



STATEMENT ON THE PHILIPPINES' ELECTION AS CO-CHAIR OF OECD'S INCLUSIVE FORUM ON CARBON MITIGATION APPROACHES

The Climate Change Commission (CCC) welcomes the election of Secretary Robert E.A. Borje, Vice Chairperson and Executive Director, as Co-Chair of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)'s Inclusive Forum on Carbon Mitigation Approaches (IFCMA), an initiative to assess the impacts of national mitigation interventions on global greenhouse gas emissions.

CCC Secretary Borje will be joined by two (2) other co-chairs: Switzerland's Martin Baur and Chile's Maria Jose Garcia. Co-chairs will serve for a period of three (3) years from 2023 to 2025, each to act as Steering Group Chair for a year, with the Philippines' term in 2024.

Serving as co-chair presents new opportunities to further strengthen international cooperation in climate action between developing and developed nations, and establish enabling policy environment towards improved access to technology development and transfer, capacity building, and finance and investments as regards carbon mitigation approaches.

As co-chair, the CCC will work to ensure that IFCMA will facilitate **practicable and pragmatic partnerships to fast-track higher impact and cost-effective climate change mitigation**, and further **promote complementation with the existing work of international bodies** such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement.

In the IFCMA Steering Group, the Asia-Pacific is represented by the Philippines, Japan, and Singapore – of which, the Philippines is the only middle-income nation, and to be elected as Co-Chair.

The CCC appreciates the vote of confidence and support by the OECD and IFCMA members, and believes that the election is a demonstration of the continued and growing recognition of the Philippine Government under President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.'s commitment and capability as a meaningful and constructive partner for transformative climate change action.

Currently, the Philippines is one of the IFCMA's Project Associates and a pilot country candidate, expected to provide data on climate change mitigation-related policies, programs, and projects, and in turn, benefit and learn from a range of carbon mitigation approaches from various countries in different regions.

The CCC will continue to involve more government agencies and stakeholders in the IFCMA work as part of One-Country-Team-Approach to address climate change and its impacts, towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient, and sustainable development.#

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