



SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS' EXCHANGE (SMEE)-
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ROUND FOR AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES COMMUNICATIONS THRUSTS (INTERACT) FOR
CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2023**

In the interest of service and in order to ensure that the strategic actions on digitalization of the Department of Agriculture (DA) are moving in the same direction, the DA Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS) will be conducting two (2) Information Technology Round for Agriculture and Fisheries Communications Thrusts (INTERACT)- ICT Subject Matter Experts' Exchange (SMEE).

These will be participated by the DA INTERACT focal persons, ICT representatives, invited resource persons, and participants from various operating units (OUs) of the Department.

The objectives of the events are the following:

A. SMEE - May 22 - 26, 2023 (Region IX)

- a. Update the ICT community on the plans and programs for the Digitalization of Philippine Agriculture for 2023;
- b. Present the ongoing ICT projects of DA Bureaus and Attached Corporations;
- c. Present the DA Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP) for FY 2024-2026;
- d. Discuss the Challenges in Cybersecurity; and
- e. Present technology updates.

B. SMEE - October 16 - 20, 2023 (Region XI)

- a. Cascade ICT strategic and operational plans to DA OUs;
- b. Showcase special projects on digitalization and present the status of on-going ICT projects;
- c. Review the physical and financial accomplishments of all operating units under the DA ISSP 2021-2023;
- d. Firm-up ICT initiatives for fiscal year (FY) 2024; and
- e. Present technology updates.

The participants of the activities are as follows:

Office Name	No. of Participants
DA OSEC Services and Divisions (1 pax each) (AMAS, FMS, FOS, IAS, ICTS, Legal Service, PDS, PMS, PRS, AS-OD, AS- Personnel, AS-Records, AS-HRDD, AS-GSD, AS-Procurement, AS-AFID, OSEC-Receiving)	17
OFFICE OF UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES (1 pax each)	5
Data Protection Officer (1 pax)	1
ALL DA BANNER PROGRAMS (1 pax each) (National Banner Programs for Rice, Corn, NOAP, Livestock, HVCDP, Halal, NUPAP)	7
DA REGIONAL FIELD OFFICES (2 pax each) (RFOs I - XIII and CAR)	30
DA BUREAUS (1 pax each) (ATI, BAFE, BAFS, BAI, BAR, BFAR, BPI, BSWM, PRRI)	9
DA ATTACHED AGENCIES (1 pax each) (ACPC, FPA, NFRDI, NMIS, PCAF, PCC, PHILFIDA, PHILMECH)	8
DA ATTACHED CORPORATIONS (1 pax each) (NIA, NDA, NFA, SRA, PhilRice, PCA, PCIC, PFDA, FDC)	9
DA Special Projects (1 pax each) (RCEF-NPMO, RSBSA-NPMO, PRDP, MIADP, AFMECHERN, DA-4K, SAAD, CRAO)	8
ICTS CHIEFS AND TECHNICAL STAFF	13
SUPPORT STAFF AND SECRETARIAT	9
GUESTS/ RESOURCE PERSONS	4
TOTAL	120

Traveling expenses and per diem of the participants shall be charged against their respective offices. Payment for the venue/ training facilities, food, accommodation, supplies and materials, and other incidental expenses including professional fees and fares of the resource speakers shall be charged against the DA-ICTS funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 15th day of February 2023.


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