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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
No. 823  
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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF SPECIAL REVIEW GROUP (SRG) TO  
REVIEW MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL OFFERS OF  
ASSISTANCE**

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Given the tight fiscal position of the government under this pandemic, it is most judicious for the Department to access and make full use of assistance offered to the agricultural sector by **multilateral** (e.g., World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations, etc.) and **bilateral** (e.g., USAID, Spain, Israel, Japan, etc.) institutions. As such, to make our availment of these opportunities more effective, a Special Review Group (SRG) is hereby created composed of the following:

Chairperson : **UNDERSECRETARY RODOLFO V. VICERRA**, Policy and Planning  
Co-Chairperson: **DR. LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN**, Chief of Staff  
Members : **UNDERSECRETARY CHERYL MARIE NATIVIDAD-CABALLERO**,  
Agri-Industrialization and Fisheries  
**DR. FERMIN D. ADRIANO**, Special Adviser to the Secretary  
**MS. JANET D. GARCIA**, International Affairs Division  
**MR. FERNANDO D. FLORES**, Project Development Service

The SRG has the following functions:

- 1) Review proposals coming from various DA agencies/units to be submitted to these various multilateral and bilateral institutions;
- 2) Assist in the negotiations with these multilateral and bilateral institutions on pending proposals and proposals to be developed;
- 3) Tap assistance of relevant DA agencies/units in revising/improving proposals to be submitted and to be written;
- 4) Monitor the status of proposals submitted to various multilateral and bilateral institutions; and
- 5) Assist in coordinating with other concerned government agencies (e.g. DOF, NEDA and DBM) in the approval of these proposals.

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The Planning Development Service and the International Affairs Division under the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning will support the SRG in its tasks' performance.

The members are entitled to traveling allowance, per diems, and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their duties and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against OSEC and other available funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and Regional Field Offices are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to the above officials in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All other orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this ~~7th~~ day of December 2020.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary 

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
  
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