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**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR THE FAO TCP/RAS/3903 PROJECT ON STRENGTHENING CAPACITY OF POLICY MAKERS TO MOBILIZE INVESTMENT FOR RESILIENT AND LOW EMISSION AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS IN ASIA UNDER ARTICLE 6 OF THE UNFCCC PARIS AGREEMENT**

In the exigency of service, a Project Steering Committee for the TCP/RAS/3903 Project of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with the subject *“Strengthening capacity of policy makers to mobilize investment for resilient and low emission agrifood systems in Asia under Article 6 of the UNFCCC Paris Agreement”* is hereby created to be composed of the following:

**PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Chair** : **Atty. Paz J. Benavidez II**  
Assistant Secretary for Policy and Regulations  
*Focal Person, FAO TCP/RAS/3903 Project*

**Vice Chair** : **Alicia G. Ilaga**  
Director, Climate Resilient Agriculture Office

**Members** : **Charlie G. Rivas, Jr.**  
Development Management Officer IV, OASPR

**Joshua Israel V. Sumague**  
Development Management Officer III, PRS

**Maria Jannell Feliz M. Talavera**  
Project Development Officer IV, CRAO

The Project Steering Committee shall:

1. Oversee the implementation of the project, including the monitoring of progress of various activities and submission of deliverables;
2. Provide strategic direction in the attainment of project milestones and issue the corresponding directives for compliance of the Project Management Team;

3. Review and approve key project outputs submitted by the Project Management Team in coordination with the FAO Project Consultant;
4. Represent the Department in major meetings and other activities with the FAO, including its Regional and National Office, in connection with the implementation of the project;
5. Endorse to the FAO the recommendations of the Project Management Team on major concerns and issues related to project implementation; and,
6. Conduct all other activities in support of its oversight role in the project.

To assist the Steering Committee towards the efficient and effective implementation of the project, a Project Management Team is also created to be composed of the following:

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**Project Manager** : **Director Alicia G. Ilaga**

**Members** : **Dean Marc A. Bolima, PRS**  
**Lee Andrew M. Calimutan, OASPR**  
**Carl Gil Angelo H. Celebria, OASPR**  
**Ryan Paul Q. Fungo, OASPR**  
**Joshua Israel V. Sumague, PRS**  
**Maria Janell Feliz M. Talavera, CRAO**  
**Jatlie G. Talon, CRAO**

The Project Management Team shall:

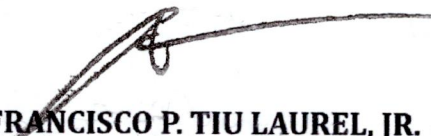
1. Implement the various activities under the project in coordination with various offices and units within the Department, the FAO, and the FAO Project Consultant;
2. Prepare reports, presentations, minutes, official communications, activity designs, and other deliverables in support of project implementation;
3. Prepare logistical requirements for project activities as may be necessary; and,
4. Conduct all other activities to ensure project completion.

All expenses to be incurred by the Project Steering Committee and the Project Management Team in the performance of their duties and functions shall be charged against the relevant FAO project funds, subject to the said organization's auditing rules and regulations.



This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the completion of the project. All orders, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby deemed revoked.

Done this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of APRIL 2024.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.**  
Secretary

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