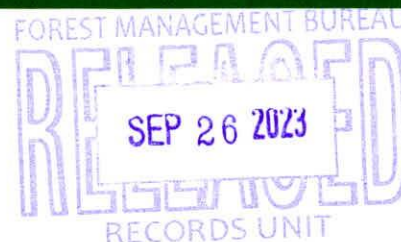




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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Directors  
DENR- Regions 1- 13 and CAR

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

**SUBJECT :** **AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING THE NATIONAL  
COMMUNITY- BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT-  
COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM  
(CBFM-CARP) MIDYEAR IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW AND  
ASSESSMENT OF OTHER CBFM- RELATED ACTIVITIES ON  
26- 28 JULY 2023**

**DATE :** **SEP 25 2023**

This pertains to the conduct of the Community-Based Forest Management-Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CBFM-CARP) Midyear Implementation Review and assessment of other CBFM-Related Activities held last 26-28 July 2023 via the Zoom Platform.

The workshop was primarily intended to review and assess the status of implementation of the CBFM-CARP projects/activities and the CBFM Program and was participated in by a total of 157 CBFM-CARP implementers nationwide, where 89 are males and 68 are females.

The activity adopted various strategies to effectively provide the participants with information/updates relative to CBFM implementation, encourage exchange/sharing of information and insights, and facilitate the learning process such as report presentation, plenary discussion, lectures/ orientations, and panel review and evaluation through open forum. The subject matters discussed and presented as integral part of the program includes the following, to wit:

1. Status of Compliance with the Agreements Reached during the CY 2022 CBFM-CARP Annual Implementation Review;
2. CBFM-CARP Physical and Financial Status Report (CYs 2022 & 2023);
3. Status of CBFM-CARP Projects (CYs 2022- 2023);
4. Accessible Loans for Empowered, Resilient, and Transformed – Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries' Organization (ALERT-ARBO) Program;
5. Microfinance for ENR-based Small- & Medium-sized Enterprises by Mr. Cris Barcenas of CARD- MRI;
6. Workshop Design of Regional Action Planning on CBFM Strategic Plan;
7. Presentation/ Update Sharing of the Officers of the National Federation of CBFM People's Organizations; and

8. Draft DENR Memorandum Circular (DMC) on Socio- Economic and Environmental Baseline (SEEB) and Impact Assessment.

The discussion on the aforementioned subject matter resulted to the following major agreements and ways forward, to wit:

1. Quarterly CBFM-CARP Accomplishment Reports should be submitted to the DENR-FMB every 10th day of the succeeding month. For the Monthly Accomplishment Report, updates are to be inputted in the Google Sheet shared for submission to the DENR-CARP NCO;
2. DENR Region 10 will share their experience with their collaboration and engagement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to help with the registration of the CBFM-POs and for possible replication of other Regional Offices;
3. FMB (FRMD-CFS) to initiate follow-up meeting with CARD MRI for a possible financing window for CBFM-POs and future collaboration and partnership of DENR and CARD Bank, Inc.;
4. The DENR Regional Offices to stick to the schedule of Action Planning on CBFM Strategic Plan per Region and facilitate necessary preparatory activities such as activity design, procurement, and others;
5. Backlog policy re Organizational and Area Development Assessment (OADA) which will be part of the CBFM Strategic Plan for CYs 2023-2032;
6. Facilitate the obligation and disbursement of allocated budget for targeted activities (Current and Continuing Funds);
7. The Regions to facilitate the completion of CBFM-CARP Project activities for CYs 2022 and 2023;
8. The Regions to fast track the submission of project proposals for CY 2024 for final review and early submission of Work and Financial Plan for FY 2024; and
9. The National CBFM-PO Federation will conduct Election of Officers in CY 2024 and conduct activities for the strengthening of the Federation.

Meanwhile, specific agreements and recommendations to each regional concern and issues raised can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/MidYearAgreements> while the copy of the regional presentations and presentations of resource speakers can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/MidyearPresentations>.

FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATIONS, PLEASE.

  
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