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### FY 2020 Accomplishment Report

For 2020, the NCI-SRD implemented the approved programs, activities and projects (P/A/Ps) stipulated in the following three (3) development plans approved by the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG Secretaries in 2018: (1) NCI-SRD Roadmap for 2018-2030, (2) NCI-SRD Secretariat Strategic Plans for FY 2018-2022, and the (3) NCI-SRD National Capacity Development Plan for FY 2018-2022.

The following are the six (6) major accomplishments for FY 2020:

1. **Issuance of 15 NCI-SRD Joint Resolutions** by the National Steering Committee (NSC) composed of the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG Secretaries and permanent alternate Undersecretaries. They are as follows (approved as NCI-SRD Joint Resolution Nos. 1 to 15, series of 2020, respectively):
  1. Directing the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Group (RCI TWG) Eastern Visayas to Fund and Implement the Abuyog, Leyte Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) for FY 2021-2025;
  2. Directing the RCI TWG Zamboanga Peninsula to Fund and Implement the Siocon-Lituban Watershed CADP for FY 2021-2025;
  3. Creation of the Inter-agency Technical Working Group under Section 14 of the Joint DA-DENR-DILG Administrative Order (JAO) No. 01 series of 2008 to Address Policy Issues on the Abandoned, Undeveloped, and Underutilized Fishponds (AUUF) in Relation to Fishpond Lease Agreement (FLA);
  4. Approving the NCI-SRD Strategy Framework as Basis for the Establishment of the NCI-SRD Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation (RBME) System;
  5. Directing the RCI TWG Central Visayas to Proceed with the Preparation and Formulation of the Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) of Badian-Alegria-Dalaguete-Alcoy-Malabuyoc (BADAM) Watershed, Cebu Province;
  6. Directing the RCI TWG Central Visayas to Proceed with the Preparation and Formulation of the CADP of Bateria Watershed Covering Guihulngan City; and
  7. Directing the RCI TWG Zamboanga Peninsula to Fund and Implement the Ayala District CADP for FY 2021-2025.
  8. Institutionalizing the NCI-SRD Policy Indexing of Joint Policy Issuances Among the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG Affecting the NCI-SRD Operations;
  9. Directing the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Groups (RCI TWGs) to Mainstream the Budget for the Programs/ Activities/ Projects (P/A/Ps) in the Convergence Areas in the FY 2022 Budget Proposals of the Respective Agencies;
  10. Directing the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Groups (RCI TWGs) to Adopt and Promote Bamboo as a High Value Crop and Report on Complementmentation of Interventions that Supports the Development of the Bamboo Industry in the Convergence Areas;

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11. Approving the NCI-SRD Procedural Manual for Implementation and Dissemination to the NCI-SRD Working Groups at the National and Regional Levels;
  12. Approving the NCI-SRD FY 2020 Accomplishment Report;
  13. Approving the NCI-SRD FY 2021 Annual Operational Plans and Budget;
  14. Approving the NCI-SRD FY 2022 Plans and Budget Proposals; and
  15. Designating the NCI-SRD Component Working Groups Chairpersons for Four (4) Consecutive Terms (FY 2021-2032).
2. Approval of three (3) convergence areas with Convergence Area Development Plans (CADPs), namely:
    1. Abuyog, Leyte of RCI TWG Eastern Visayas;
    2. Siocon-Lituban Watershed of RCI TWG Zamboanga Peninsula; and
    3. Ayala District, Zamboanga City of RCI TWG Zamboanga Peninsula.
  3. Approval of Joint Memorandum Order (JMO) No. 01, series of 2020 (Establishing the NCI-SRD Coordination Mechanism for Rubber, Fiber Crops, Coffee, Cacao and Other High Value Crops).
  4. Draft Senate version of the National Convergence Initiative Bill (National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development or the NCI-SRD Act of 2020).
  5. NCI-SRD Proposal and Policy Recommendations for the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP<sup>2</sup>) Program.
  6. NCI-SRD Procedural Manual.

#### **I. NCI-SRD Major Activities**

The following major activities were conducted via online platform:

1. NCI-SRD Management Information System Orientation (MIS) on 17 to 18 June 2020; and
2. NCI-SRD Policy Indexing on 05 to 07 August 2020;
3. NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Initial Drafting) on 11 to 14 August 2020;
4. NCI-SRD MIS User Acceptance Testing on 18 to 20 August 2020;
5. NCI-SRD Policy Development Writeshop on 25 to 28 August 2020;
6. NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Final Drafting) on 22 to 25 September 2020;
7. NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Workshop (Finalization) on 21 to 23 October 2020;
8. NCI-SRD FY 2020 Assessment and FY 2022 Operational Planning Workshop on 17 to 20 November 2020;
9. NCI-SRD Secretariat FY 2020 Year-End Assessment and Operational Planning on 09 to 11 December 2020; and



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10. NCI-SRD Management Information System (MIS) Final User Acceptance Testing 15 to 18 December 2020.

