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RRDIC-VI Memorandum No. 2023-004

For : RDC-VI Chairperson and the Full Council

Subject : **A RESOLUTION CREATING AD HOC TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SMART AGRICULTURE, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND THE BLUE ECONOMY**

Date : 4 December 2023

Action Desired

For approval

Background Information

The Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RRDIC) of the Regional Development Council (RDC) Western Visayas acknowledges the critical importance of addressing significant challenges related to Smart Agriculture, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the Blue Economy. In response to these issues, the committee has taken proactive measures by establishing ad hoc Technical Working Groups (TWGs). These specialized groups are tasked with the responsibility of closely monitoring and effectively managing initiatives, research, and developments pertaining to Smart Agriculture, AI, and the Blue Economy.

The ad hoc TWG for each subject will be composed of the following institutions:

A. Smart Agriculture *(with focus on project SARAI or the Smarter Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry in the Philippines)*

1. Western Visayas Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (WESVAARRDEC)
2. Department of Science and Technology (DOST) VI
3. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) VI
4. Department of Agriculture (DA) VI
5. Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council (RAFC)
6. Iloilo Provincial Government – Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA)

B. Artificial Intelligence

1. Western Visayas Consortium for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (WVCIEERD)
2. Department of Science and Technology (DOST) VI
3. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) VI
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) VI
5. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) VI
6. University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV)
7. West Visayas State University (WVSU)
8. Northern Iloilo State University (NISU)

C. Blue Economy

1. University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV)
2. Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)
3. Iloilo State University of Fisheries Science and Technology (ISUFST)
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) VI
5. Department of Science and Technology (DOST) VI
6. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
7. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) VI
8. Department of Tourism (DOT) VI
9. Western Visayas Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (WESVAARRDEC)
10. Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) VI


Dr. Andrew Eusebio S. Tan, Representative of the Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges (RASUC) Region VI and Vice President for Research and Extension of Carlos Hilado Memorial State University (CHMSU), moved for the approval of the memorandum, seconded by Ms. Ma. Luisa C. Segovia, Iloilo Business Club Member.

Certified Correct:



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Concurred:



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