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**National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural  
Development (NCI-SRD)**

## RESOLUTION

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### NCI-SRD RESOLUTION NO. 1 Series of 2023

#### **DIRECTING THE REGIONAL CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS TO REITERATE AND SOLIDIFY THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE ONE CONVERGENCE AREA PER REGION POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the Strategy Framework to Modernize Agriculture and Agribusiness, Chapter 5 of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, states that in order to achieve Outcome 4: Agricultural Institution Strengthened, improved coordination, and convergence of government agencies in planning, programming, and budgeting is needed;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 15 of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 highlights the list of legislative agenda to accelerate climate action and strengthen disaster resilience including the proposed Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Act which aims to institutionalize the ICM as a national strategy to ensure the holistic and sustainable management of various ecosystems and natural resources through the “ridge-to-reef” approach;

**WHEREAS**, Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 01, series of 2020 (Revised JAO No. 01 Series of 2015: Strengthening the Implementation Framework for the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG NCI-SRD) identifies the NCI-SRD as a government strategy that can contribute to inclusive growth and poverty reduction in the countryside, through complementation of efforts of the rural development agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG JAO No.1, series of 2020 further states that the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Group (RCI TWG) shall act as the regional arm of the National Technical Working (NTWG) in supervising the implementation of the programs, activities, and projects (P/A/Ps) under the approved Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) and the NCI-SRD;

**WHEREAS**, the NCI-SRD Joint Resolution No. 03, series of 2018 was issued on 12 January 2018, adopting the “One Convergence Area per Region” Policy;

**WHEREAS**, the NCI SRD Policy and Advocacy Component Working Group (PA CWG), convened in a regular meeting on 04 November 2022 and agreed to endorse the joint policy directing the RCI TWGs to reiterate and solidify their commitment to the One Convergence Area Per Region policy;

**WHEREAS**, the NCI-SRD National Technical Working Group (NTWG), composed of the National Focal Person (NFP) and the Chairpersons of the four (4) Component Working Groups (CWGs) convened in a regular meeting held on 14 November 2022 and agreed to endorse it to the NCI-SRD National Steering Committee (NSC) for approval;

**WHEREAS**, the NCI-SRD NSC, composed of the Secretaries of DA, DAR, DENR, and DILG and represented by their permanent alternate Undersecretaries and representatives, convened in a regular meeting held on 2 December 2022 and approved the reiteration of the One Convergence Policy per Region;

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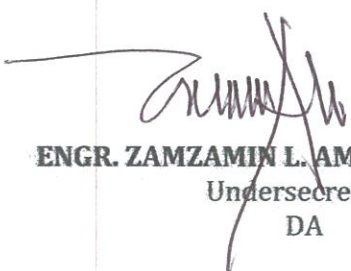
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**NOW, THEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, the NSC hereby **RESOLVES** to direct the RCI TWG to reiterate and solidify their commitment to the One Convergence Area per Region policy.

**Done in Quezon City, Philippines this 8th day of March 2023.**

**APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE NSC OR THEIR PERMANENT ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

  
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