## II. National Steering Committee (NSC) and National Technical Working Group (NTWG) Major Activities

The NSC conducted four (4) meetings for January to November 2020, with the following details:

Meeting	Date	Venue	Major Accomplishment
ANSC 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting	28 January 2020	Department of Agriculture	Approval of two (2) NCI-SRD joint resolution (NCI-SRD Joint Resolution No. 1 and 2, series of 2020), and JMO No. 1, series of 2020 with details indicated above.
NSC Special Meeting	19 May 2020	Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) Convention Hall with live teleconferencing via Google Meet	Approval and endorsement of the NCI-SRD Proposal and Policy Recommendations for the BP <sup>2</sup> Program
NSC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting	30 June 2020	BSWM Director's Office with live teleconferencing via Google Meet	Approval of five (5) NCI-SRD joint resolution (NCI-SRD Joint Resolutions No. 3 to 7, series of 2020) with details indicated above.
NSC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting	30 September 2020	Google Meet	Approval of three (3) NCI-SRD joint resolution (NCI-SRD Joint Resolutions No. 8 to 10, series of 2020) with details indicated above.
NSC 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	25 November 2020	Google Meet	Approval of five (5) NCI-SRD joint resolution (NCI-SRD Joint Resolutions No. 11 to 15, series of 2020) with

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Meeting	Date	Venue	Major Accomplishment
			details indicated above.

The NTWG, composed of the Chairpersons of the four (4) Component Working Groups (CWGs), conducted four (4) meetings for FY 2020 held 14 January, 02 June, 09 September, and 10 November 2020 for the final technical review of the NCI-SRD policy instruments and reports, prior to the approval of the NSC.

### III. CWG Major Accomplishments and Activities


#### a. Policy and Advocacy (PA) CWG

The PA CWG conducted six (6) regular meetings for FY 2020. Two (2) regular meetings were held at the DA-BSWM (10 January and 06 March), and four (4) regular meetings were facilitated virtually through Google Meet and Zoom (08 May, 03 July, 04 September, and 06 November 2020). They facilitated the NCI-SRD Policy Indexing on 05 to 07 August 2020 and the NCI-SRD Policy Development Writeshop on 25 to 28 August 2020. They also participated in the NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Initial Drafting) (11 to 14 August 2020), NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Final Drafting) (22 to 25 September 2020), and NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Workshop (Finalization) (21 to 23 October 2020).

#### Major Accomplishments:

1. Final Draft Abandoned, Undeveloped, Underutilized Fishponds (AUUF) Policy Brief;
2. Final Draft Joint Memorandum Order (JMO) on "Establishing the NCI-SRD Coordination Mechanism on Rubber, Fiber Crops, and Other High Value Crops;"
3. Draft NCI-SRD Bill Senate Version (National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development or the NCI-SRD Act of 2020);
4. Draft NCI-SRD Joint Resolutions No. 01 to 15, series of 2020, with details indicated above;
5. Final draft indices and sub-indices of joint policy issuances among the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG that affect the NCI-SRD;
6. Final list of joint policy issuances per index and sub-index;
7. Draft NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Subsection on "Policies and Procedures on Policy and Advocacy"; and
8. Designation of PA CWG Chairpersons for the next four (4) terms.



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*b. Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries-Enterprise Cluster and Business Development (AFFECBD) CWG*

The AFFECBD CWG conducted five (5) regular meetings and one (1) joint meeting with the Knowledge Management Component Working Group (KM CWG). One (1) regular meeting (27 February 2020) was held at the DA-BSWM, and four (4) virtual meetings (04, June, 18 June, 27 August, 08 October, and 03 December 2020) were conducted through Google Meet. They also participated in the NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Initial Drafting) (11 to 14 August 2020) and NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Final Drafting) (22 to 25 September 2020), and NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Workshop (Finalization) (21 to 23 October 2020).

*Major Accomplishments:*

1. NCI-SRD Consolidated Summary of Convergence Areas with Approved CADPs;
2. Consolidated List of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Latest Data on Priority Commodities in the Convergence Areas;
3. Draft Revised Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation (RBME) Tool for AFFECBD CWG;
4. Facilitated submission of two (2) project proposals by RCI TWGs Eastern Visayas and Cagayan Valley to the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA);
5. Consolidated List of Indigenous Peoples (IP) Profile in the Convergence Areas; and
6. Designation of AFFECBD CWG Chairpersons for the next four (4) terms.

*c. Capacity Development (CD) CWG*

The CD CWG conducted six (6) regular meetings for FY 2020. Two (2) regular meetings were held at the DA-BSWM (09 January and 05 March 2020), and four (4) regular meetings were conducted virtually through Google Meet (07 May, 09 July, 10 September, and 12 November 2020). They were also the lead CWG during the NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Initial Drafting) (11 to 14 August 2020) and NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Final Drafting) (22 to 25 September 2020), and NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Workshop (Finalization) (21 to 23 October 2020).

