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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 231
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SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE PANEL OF EXPERTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DA BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AGENDA/ROADMAP 2023-2033

In the exigency of service, the panel of experts is hereby created to craft the DA Biotechnology Program Agenda/Roadmap 2023-2033.


The lead expert shall be elected among the members of the panel. The composition of the panel of experts shall be as follows:

- 1. Dr. Desiree M. Hautea**
Field of expertise: Genetic engineering, traditional and modern crop breeding
- 2. Dr. Billy P. Divina**
Field of expertise: Animal epidemiology and parasitology
- 3. Dr. Casiano H. Choresca, Jr.**
Field of expertise: Fish cloning and reproductive biotechnology, assisted reproductive technologies in fish, animal health
- 4. Dr. Evelyn Mae T. Mendoza**
Field of expertise: Assessing capacity building needs of government institutions, food safety, public management
- 5. Dr. Jaine C. Reyes**
Field of expertise: R&D management, technology assessment and commercialization, knowledge management, open and distance e-learning
- 6. Dr. Ronan G. Zagado**
Field of expertise: Science communication, development communication
- 7. Dr. Prudenciano U. Gordoncillo**
Field of expertise: Social science and agricultural economics

The panel of experts shall produce the following outputs:

1. A comprehensive report on the Biotech Program Agenda/Roadmap; and
2. Biotech Program Agenda/Roadmap presented to and approved by the DA Biotech Program Steering Committee and the Agriculture Secretary.

The ten-year agenda of the DA Biotechnology Program shall be updated in order to increase its relevance and contribution to the attainment of development goals of commodity industry roadmaps, and allow streamlining of initiatives in accordance with the OneDA Reform Agenda


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and the refurbished goals of the DA Biotechnology Centers. The new DA Biotechnology Program Agenda for 2023-2033 shall cover R4D, institutional capability enhancement, science communication/technology promotion, technology adoption/commercialization, and policy formulation/advocacy. It shall aim to address challenges of a modernized, resilient food system and agri-fishery sector as well as contribute to the industrialization of the sector for greater economic impact.

All expenses to be incurred relevant to the activities of the panel shall be charged against the DA Biotech Program funds. Non-DA members are entitled to receive honoraria in accordance with the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. DA members are entitled to receive honoraria for the roadmap development which is considered as service rendered in addition to their regular workload and are not among the regular and permanent functions of their respective agencies.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 21st day of March 2022.



WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

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