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The Regional Executive Directors

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The Director

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This pertains to the proposed "Regional Orientation and Consultation Workshop on the Forestry Investment Related Policies" which will be participated by officials and representatives from DENR Regional Offices and Forest Management Bureau (FMB) on October 26-28, 2022 in Region IV-A, CALABARZON.

The said workshop aims to provide guidance and directions to all Regional Offices on the implementation of various existing DENR policies and recent initiatives concerning forestry investments. At the same time, the Regional Offices shall be consulted on the possible gaps of these policies and recommend improvement therein.

In this regard, you are hereby requested to submit, not later than 19 October 2022, to this Office, Attn: The Forest Investment Development Division, the following information on Forest Investment Portfolio Package (FIPA) for our review and consolidation:

- 1) Copies of FIPA in hard and electronic copies;
- 2) Status of FIPA implementation;
- 3) Issues and concerns encountered in the implementation of DAO 2021-04 entitled "Guidelines in the Implementation of Forest Investment Portfolio Package" and FMB Technical Bulletin No. 32, otherwise known as "Guidance in the Implementation of Agroforestry Plantation Program";
- 4) Recommendations; and
- 5) Way Forward.

The Forest Investment Packaging Section of the Forest Investment Development Division, Forest Management Bureau (FMB) will coordinate with you regarding the matter. Should you have further concerns and inquiries you may contact them through fidd.fipa@fmb.denr.gov.ph or at telephone numbers 89276229 or 89252189.

Attached herein is the activity design for the said workshop for your ready reference.

FOR IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE, PLEASE.

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Sir/Ma'am Good day

Attached file is a Memorandum for All REDs dated October 14, 2022 RE: Conduct of Regional Orientation and Consultation Workshop on the Forestry Investment Related Policies on October 26-28, 2022 in Region IV-A, CALABARZON Thank you





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REGIONAL ORIENTATION AND CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON THE FORESTRY INVESTMENT RELATED POLICIES

Activity Design October 26-28, 2022

I. RATIONALE

It is the strategy of the government, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), to recognize the indispensable role of the private sector, encourage private enterprise, and provide incentives to needed investments under the purview of sustainable forest management that promote the development of efficient, globally competitive, climate resilient and environmentally friendly forest based industries to boost inclusive growth and rural development. Hence, the DENR, through the Forest Management Bureau (FMB), has formulated several policies with the end in view of encouraging the private sector to invest in the development of identified potential investment categories within the forest lands, in order to increase the GDP contribution of the forestry sector to the national economy without adversely affecting the ecological integrity of our watersheds and forestlands.

Among the policies formulated are the following:

- 1. DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-04, entitled "Guidelines in the Implementation of Forest Investment Portfolio Package" (FIPA) which provides for the development of investment portfolio package options for qualified investors on potential forestry enterprises ((e.g. forest plantations: timber, non-timber, fuelwood, biomass and high value crops, grazing, and ecotourism outside the Protected Areas System (NIPAS)); and
- 2. FMB Technical Bulletin No. 32, entitled "Guidance in the Implementation of Agroforestry Plantation Program" and also known as Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) -Tree Plantation Financing Program. The major component of this policy is the Agroforestry Plantation Program which is a credit assistance program developed by the DBP for the development, expansion, harvesting, processing, maintenance and protection of industrial forest-based plantations in qualified private and public land consisting of at least five (5) hectares to a maximum of 40,000 hectares. The program is intended for those who are engaged in forest plantation related business.

Currently, there are nine (9) Regional Offices, that have existing projects under FIPA, which are closely coordinating with FMB, through the Forest Investment Development Division (FIDD), on the proper implementation of the said FIPAs. However, it appears that due to ongoing rationalization and change in the administration of the Regional and field offices, the designated focal persons for FIPA were replaced with newly assigned personnel. As the assigned focal persons were new and had little knowledge on FIPA, they are in dire need of an orientation on the existing policies and initiatives of the DENR on forest investments.

Moreover, in view of the need to assess the relevance and appropriateness of the existing forest investment policies in terms of applicability to the field offices, it is necessary to consult the regional offices in checking whether there are gaps in these policies that need to be addressed for improvement. Hence, the conduct of this "Regional Orientation and Consultation Workshop on the Forestry Investment Related Policies" is imperative.

II. OBJECTIVES

- Orient and guide all Regional Offices on existing policies and recent initiatives on forestry investment.
- Conduct consultation with the field offices on the applicability of the existing forestry investment policies and initiatives and check whether there are gaps on them that need improvement, such as the provisions on the bidding and awarding in the preparation of the forestry investment portfolio package.
- Determine the status of the Forest Investment Portfolio Package Program of the regional offices.

III. METHODOLOGY

The activity shall consist of lectures, consultation and sharing of experiences via face to face with Regional participants who have already been involved in the preparation of forestry investment portfolio packages.

