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OIC-Regional Executive Director

DENR Region IV-B MIMAROPA

Dear **Sir Mirasol:**

Good day!

The Institute of Renewable Natural Resources, College of Forestry and Natural Resources and the Department of Economics, College of Economics and Management, University of the Philippines Los Baños, are currently implementing the project **“Valuation and Accounting of Ecosystem Services (VALUES) Lab: Building Capacity for Sustainable Forest and Natural Resources Management.”**

The project aims to strengthen capacity in the valuation and accounting of natural capital and ecosystem services in support of developing interventions for sustainable forest and natural resources management. One of our activities is the conduct of training courses for VALUES researchers and practitioners from higher education institutions, Research and Development (R&D) consortia, national government agencies, local government units, students, and non-government organizations.

In this connection, would like to invite **you or your representative** to apply in the training workshop titled “Training Course on Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)” on 23-25 November 2023 at Obdulia F. Sison Hall, University of the Philippines Los Baños, College, Laguna. The criteria for selecting the participants are as follows:

1. There shall be 2-3 participants from the same agency, municipality, province, region, or river basin.
2. The group of participants shall submit a concept note describing a potential PES scheme in their area.
3. Participants are willing to shoulder their transportation, board and lodging expenses for the 3-day training course.
4. Participants are required to bring a laptop computer as the training course involves hands-on exercises and group work.

While the training will be conducted **face-to-face**, the organizers will **ONLY** cover the following: (1) **training kit**, and (2) **course package**, i.e., lunch and snacks during the training. We will appreciate it if you can submit your response on or before 10 November 2023. If you have any queries, kindly send an email to For. Irene Mae C. Baldosano (icbaldosano@up.edu.ph).

We hope we can be of service to your office in our shared interest in sustainable forest and natural resources management.

Thank you very much!

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