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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE ENHANCED CLIMATE SMART FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL (ECS FFS) PROGRAM MANUAL FOR TRAINORS

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Soils and Water Management, as the focal agency of the Philippine Climate Change Adaptation Project (PhilCCAP) *Subcomponent 2.2 Enhancing delivery and effectiveness of extensions services for farm-level climate risk management*, developed the ECS FFS Program Manual for Trainors;

WHEREAS, this manual has undergone series of consultation meetings with PhilCCAP partners such as Agricultural Training Institute, Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, National Irrigation Administration, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, Department of Agriculture (DA)-National Project Coordination Office, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Project Management Office, DA-Regional Field Offices 2 and 6; the climate change programs and projects of the DA (P480 Agromat-Cum Climate Change and AMICAF); the Rice Watch Action Network; and State Colleges and Universities;

WHEREAS, the BSWM, as part of its commitment to the project, will mainstream and disseminate the manual to all regions for capacity enhancement of extension services;

WHEREAS, the manual was developed to guide trainors (extension workers and climate change focal persons) on proper delivery of information about climate change and climate change adaptation to various learners, especially farmers;

NOW THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, do hereby direct the adoption of the ECS FFS Program Manual for Trainors as technical reference material for the following:

- a. Conduct of the Enhanced Climate Farmers' Field School by the Agricultural Training Institute;
- b. Implementation of Farmer Field School by programs and projects of DA and its attached agencies, bureaus, corporations, and regional field offices; and
- c. Climate change public awareness campaign to communicate information about climate change and climate change adaptation to various stakeholders.

All Regional Field Offices (RFOs) of DA and its attached agencies, bureaus, and corporations shall coordinate with the Local Government Units, State Colleges and Universities (SCUs) for the adoption of the ECS FFS Program Manual for Trainors.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

PROCESO J. ALCALA
Secretary

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