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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (NPSC) AS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCALE-UP (PRDP SCALE-UP), MINDANAO INCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (MIADP) AND PHILIPPINE FISHERIES AND COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECT (FISHCORE)

The Department of Agriculture (DA) entered into three (3) separate loan agreements for the institution and implementation of three (3) Foreign Assisted Projects. These are the Philippine Rural Development Project Scale-Up (PRDP Scale-Up), Mindanao Inclusive Agriculture Development Project (MIADP) and Philippine Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency Project (FishCoRe).

The PRDP Scale-Up, will focus on delivering climate-resilient access and value chain infrastructure support, as well as setting up efficient cluster-based agricultural and fishery productivity enhancement interventions with the end goal of building up food distribution hubs and logistics systems providing unhampered mobility, access and stable supply of food commodities and other agri-fishery products with reduced transport, handling, and hauling costs thereby improving product quality and prices in target markets.

The MIADP aims to increase agricultural productivity, resiliency, and access to markets and services of organized farmer and fisherfolk groups in selected Ancestral Domains and value chains in Mindanao with emphasis on Indigenous Cultural Communities / Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs).

The FishCoRe shall improve the management of targeted fisheries resources and enhance the value of fisheries production to coastal communities in Selected Fisheries Management Areas ("FMAs").

An Institutional Arrangement between the World Bank and DA during the negotiation of the above-stated loan agreements and creation of PRDP Scale-Up mandates the creation of a **NATIONAL PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE** or **NPSC** which shall be responsible for the overall direction and oversight of the implementation of the above-stated World Bank Foreign Assisted Projects. This NPSC will also act as the Policy Advisory Boards for MIADP and National Steering Committee (NSC) for FishCoRe, respectively as mandated in these projects' own loan agreements.

The NPSC shall also serve as the National Policy Advisory Board (NPAB) for the wrapping up of the PRDP (Original Loan, Additional Financing 1 and GEF Grant) and continuing implementation of PRDP Additional Financing 2 and EU Grant. The NPAB of PRDP, MAB of MIADP and NSC of FishCoRe as currently constituted, is hereby abolished establishing the NPSC in its place. The

NPSC shall here forth serve these advisory bodies' functions, apart from functions already laid forth in this Special Order.

The NPSC shall be the overall governing and policy-making body at the national level and shall be established and maintained throughout the duration of each of the project implementation periods with well-defined composition and functions and responsibilities as set out herein.

The NPSC shall have the following composition:

CHAIRPERSON	DA Secretary or Senior Undersecretary
CO-CHAIRPERSON FOR PRDP AND PRDP SCALE-UP	PRDP Scale-Up National Project Director
VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR PRDP SCALE-UP	PRDP Scale-Up National Deputy Project Director
MEMBERS FOR PRDP SCALE-UP CONCERNS	<p>Head of Agency or Designated Alternate of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC)• Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)• Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE)• Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)• Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)• Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)• Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)• Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)• Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)• National Dairy Authority (NDA)• National Irrigation Administration (NIA)• Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)• Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF)• National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD)• Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)• Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA) • Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)
CO-CHAIRPERSON FOR MIADP	DA Assistant Secretary for Operations
VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR MIADP	MIADP Project Director
MEMBERS FOR MIADP CONCERNS	<p>Head of Agency or Designated Alternate of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undersecretary for Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) • Assistant Secretary Designate for Mindanao • Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) • National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD) • Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) • Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) • Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)
CO-CHAIRPERSON FOR FISHCORE	Undersecretary for Fisheries
VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR FISHCORE	Assistant Secretary for Operations
MEMBERS FOR FISHCORE CONCERNS	<p>Head of Agency or Designated Alternate of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) • Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) • National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) • National Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (NFARMC)

The Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and member offices and/or agencies for each Foreign Assisted Project shall only vote and/or deliberate issues and concerns relating to that specific Foreign Assisted Project.



However, if a concern or issue involve and relate to one or more of the above-stated Foreign Assisted Projects, the Co-Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and member offices and/or agencies of all Foreign Assisted Project involved shall have one vote and/or deliberate issues and concerns relating to these Foreign Assisted Projects as a single body.

These member offices and/or agencies may designate permanent Alternates to the Head of Agency, which shall be a Director or higher position who shall perform all the functions and duties of the latter in this committee.

Representatives from other relevant government agencies shall be invited as resource persons if and when necessary.

The duties, functions and responsibilities of the NPSC are as follows:

- a. Provide overall direction and oversight for project implementation;
- b. Serve as policy-making body that guides the planning and activities of project implementation and with a view to ensuring a harmonized approach across the Department;
- c. Review, recommend and approve functions, organizational structures and staffing pattern requirements of PRDP Scale Up, MIADP and FishCoRe as well as these project's relevant Support and Regional Offices;
- d. Review, approve and endorse proposals for the annual budget of PRDP Scale Up, MIADP and FishCoRe;
- e. Furnish the annual work and financial plan (WFP) for the implementation of these projects to the funding institution for review and approval;
- f. Create, if needed, Regional Policy-making Bodies in all the regions of the country which shall be responsible for the oversight of project implementation at the regional level of the aforementioned project; and
- g. Perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary by the Chairperson for the effective execution of its functions and responsibilities.

To effectively carry out the foregoing functions and responsibilities, the NPSC shall meet annually or as the need arises. All expenses that shall be incurred in the performance of such functions and responsibilities shall be chargeable to the funds of PRDP Scale-Up, MIADP and/or FishCoRe subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The Special Projects Coordination and Management Assistance Division (SPCMAD) together with designated personnel from the above-stated Foreign Assisted Projects shall be the Project Technical Secretariat Committee for the aforementioned Projects which shall provide administrative and technical support for PRDP Scale-Up, MIADP and/or FishCoRe in the NPSC.



This Order shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, amended or supplemented by a succeeding order. All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 13th day of October, 2023.

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