, gender mainstreaming, learning, monitoring, and evaluation.
4. Among the strategies identified under Component 1 is the proposed creation of a Corridor Alliance Advisory Committee (CAAC) which aims to serve as venue to update the key stakeholders on the progress of the BD Corridor Project as well as address and resolve implementation issues and concerns. The DENR MIMAROPA, as the implementer of the project, is proposing to create the CAAC under the EDC. The proposed CAAC shall be chaired by the DENR MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director, to be Co-chaired by a senior political representative from the RDC.
5. In a letter dated January 30, 2023, the DENR MIMAROPA requested the inclusion of the proposed creation of CAAC for the Mindoro BD Corridor Project as one of the agenda of the first quarter EDC meeting. The Project Manager of the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor presented the salient features of the proposed creation of the CAAC during the first quarter EDC meeting held on 22 February 2023 in Pasay City. The

committee deferred the requested action on the creation of CAAC under the EDC pending the submission of the detailed terms of reference for further review of the Committee.

6. The draft terms of reference for the creation of the CAAC was submitted by DENR MIMAROPA on 20 April. It will be presented by a representative from the Corridor Project Management Unit (CPMU).
7. Action requested: For EDC approval.

## **Comments/Recommendations on the Proposed Creation of the Corridor Alliance Advisory Committee (CAAC) as an Affiliate Committee under the Economic Development Committee (EDC)**

### **I. Project Background**

On April 2020, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), received funding approval from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the project entitled “Integrated Approach in Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines”, otherwise known as the BD Corridor Project.

The project aims to operationalize integrated management of biodiversity corridors to generate multiple benefits including effective conservation of globally threatened species and high conservation value forests, reduce deforestation and degradation and enhance local biodiversity-friendly livelihoods. The DENR serve as the lead executing agency of the project.

It is deemed supportive of the priorities stipulated in the Philippine Development Plan and Regional Development Plan 2023 to 2028. The project is also aligned with the strategic priorities of the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP) 2015-2028. Moreover it will also contribute to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 15: Life on Land (sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss) and SDG 13: Climate Action (take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts). More importantly, the project will directly address the threats to sustainable forest management and help in delivering ecosystem benefits to affected population.

The following are the four major inter-related components of the project:

Component 1: *Effective coordination and governance framework for integrated ecosystem management of the biodiversity corridors system.* Its expected outcome is to develop an effective national-level policy, coordination, regulatory and institutional framework for planning, management, compliance monitoring, enforcement and decision-making for integrated biodiversity corridor management.

Component 2: *Application of a network design and management of biodiversity corridors to ensure continued stability and sustainability of their biological ecosystem services and socio-economic conservation values.* Its expected outcome is to improve site-level planning, regulatory, monitoring and implementation framework for the demonstration of integrated ecosystem planning and management of pilot biodiversity corridors.

Component 3: *Community-based sustainable use and management systems in the two pilot biodiversity corridors.* Its expected outcome is to implement the sustainable use and management systems for land and forest resources that will be compatible with integrated ecosystem management corridor objectives, including a piloting of a forest certification system for local communities, as well as the application of sustainable land management (SLM) to degraded agricultural lands through a suite of SLM technology practices and incentives.

Component 4: *Knowledge management and communications, gender mainstreaming, and monitoring and evaluation.* Its expected outcome is to enhance awareness and collaborative decision-making on integrated ecosystem management through effective KM and gender mainstreaming activities, including the creation of a harmonized information management system to integrate lessons learned and facilitate the replication and scaling up of integrated biodiversity corridor management approaches.

The two pilot project sites are the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor in the MIMAROPA Region and the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor in Regions 11 and 13 which have been chosen mainly because of their critical importance as centers of endemism and biodiversity hotspots and economic significance.

## II. Major Concern

One of the primary outputs to be achieved under Component 1 is the creation of the Corridor Alliance Advisory Committee (CAAC) in each Corridor. The CAAC will serve as a venue for a multi-sectoral forum, and provide relevant perspectives, policy, and technical guidance in response to the opportunities and challenges in the Mindoro Biodiversity. It shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Ensure commitment, support, and participation to the BD Corridor Project, especially on activities where a specific member agency/ies is/are needed;
- b) Develop a common understanding of strategic issues and opportunities in the Mindoro corridor and provide guidance on the resolution of issues identified within the corridor and during the implementation of the BD Corridor Project;
- c) Develop consensus on outstanding vision priorities, strategies, and actual conservation targets based on situational analysis that uses updated information on environment and natural resources trends;
- d) Leverage funding, co-financing, and private sector and impact investments in the Mindoro corridor consistent with the high

- conservation value (HCV)-based integrated ecosystem management (IEM) framework and implementation plans;
- e) Recommend activities, interventions, and mechanisms towards the attainment of the BD Corridor Project's objectives; and
- f) Launch a corridor advocacy campaign for multi-sectoral corridor alliance to achieve corridor targets.