The consultation shall be through presentation and discussion of consolidated issues and concerns submitted by Regional Offices. Afterwards, an open forum will be conducted to discuss and address said issues by a panelist from FMB composed of the Forest Investment Development Division, Chief, Forest Investment Packaging Section, Officer-In-Charge, Forest Investment Promotion Section, Legal Officer, FMB, OIC, Forest Policy Section and OIC, Forest Geospatial Data Infrastructure Section.

The regional participants are expected to bring the following information on FIPA:

- 1) Status of FIPA implementation;
- 2) Issues and concerns encountered in the implementation of DAO 2021-04;
- 3) Recommendations; and
- 4) Way Forward.

IV. EXPECTED OUTPUT

At the end of the activity, the participants are expected to be oriented on the various DENR policies and recent initiatives on forestry investments, and come-up with ways forward and necessary policy recommendations and improvements.

V. PARTICIPANTS/SCHEDULE/VENUE

The orientation and consultation workshop will be participated by personnel from Regional Offices nationwide who are involved in the preparation of Forestry Investment Portfolio Packages and implementation of FMB Technical Bulletin No. 32 on October 26-28, 2022 in Region IV-A, CALABARZON.

VI. RESOURCE PERSONS/SECRETARIAT

Selected Forestry Investment Development Division (FIDD), Forest Management Bureau (FMB) technical staff shall serve as resource persons for the activity. Likewise, the Forest Investment Packaging Section, FIDD of FMB shall be in-charge of the documentation and other logistical and administrative support for the workshop.

VII. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

The activity shall entail an estimated cost of PhP445,100.00 for meals and accommodation and other expenses broken down as follows:

Items	Assumptions	Amount
Lease of Venue (meals & accommodation)	46 pax@ Php2,200.00@3days	Php 303,600.00
Supplies and Materials	46 pax@Php250.00	Php 11,500.00
Transportation	Van rental Php20,000.00/trip (round trip)@5vans	PhP100,000.00
Miscellaneous	30,000.00	Php 30,000.00
Total		PhP 445,100.00

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES REGIONAL ORIENTATION AND CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON THE FORESTRY INVESTMENT RELATED POLICIES

ACTIVITY		RESPONSIBLE PERSON
DAY 1	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2	the second secon
10:00A.M10:30A.M.	Registration	All Invited Regions
		Secretariat
10:30A.M11:30 A.M.	Opening Program Prayer Pambansang Awit Welcome Remarks	Edna D. Nuestro OIC, Assistant Director, Forest Management Bureau
11:30A.M12:00NN	Rationale of the Workshop	For. Norlito P. Sarmiento OIC, Forest Investment Development Division
12:00NN-1:00P.M.	LUNCH	
1:00P.M2:00 P.M.	Presentation of DAO 2021-04 "Guidelines in the Implementation of the Forest Investment Portfolio Approach (FIPA)"	For. Alicia L. Castillo Chief, Forest Investment Packaging Section
2:00P.M3:00 P.M.	Presentation of Issues and Concerns submitted by Regional Offices	Secretariat/Facilitator
3:00P,M,-5:00P,M,	Open Forum	Secretariat/Facilitator Panelist - OIC, Forest Investment Development Division - Chief, Forest Investment Packaging Section - OIC, Forest Investment Promotion Section - OIC, Forest Policy Section - Chief, Forest Geospatial Data Infrastructure Section - Legal Officer, FMB
DAY 2	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27	
8:00A.M9:00 A.M.	Presentation of TB No.32 "Guidance in the Implementation of Agroforestry Plantation Program"	For. Aloysius Jan R. Revilla OIC, Forest Investment Promotion Section
9:00A.M10:00 A.M.	Presentation of Issues and Concerns submitted by Regional Offices	Secretariat/Facilitator

10:00A.M12:NN	Open Forum	Secretariat/Facilitator Panelist - OIC, Forest Investment Development Division - Chief, Forest Investment Packaging Section - OIC, Forest Investment Promotion Section - OIC, Forest Policy Section - Chief, Forest Geospatial Data Infrastructure Section - Legal Officer, FMB
12:00NN-1:00 P.M.	Lunch	
1:00P.M-5:00 P.M.	Consultation/Workshop on Proposed Forestry Investment Related Policies	
DAY 3	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2	022
8:00A.M12:00 NN	Presentation of Proposed amended policy on bidding and awarding of Forest Investment Portfolio Package (FIPA) to forest investors	Forest Investment Packaging Section
12:00NN-1:00 P.M.	Lunch	
I:00P.M4:00PM	Ways Forward and Agreements	Secretariat/Facilitator
4:00P.M4:30P.M.	Closing Remarks	For. Norlito P. Sarmiento OIC, Forest Investment Development Division
4:30 P.M.	Homeward bound	All Participants

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