



26 October 2023

Dear Undersecretary Rebuella-Teh,

Subject: HACT Assurance Activities for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)–Integrated Approach in Management of Biodiversity Corridor in the Philippines (BD Corridor Project) and Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines (ABS Project)–Programme Output Verification

As part of the Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the UNDP will be conducting a programme output verification assurance activity for the BD Corridor and ABS Projects. For this year, the UNDP Country Office Team will be joined by our Regional Technical Adviser, Ms. Solene de Loze, from our Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (RBAP). The objectives of this activity are to:

- Monitor progress of project implementation compared to Annual Work Plan, funds disbursed, and quarterly progress reports
- Identify operational, financial and programmatic challenges constraints in implementation; and
- Establish remedial plan of action in collaboration with the Partner to resolve the challenges and constraints. This is taking into consideration that the two Projects are scheduled to undergo their Mid-Term Evaluation in 2024.

Relative to this, we would kindly request for your permission to visit your office on 6 November 2023 at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

We have attached here the itinerary for this year's programme output verification exercise.

Should you have any questions or clarifications, you may contact Ms. Maria Theresa Espino-Yap, Programme Analyst of the Climate Action Programme Team, at maria.theresa.espino-yap@undp.org.

Thank you and we look forward to your usual cooperation and support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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