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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND CONVERGENCE

In the exigency service to the Department of Agriculture's primary stakeholders, and to facilitate the implementation of the converged interventions of all Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) components (Mechanization, Seeds, Credit, Extension and Rice Farmers Financial Assistance (RFFA), Technical Working Group (TWG) for RCEF Convergence is hereby created as a support to the converged implementation of all RCEF components as a mandate under Article 13 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11203.

The composition and terms of reference of the RCEF Convergence Technical Working Group are as follows:

Chairperson : DA Undersecretary for Operations
Co- Chairperson : DA Field Operations Service Director
Members : Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization Representative
Philippine Rice Research Institute Representative
Land Bank of the Philippines Representative
Development Bank of the Philippines Representative
Agricultural Training Institute Representative
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Representative
Department of Agrarian Reform Representative
Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation Representative
National Economic Development Authority Representative
Bureau of Agricultural Fisheries and Engineering Representative
Bureau of Plant Industry Representative
Agricultural Credit Policy Council Representative
DA Information and Communication Technology Services Representative
DA Finance Management Service Representative
DA Planning and Monitoring Services Representative
DA High Value Crops Development Program (Representative
DA Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service Representative

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Secretariat : DA Philippine Integrated Rice Program

FUNCTIONS

A. The TWG shall:


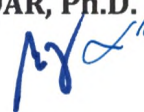
- To provide technical support to the RCEF Converged implementation;
- To provide regular updates to the implementation of the RCEF converge activities and its integration to the Rice Industry Roadmap;
- To recommend improvements on the RCEF Convergence Business Plan or Concept Note
- To propose strategies on strengthening identified business models
- To closely coordinate with partner farmer cooperatives and associations in the implementation of the program.

B. The Secretariat shall:

- Coordinate with the RCEF-CCG members for RCEF convergence related activities;
- Prepare general RCEF TWG documents/ correspondence.

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the TWG activities shall be charged to the regular funds of the lead agencies (PHilMech, PhilRice, ATI, TESDA, DBP and LBP) and will be subjected to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Done this 5th day of July 2021.


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