*The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, as the proponent of the project, is proposing the creation of CAAC as an Adhoc Committee under the Economic Development Committee of the Regional Development Council (RDC).*

The proposed CAAC will be chaired by the DENR Regional Director, co-chaired by a senior political representative of the Regional Development Council (RDC) with the following as members:

1. Senior Representative from the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro
2. Senior Representative from the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro
3. Senior Representative from the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)
4. Senior Representative from the Department of Agriculture (DA)
5. Senior Representative from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
6. Senior Representative from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
7. Senior Representative from the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD)
8. Senior Representative from the Department of Tourism (DoT)
9. Senior Representative from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
10. Senior Representative from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
11. Senior Representative from the League of Municipalities (LMP)
12. Representative from the Civil Society Organization (CSO)
13. Representative from the Indigenous Peoples (IP)
14. Representative from the Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) National PO Federation

The matter was presented during the first quarter EDC meeting held on 22 February 2023 in Pasay City. The Committee deferred the proposed creation of CAAC under the EDC, pending the submission of the detailed TOR for further review by the Committee. Among the issues raised during the presentation were lack of legal basis, composition which some members are outside EDC, and reorganization of CAAC once RDC was reorganized every three years.

### III. Comments and Recommendations on the Proposed Creation of CAAC under the EDC

1. ***On the legal basis.*** At present there is no legal basis for the creation of the CAAC. At the national level, it has the Project Board/Steering Committee which provides overall guidance and direction of the Project. The National Project Board was created through the DENR Special Order No. 2021-87 issued on 03 March 2021.

The proposed creation of CAAC is vital in strengthening the implementation of the BD Corridor Project in the region. However, there is a need to determine the most effective institutional mechanism for the creation of CAAC in the region. The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Executive Order No. 325 or the Reorganization of the RDCs provides that the RDC may create other ad hoc committees that it deems necessary based on its specific requirements or needs. Members may not necessarily be members of the Council based on the RDC technical staff recommendations. Creating the CAAC under the umbrella of the EDC would mean additional layer for the Committee. Once the CAAC is created under the EDC, all agreements and resolutions that emanated from CAAC shall be subjected to the review, endorsement, and approval by the EDC and RDC. It can be recommended that the creation of CAAC be under RDC to lessen the layer of facilitating the CAAC's decision making. Further, as included in the IRR, the RDC may determine the nature of its relationship with the created special bodies.

The creation of CAAC through memorandum of agreement among its members was not explored fully by DENR. This may not require legal basis but could be binding among the members.

2. ***On the proposed composition of the CAAC.*** The proposed co-chairperson of the CAAC is a senior political representative from the RDC. The TOR shall define the term "senior political representative" and how he/she will be selected. This could be optional since NEDA is already included in the proposed members and NEDA is the Vice-Chair of RDC. It shall also define the term "senior representative" on the proposed members from the regional line agencies.

The proposed members of the CAAC include a senior representative from the League of Municipalities (LMP) However, both Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro has its own LMP which are also members of the RDC. For better representation, we suggest including the LMPs as members of the CAAC.



Of the proposed 16 members, 13 are members of the RDC of which nine are members of the EDC, two from Development Administration Committee, the rest are not members of the RDC. There are RDC private sector representative that may also be proposed as members of the CAAC.

3. **Recommendations.** The need to create the CAAC as an advisory committee for the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor will be crucial in the implementation of the project. The Secretariat recommends the creation of CAAC under RDC.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarter Meeting  
04 May 2023 Ermita, Manila

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Improvement / Upgrading of Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center (PTADC)

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1. In an email dated 27 April 2023, the Provincial Government of Marinduque submitted to the Secretariat a copy of the project proposal and powerpoint presentation of the Improvement / Upgrading of Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center (PTADC) proposed as a Farm Tourism destination that is envisioned to generate revenue for the local economy.
2. In a letter signed by Hon. Presbitero J, Velasco, Jr. Governor of Marinduque, he requested for the favorable endorsement of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) on the proposed improvement/upgrading of the Marinduque PTADC located at Brgy. Tamayo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque. The estimated cost of the project is ₱ 50 Million for implementation in FY 2023-2025.
3. The project proposal is consistent with the eight-point socioeconomic agenda of the current administration particularly on creating more quality jobs by promoting trade and investments, improving infrastructure, increasing employability encouraging research and development and innovation and creating green jobs pursuing green economy and establishing livable and sustainable communities.
4. It is also supportive to the goals stipulated in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2023-2028 through modernizing agriculture and agribusiness, reinvigorating services, and revitalizing industry and conforms to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Nos. SDG 2 (End hunger, achieve food security, and improve nutrition through sustainable agriculture), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), and 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), among others. Also, the promotion of farm tourism, the development of rural tourism and eco-tourism, the development of heritage tourism, and the promotion of sustainable tourism is in line with the goals of the National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP).
5. Representative from the Provincial Government of Marinduque will present the details of the project. Attached is the project brief of the proposal prepared by the Secretariat.
6. Action requested: Recommend RDC endorsement.

