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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD (NOAB) FROM THE SMALL FARMER ORGANIZATIONS, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM GROUPS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE 2023-2026

Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10068 also known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, as amended by Republic Act No. 11511, provides for the composition of the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB). Among the members of the NOAB are three (3) representatives from the small farmers, and a representative each from non-government organizations involved in organic agriculture for at least three (3) years, the private sector in the organic value chain, national association of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups, and agriculture colleges and universities. These representatives shall be chosen by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Science and Technology, respectively from among the nominees submitted by their respective national organizations.

In view of the above, the following are hereby appointed as members of the NOAB whose term of office is from 2023-2026:

Category	Organization/ Institution	Representative
Small Farmer (Luzon-Crops)	Yakap at Halik Multipurpose Cooperative Cavite	Mr. Gabriel A. Arubio
Small Farmer (Visayas-Livestock)	Aklan Provincial Organic Producers Association	Mr. Godynel D. Isedenia
Small Farmer (Mindanao-Crops)	Peoples Action for Liberative Agriculture Industry (PALAI), Inc.	Mr. Mael Jethel J. Kapunan
Non-Government Organization	Care Channels, Inc.	Ms. Aimee Loo Paredes
Private Sector	Lao Integrated Farms, Inc	Ms. Donna Lao Padre
Agricultural Colleges and Universities	University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)	Dr. Noel B. Lumbo
National Association on Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Groups	Participatory Guarantee Systems for Organic Philippines (PGS Pilipinas), Inc.	Mr. Rodolfo F. Cortez, Jr.

The following are the powers and functions of the NOAB per Section 9 of R.A. 10068, as amended:

1. Formulate policies, plans, programs, and projects to develop and promote organic agriculture, production, processing, and trade;





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2. Oversee the successful implementation of the NOAP;
3. Identify sources of financing to expand organic agriculture;
4. Monitor and evaluate the performance of programs for appropriate incentives;
5. Undertake measures for the international recognition of local certification of organic products;
6. Call upon any government agency to carry out and implement programs and projects identified by the NOAB;
7. Call upon private sectors, POs, NGOs, and the academe to provide advice on matters pertaining to organic agriculture and conduct capability-building initiatives to farmers, producers, extension workers, consumers, and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector in coordination with the ATI;
8. Submit annual and periodic reports to the President, Secretary of the DA, and Congress of the Philippines through the COCAFM;
9. Promulgate such rules and regulations and exercise such other powers and functions as may be necessary to carry out effectively the purposes and objectives of this Act; and
10. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for its effective operations and continued enhancement, growth, or development of organic agriculture.

The NOAB shall meet once every quarter and may hold special meetings when necessary. Moreover, the members of the NOAB may attend other meetings and activities such as, but not limited to, review of standards and guidelines pertaining to organic agriculture, monitoring and evaluation of projects, and other activities relative to the promotion and implementation of the NOAP.

As such, they shall be entitled to honoraria, travel and/or transportation expenses, per diems, and other incidental expenses for every meeting and activity attended, chargeable against the NOAB-PPO and NOAP funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect on November 26, 2023 and shall remain in force until November 25, 2026 or until the new representatives from these groups are selected. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Issued this 20th day of November, 2023.

FRANCISCO TU LAUREL, JR.
Secretary



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