

CLOSING REMARKS

ENRA and PES Training-workshop

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Davao City

Training-workshop on the Environment and Natural Resources Accounting (ENRA) and Payment for Environmental Services (PES)

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Greetings to everyone.

As we conclude the three day workshop, I would like express gratitude to everyone, the guests, participants, our partners and the support staff for the successful conduct of the training-workshop on Environment and Natural Resources Accounting (ENRA) and Payment for Environmental Services or simply (PES).

ENRA provides important information regarding the monetary value of various goods and services from the ecosystem including its contribution to the over-all economic and green growth development of the local government. Whereas, the PES gives incentives in exchange for managing and promoting conservation of natural resources.

Our collective effort in this endeavor gives all of us a clear baseline information to identify the assets within our local jurisdiction. Hence, we can better utilize in a sustainable manner these assets by harnessing options for renewable energy resources to effectively prevent or reduce harmful emissions. This, in part, creates balance between economic growth and development meanwhile promoting the protection and conservation of the natural environment.

I am confident that this capacity building training workshop has provided you a better understanding of the concepts and principles of resource accounting as an important approach of assessing the economic values of ecosystems and environmental impacts of human activities in a particular locality.

Indeed, there is an urgency to approach local development planning on three fronts: disaster risk preparedness, environmental security and economic growth, in the light of the changing and worsening climatic conditions. These are important ingredients in “building resilience”. The CCC, as the primary lead agency in formulating climate change policies, including advocacies on innovative climate change practices and models for resilient communities is embarking on major thrusts essentially focused on building resilience through understanding reducing climate and disaster risk.

Our development pursuits and efforts in reducing climate and disaster will be shaped by three Post-2015 International Frameworks; the *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030)*, *The Sustainable Development Goals (2015-2030)* and the *Paris Climate Change Agreement*.

Likewise, CCC will promote convergence and integration of various existing government

efforts towards holistic, risk and science based approach to national and local development planning in achieving national targets in line with post-2015 international frameworks. CCC will also continue to initiate capacity development in strengthening the understanding of climate change and disaster for resilient and sustainable development planning at national and local levels.

Understanding Climate Change and Disaster Risk (UCCDR) has the following components;

- a. establishment of national climate and disaster risk information system;
- b. capacity development on climate and disaster risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis for local development planning;
- c. establishment of national disaster loss and damage inventory-database system
- d. policy development on disaster risk financing and risk transfer mechanism
- e. integration of climate change and disaster risk knowledge in K-12 education
- f. information-education communication on disaster and climate risk reduction, including raising awareness on the post-2015 international development frameworks
- g. strengthening multi-hazard early warning system and services and
- h. establishment of monitoring, reporting and evaluation system for the implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk reduction, SDG and paris agreement.

The current initiative of the CCC, ADB-JFPR together with the consortium (SEARCA-CTI-WCI-ERGONS) in promoting Climate Resilience and Green Growth in Critical Watersheds, specifically in the Provinces of Davao Oriental, Lower Marikina Riverbasin and Camarines Sur is aligned to what we want to achieve-BUILDING RESILIENCE.

As an incentive for compliance, the People's Survival Fund (PSF) is now ready to be tapped. The first recipients of this huge CCA Fund are those LGUs who are able to prepare LCCAP.

The trainings and workshops will be beneficial for you to fully equip with the proper skills, knowledge and technical know-how on conducting NRA in targetted municipalities. I hope that what you have learned from this training will help you in formulating sensible and appropriate plans, programs, projects geared towards achieving climate and disaster resilient communities.

As we bid goodbye, it is my great wish that your passion and commitment to keep learning new concepts, tools, methods and strategies on NR accounting and valuation as well as PES will redound to the formulation of local projects that are climate resilient and green growth in nature for the sustainable growth and development of your respective LGUs.

Maraming Salamat and Mabuhay tayong lahat! # #