## PROJECT BRIEF

PROJECT TITLE : Improvement / Upgrading of Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center (PTADC)

PROPONENT : Provincial Government of Marinduque

TIMEFRAME : 3 years (2023-2025)

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### Background

1. **Objectives.** The proposed project aims to develop and promote the Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center (PTADC) as a farm tourism destination in the province. Specifically, the proposal seeks to:
  - a. develop, promote, and sustain the PTADC as a Farm Tourism destination to become one of the tourism hubs in the region;
  - b. create an attractive and enjoyable environment for tourists by providing a variety of tourism-related services, agricultural development, and countryside development;
  - c. promote the value of agriculture and exchange of knowledge and skills related to the sustainable use of resources and the preservation of the natural environment; and
  - d. create an opportunity to showcase the province's local customs, culture, and traditions, as well as its unique cuisine to the rest of the world.
2. **Components.** The proposed project consists of two phases including the upgrading of the existing structure and facilities of the Center, developing and implementing marketing strategies, establishing partnerships, creating organization structure, development of capacity-building activities and programs to ensure the sustainability of the Center, and promotion of the Center and its services to the local and international community.
3. **Project Location.** The Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center (PTADC) is within a 14-hectare land owned by the Province of Marinduque. It is formerly known as the Provincial Training Center and CARMEN (Center for Agri, Research, Management and Enterprise). It houses a 3-storey administrative building with a conference hall and dormitory type accommodation facility, a swimming pool, demo farm, fishponds, a long stretch of mangrove area, among others. The facility is a JICA-funded project, which was established in 1994 as Marinduque Agri Development and Promotions Project offering

agricultural training, research activities, and demo farm services (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Location of the proposed project.

4. **Estimated Project Cost.** The estimated cost of the project is ₱ 50 Million to be funded by the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA).
5. **Beneficiaries.** The improvement/ upgrading of PTADC to be a Farm Tourism Destination is envisioned to provide benefits to local communities, not only to farmers and fisher folks, but also to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The project can provide employment for farmers and fisher folks by working in the Center as crop farmers, cooks, service crew, housekeepers, and caretakers. The MSMEs can be provided with stalls or spaces to promote and sell their products. Students from Marinduque State College (MSC) and other schools can also benefit from the project by utilizing the Center for laboratory, research purposes, immersion, and internship for courses like tourism and hotel management.

Not only can farm tourism provides economic benefits to local communities, but it can also be a great venue for recreational activities and educational opportunities for day visitors, seasonal guests, and tourists. Furthermore, farm tourism can help raise awareness about sustainable agriculture and fishery practices to preserve the environment and local cultures, thus providing a safe and enjoyable Marinduque tourism experience.

6. ***Institutional Mechanism.*** The proposed project is one of the priorities of the current administration. PTADC is an existing facility owned by the Provincial Government, with available manpower under the Provincial Agriculture Office (PAgO). Vacant positions at the PAgO is being proposed to be filled-up, to fill in the requirements of the PTADC as soon as the project is implemented.

In order to ensure the sustainability of the project and to facilitate efficient and effective management of the PTADC and its services, organizational and functional management structures shall be established. The structure shall include the following positions and corresponding roles and responsibilities:

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees will be responsible for the overall governance of the Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center. It will oversee the formulation of strategic plans and policies and will also be responsible for the approval of operational plans and budgets.

### **Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center Director**

The Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center Director will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Center. He/she will be responsible for the implementation of the policies, plans, and budgets approved by the Board of Trustees. He/she will also be responsible for the supervision and management of the staff and the services offered.

### **Functional Departments**

The functional departments will be responsible for the various aspects of the project. These departments include:

- **Marketing and Promotions Department** – Responsible for the development and implementation of marketing strategies to promote the Center and its services.
- **Operations Department** – Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Center, including the management of staff, the maintenance of the facility, and the provision of services.
- **Financial Management Department** – Responsible for the efficient and effective management of the Center's finances, including the generation of revenue to cover operational costs.
- **Technical Assistance and Training Department** – Responsible for establishing partnerships with local organizations, private

businesses, and government institutions to provide technical assistance and training for the staff of the Center.