*Major Accomplishments:*

1. Draft Master in Public Management major in Rural Development (MPM-RD) Scholarship Program Guidelines;
2. Draft MPM-RD Scholarship Program Design;
3. Final Draft FY 2018 and FY 2019 Learning and Development Activity Assessment Reports;
4. Final Draft FY 2020 Learning and Development Activity Assessment Reports;
5. Final Draft Activity Designs for FY 2021 L&D Activities;
6. Draft NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Subsection on “Policies and Procedures on Learning and Development Activities”; and
7. Designation of CD CWG Chairpersons for the next four (4) terms.

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*d. Knowledge Management (KM) CWG*

The KM CWG conducted five (5) regular meetings and one (1) joint meeting with the AFFECBD CWG. One (1) regular meeting (05 February 2020) was held at the DA-BSWM, and five (5) virtual meetings (03 June, 04, June, 05 August, 07 October, and 02 December 2020) were conducted through Google Meet. They facilitated the NCI-SRD Management Information System (MIS) Orientation on 17 to 18 June 2020 and the NCI-SRD MIS User Acceptance Testing on 18 to 20 August 2020 through Google Meet. They also participated in the NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Initial Drafting) (11 to 14 August 2020) and NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Final Drafting) (22 to 25 September 2020), and NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Workshop (Finalization) (21 to 23 October 2020).

*Major Accomplishments:*

1. Final Draft NCI-SRD Strategy Framework;
2. Final Draft NCI-SRD Primer;
3. Revised Draft NCI-SRD MIS;
4. Final Draft Proposal on the Level of Awareness, Knowledge, Participation and Support to NCI-SRD of Selected Strategic Audiences for the implementation of the NCI-SRD Strategic Communication Plan for FY 2021 to 2025;
5. NCI-SRD Digest (January to June and July to December 2020);
6. Draft NCI-SRD Logical Framework;
7. Final Draft NCI-SRD Website sitemap;
8. Draft NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Subsections on "Policies and Procedures on Development of Knowledge Products" and "Rules and Procedures on Data and Information Management";
9. Published NCI-SRD Strategic Communications Plan for FY 2021-2025; and
10. Designation of KM CWG Chairpersons for the next four (4) terms.

#### **IV. NCI-SRD National Secretariat Major Accomplishments**

The NCI-SRD National Secretariat accomplished the following:

1. NCI-SRD National Secretariat Pandemic Plan;
2. NCI-SRD National Secretariat Guidelines for Alternative Work Arrangements;
3. NCI-SRD Secretariat Organization Development Project Report;
4. Final Draft NCI-SRD Procedural Manual;
5. NCI-SRD Standard Formats and Templates;
6. Consolidated Summary of Existing Convergence Areas with CADPs;
7. Consolidated List of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (AFF) Online Courses and Webinars;
8. List of DA-Agriculture Training Institute (ATI)'s Online and Blended Learning and Development Activities;



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9. Revised draft NCI-SRD MIS Database;
10. Draft NCI-SRD joint policy resolutions (Resolution Nos. 1 to 15, series of 2020);
11. NCI-SRD Assessment Reports of FY 2020 L&D Activities; and
12. Orientation of new CWG members of the four (4) CWGs.

## V. RCI TWG Major Accomplishments and Activities

In line with the publication of the NCI-SRD Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 1, series of 2020 (Revised DA-DAR-DENR-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 01 Series of 2015 (Strengthening the Implementation Framework for the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development)), the RCI TWGs were directed by the NSC Permanent Alternate Chairperson to issue a Joint Special Order (JSO) on the reconstitution of the RCI TWG and RCI TWG Secretariat. To date, the following nine (9) RCI TWGs have issued a JSO:

1. CAR
2. Cagayan Valley
3. Central Luzon
4. MIMAROPA
5. Western Visayas
6. Central Visayas
7. Eastern Visayas
8. Northern Mindanao
9. Davao

The RCI TWGs also participated in the following six (6) activities, which were facilitated by the National Secretariat and CWGs using Google Meet and Zoom:

1. NCI-SRD MIS Orientation on 17 to 18 June 2020;
2. NCI-SRD MIS User Acceptance Testing on 18 to 20 August 2020;
3. NCI-SRD Policy Development Writeshop on 25 to 28 August 2020;
4. NCI-SRD Procedural Manual Writeshop (Final Drafting) on 22 to 25 September 2020;
5. NCI-SRD FY 2020 Assessment and FY 2022 Operational Planning Workshop on 17 to 20 November 2020; and
6. NCI-SRD MIS Final User Acceptance Testing 15 to 18 December 2020.