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**NCI-SRD JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 08, Series of 2020**

**INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NCI-SRD POLICY INDEXING OF JOINT POLICY ISSUANCES  
AMONG THE DA-DAR-DENR-DILG AFFECTING THE NCI-SRD OPERATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 directs the government to complement strategic efforts with environmental and governance strategies through the national convergence initiative using the ridge-to-reef approach and the sustainable integrated area development (SIAD) for the sustainable management of natural resources and rural development;


**WHEREAS**, the NCI-SRD is a strategy to develop and operationalize a common framework for Sustainable Rural Development that will facilitate the convergence of the resources of the different agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 1, series of 2020 (Revised DA-DAR-DENR-DILG JAO No. 01, Series of 2015: Strengthening the Implementation Framework for the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development) provides for the mechanisms and operationalization of the NCI-SRD strategy from the national, regional, provincial to the municipal/city levels where the NCI-SRD strategy is implemented;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG JAO No. 01, series of 2020 states that the Policy and Advocacy Component Working Group (PA CWG) shall be responsible for the review and audit of conflicting and overlapping policies that hamper the implementation of the programs, activities, and projects (P/A/Ps) of the NCI-SRD agencies across all ecosystems. It shall also recommend and draft relevant policy instruments that shall harmonize or improve existing policies;

**WHEREAS**, the NCI-SRD Joint Resolution No. 12, series of 2018 (Approving the NCI-SRD National Capacity Development Plan for FY 2018-2022) directs the National Technical Working Group (NTWG), composed of the four (4) Chairpersons of the NCI-SRD Component Working Groups, to implement the priority capacity building activities, identified in the plan;

**WHEREAS**, the PA CWG identified the NCI-SRD policy indexing as one of its high priority capacity building activities, as indicated in the NCI-SRD National Capacity Development Plan for FY 2018-2020 in order to develop a database of existing policies across NCI-SRD agencies for streamlining purposes, which was targeted to be conducted in FY 2020;

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**WHEREAS**, on 09 March 2020, the PA CWG during its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting agreed on the pre-work, prescribed template, and schedule of the NCI-SRD policy indexing to be conducted on 05 to 07 August 2020, as prepared and presented by the National Secretariat;

**WHEREAS**, on 03 July 2020, the PA CWG during its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting agreed on the scope and coverage of the policy indices which shall only include inter-agency policy issuances affecting the NCI-SRD operations;


**WHEREAS**, on 05 to 07 August 2020, the PA CWG and the National Secretariat conducted the NCI-SRD Policy Indexing, presented a list of joint policy issuances per Department, and agreed on the major policy indices and corresponding sub-indices based on the basic principles of thematic analysis, as indicated and described in **Annex A**;

**WHEREAS**, the PA CWG and the National Secretariat generated a harmonized and streamlined list of joint policy issuances among the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG affecting the NCI-SRD operations categorized according to appropriate sub-indices as indicated in **Annex B**;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in view of the foregoing, we, the NSC hereby RESOLVE to direct the PA CWG to institutionalize the NCI-SRD policy indexing through regular annual submission per Department to the National Secretariat, categorization of joint policy issuances based on the established policy indices and sub-indices, periodic review and evaluation of submitted joint policy issuances, and dissemination through appropriate and relevant NCI-SRD quad-media platforms effective immediately.

**Done in Quezon City, Philippines this** 03 **day of** July, **2020.**



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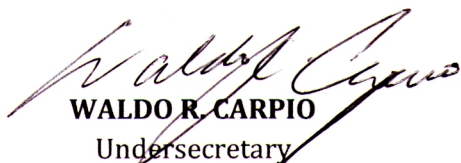
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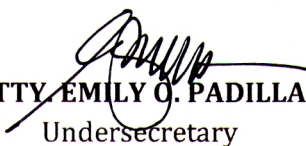
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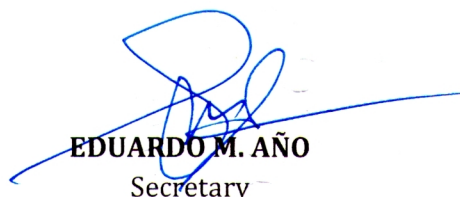
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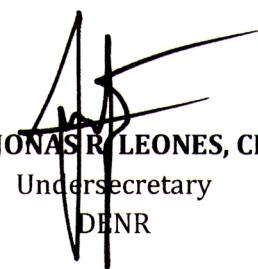
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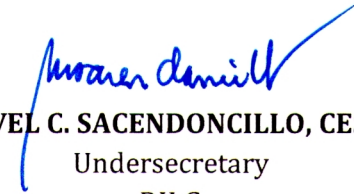
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