- **Research and Evaluation Department** – Responsible for the establishment of a system for monitoring the performance and progress of the Center, including regular evaluation and assessment of the effectiveness of the services.
- **Capacity Building Department** – Responsible for developing capacity-building activities and programs to ensure the sustainability of the Center, such as training on sustainable agricultural practices and eco-tourism.

## **Comments and Recommendations**

7. ***Alignment of the project's objective with sectoral priorities.*** The project is aligned with the identified priority strategies on modernizing agriculture and fisheries and agribusiness, ensuring food security, and reinvigorating services as stipulated in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2023-2028. The strategy for the integration of agriculture and tourism development has huge potential to generate jobs and produce goods and services in agriculture and fishery, while also contributing to countryside development.

The project proposal also conforms to the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): a) SDG 2 (End hunger, achieve food security, and improve nutrition through sustainable agriculture); b) SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth); c) SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure); and d) SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

8. ***Complementation with existing DOT programs and projects.*** The proposed project is expected to complement the programs and projects under the National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP), particularly on farm tourism.

The project will also contribute to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the region's farm tourism strategic action plan which aims to develop and promote farm tourism as a sustainable and inclusive industry.

9. ***Financial and Economic Viability.*** Since the project is an income-generating project, the proponent is requested to conduct market, financial, and economic analyses to determine the viability of the project. Projected cash flow and income statement shall also be determined. Also, the requested P50 million cost might not be enough for the substantial upgrading and improvement of the facility. It is recommended to identify and prioritize the specific areas/component to

be included in the said cost. Detailed work program and timeline of implementation is also necessary.

10. **Local endorsement.** The proponent is requested to secure the local endorsement of the project that would indicate that the proposed project is included in the local priorities.
11. **Recommendation.** The proposed Improvement/ Upgrading of Provincial Tourism and Agriculture Development Center (PTADC) is recommended for endorsement to the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council for inclusion in the RDIP and TIEZA.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarter Meeting  
May 04, 2023 Ermita, Manila

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: MIMAROPA Component of the National Irrigation Master Plan

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1. The National Irrigation Master Plan (NIMP) 2020-2030 is a comprehensive, integrated, collaborative, and scientifically-based blueprint for accelerated and sustained irrigation development in the Philippines.
2. The general objective of the NIMP 2020-2030 is to achieve food security and poverty reduction with accelerated and sustained irrigation development under diversified crop production systems.
3. The NIMP specifically aims to: a) develop a new geodatabase system and generated updated spatial figure, b) formulate performance targets and indicators consistent with PDP Results Matrix, c) formulate physical targets for irrigation development in consideration of DA Rice Roadmap and Rice Tariffication Act, d) develop medium to long-term investment programs on irrigation projects, e) provide guidelines on the development of maintenance enhancement and operation plan of irrigation systems, f) integrate emerging water-efficient technologies and Climate Change Adaption/Disaster Risk Reduction Management in irrigation development, g) realign irrigation development to support diversified agricultural production systems, and h) formulate institutional reforms for an efficient and successful new Master Plan.
4. On 22 February 2023, the FY 2024 proposed budget of NIA MIMAROPA was presented, deliberated, and endorsed by the Economic Development Committee. The EDC requested NIA MIMAROPA to submit and present the irrigation development roadmap for the region and the MIMAROPA components stipulated in the Irrigation Master Plan of NIA.
5. A representative from the NIA MIMAROPA will present the status of irrigation development in the region, MIMAROPA components of the NIMP, potential irrigation areas, major irrigation projects and service areas, and issues and recommendations.
6. Action requested: For information.



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Updates on the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan

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1. Section 4 of the Republic Act No. 11514 or the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act mandates the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) to prepare the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP).
2. The CFIDP shall include a national program for a) community-based enterprises; b) social protection; c) coconut farmer organizations and development; d) innovative research projects and their practical application; and e) integrated processing of coconut and downstream products.
3. On 28 July 2021, the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council (RDC) Executive Committee (ExCom), through ad referendum, passed Resolution No. 4-38, s. 2021 endorsing the MIMAROPA CFIDP to the national interagency cluster for inclusion in the national CFIDP. The national interagency cluster is composed of PhilHealth, PCAARRD-DOST, TESDA, ATI, DTI, PCIC, DA, PHILMECH, CDA, LBP, DBP, DPWH, and CHED.
4. On 03 September 2021, the MIMAROPA RDC, through Resolution No. 2021-076-1018, confirmed the MIMAROPA RDC ExCom Resolution No. 4-38, s. 2021.
5. On 02 June 2022, then President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Executive Order (EO) No. 172 "Approving the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan". Section 1 of EO 172 states that the CFIDP shall be reviewed annually to ensure its effective implementation.
6. A representative from the PCA will present the updates on the implementation of the CFIDP in the region.
7. Action requested: For information.