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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIALIZATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AIDPro) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The industrialization of the agriculture and fisheries is among the core strategies of the Department of Agriculture to transform the Philippines into a food secure and resilient country. The aim is to catalyze agricultural development through connectivity in agricultural production, infrastructure and market linkages, and professionalized agricultural workforce.

The Agri-Industry Business Corridor (ABC) is a tool for developing the industrialization of the agricultural sector. It aims to promote sustainable agricultural development through value chains with agricultural clusters along existing infrastructure corridors and establishing multi-sectoral public-private partnerships and providing catalytic financing to attract capital from domestic and international, public and private sources. Agricultural growth corridors which are said to be leading innovation in the field of creating shared value are essential for sustaining economic growth. The spatially defined Agro-Industrial Business Corridors (ABCs) is an offshoot of a transformational policy shift that strongly highlights the need to address food security, attract local entrepreneurs and foreign direct investments, and improve efficiencies in agriculture value chains, amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

With the foregoing, the Office of the Agriculture and Fisheries Industrialization Development Program is hereby created and mandated with, but not limited to, the following functions:

I. Duties and Function

1. Oversee the implementation of the AID Program including the setting-up of Agribusiness Corridors (ABCs), following the established principles on regional growth zones, dispersal of industries to rural areas incubation services and development of commodity value chain for inclusive agri-business;

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2. Oversee the formulation, development, monitoring and updating of the agriculture and fisheries industrialization policies and framework and drafting of agri-industrialization master plan for selected commodities;
3. Engage and strengthen partnerships with the farmers' and fishers' cooperatives, associations, and the private sector, collaborate with other government agencies and other development institutions, and foster tie ups with local and international funding communities to propel agriculture and fishery industrialization;
4. Establish and maintain an agriculture and fishery enterprise investment with other government agencies, the private sector, foreign direct investments, official development assistance (ODA) and other forms of financial collaborations;
5. In coordination with other DA offices, generate studies and employ other strategic tools that will strengthen and facilitate the implementation of the AID program;
6. Perform other functions as maybe necessary or proper to attain the objectives of the Program.

II. Organizational Structure and Staff Complement


The program will be composed of staff provided in Annex A of this Order.

All DA Service Units, Regional Field Offices Bureau, Attached Agencies and Corporation, and its officials and employees of the Department are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation in the operation of the Office of the Agriculture and Fisheries Industrialization Development Program. All the Regional Field Offices (RFOs) are directed to designate AIDPro point person in the operationalization of this program.

All expenses relative to the operation of the Office of the AIDPro shall be chargeable against the DA-OSEC and/or concerned Bureaus, Attached Agencies, Regional Offices, and DA Services Units subject to availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect on _____ 2021. This shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 17th day of May 2021.


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Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

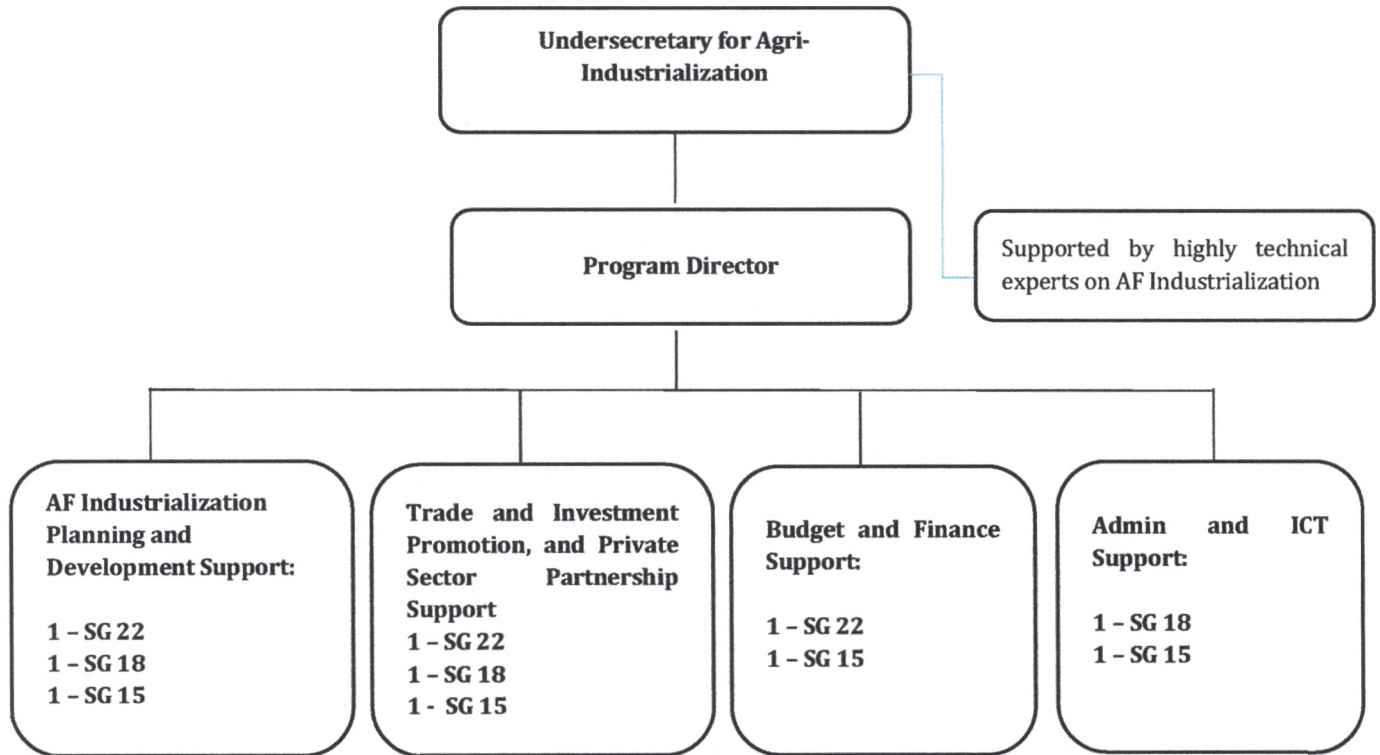
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ANNEX A

Organizational Structure of AIDPro



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