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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF PHILIPPINE-EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (P-EAGA)
AGRIBUSINESS CLUSTER STEERING COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL
WORKING GROUPS**

In order to effectively support the sub-regional supply/value chain of the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Agribusiness Cluster, the Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups are hereby created with the following composition:

I. STEERING COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON : SENIOR UNDERSECRETARY DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN

VICE CHAIRPERSON : ENGR. ZAMZAMIN L. AMPATUAN, CESO I
Undersecretary for Special Concerns and for BARRM

MEMBERS : Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and Regulations
Undersecretary for Fisheries
Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development
Assistant Secretary for Policy, Research and Development
Assistant Secretary for Operations
Assistant Secretary for Consumer Affairs
Assistant Secretary-designate for Mindanao
Minister, Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, BARRM

FUNCTIONS:

- a. Provide policy directions of the P-EAGA Agribusiness Cluster.
- b. Ensure that the activities being conducted by the Cluster are in accordance with the policies created for that purpose.
- c. Ensure that implementation of projects is aligned to BIMP-EAGA Vision 2025.

II. AGRIBUSINESS CLUSTER TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

A. Agribusiness Cluster and Agro-Industry Working Group (AIWG)

CHAIRPERSON : Director, Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS)

MEMBERS :

Offices	Focal	Permanent Alternate
Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)	Director	Agricultural Center Chief, National Beef Cattle Research and Development Center (NBCRDC)
Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)	Administrator	Deputy Administrator, Operations Branch
Field Operations Service (FOS)	Director	FPOPD Chief
Policy Research Service (PRS)	Director	IAD Chief
DA Regional Field Office IV-B	Regional Executive Directors	AMAD Chief
DA Regional Field Office IX	Regional Executive Directors	AMAD Chief
DA Regional Field Office X	Regional Executive Directors	AMAD Chief
DA Regional Field Office XI	Regional Executive Directors	AMAD Chief
DA Regional Field Office XII	Regional Executive Directors	AMAD Chief
DA Regional Field Office XIII	Regional Executive Directors	AMAD Chief
BARMM MAFAR	Minister	AMAD Chief

Other DA bureaus, attached agencies, and banner programs may also be involved in the implementation and called in meetings, as the need arises, depending on the existing and new projects under the BIMP-EAGA.

B. Fisheries Working Group (FWG)

CHAIRPERSON : Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)

MEMBERS :

Offices	Focal	Alternate
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (National)	Assistant Director for Technical Services	Chief, Fisheries Planning and Economics Division
BFAR Regional Office IVB	Regional Director	P-EAGA Desk Officer IVB
BFAR Regional Office IX	Regional Director	P-EAGA Desk Officer IX
BFAR Regional Office X	Regional Director	P-EAGA Desk Officer X
BFAR Regional Office XI	Regional Director	P-EAGA Desk Officer XI
BFAR Regional Office XII	Regional Director	P-EAGA Desk Officer XII
BFAR Regional Office XIII	Regional Director	P-EAGA Desk Officer XIII
BARMM MAFAR	Minister	AMAD Chief

FUNCTIONS:

a. WG Chairpersons

1. Oversee and monitor the progress of the Working Group's (WG) programs, projects and activities;
2. Preside at every WG Meeting and ensure that all interests are heard, keep discussion to the point and summarize consensus of opinion in order;
3. Ensure the effective and timely delivery of the collective outputs of project implementers to achieve stated objectives and intended results, and brings to the Steering Committee's attention the issues or problems that need resolution at the in-country or sub-regional level; and,
4. Ensure the implementation of BIMP-EAGA related agreements (pertaining to the sector) as well as progress of the related projects and activities and conduct regular assessment of these initiatives;
5. Monitor and ensure that the P-EAGA deliverables are in support to the BIMP-EAGA initiatives; and
6. Organize and convene Working Group meetings.

b. WG Members

1. Update status of existing P-EAGA AIWG/FWG programs and projects;
2. Identify deliverables and set implementation plans for concerned programs/projects of the working group;
3. Strategize actions that need to be undertaken to expedite program and project implementation;
4. Assess the bottlenecks in the program and project implementation and recommend workable solutions;
5. Engage private sector's participation in the identification and implementation of programs and projects;
6. Endorse report of the working group to the P-EAGA Agribusiness Cluster for information and in coming up with necessary policy advocacy of the Steering Committee.

SECRETARIAT :

Working Group	Office	Secretariat
AIWG	DA-AMAS	Market Development Division
FWG	BFAR	Fisheries Planning and Economics Division Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Division

FUNCTIONS :

1. Provide updates and agreements from EAGA-related meetings and activities as inputs to the preparation of plans and target deliverables of the working group.
2. Circulate communications and correspondence to the members of the Working Groups;
3. Assist the Working Groups in updating accomplishments and other P-EAGA related data;
4. Consolidate the working group's initiatives and prepare an over-all Agribusiness Cluster report to be submitted to the BIMP-EAGA Philippine Secretariat;
5. Facilitate Working Group meetings; and

6. Perform other tasks that may be delegated by the Chairperson of the respective working group.

DA-AMAS shall serve as the Coordinating Center of the P-EAGA Agribusiness Cluster and shall coordinate with the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), the Philippine Secretariat of the BIMP-EAGA.

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of activities of the DA, its bureaus, attached agencies and regional offices as designated herewith, including travelling, per diems, and other incidental expenses, shall be chargeable against their respective office funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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 4th day of June 2023.


DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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