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

RESOLUTION

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NCI-SRD RESOLUTION NO. 08 Series of 2023

DIRECTING THE REGIONAL CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (RCI TWG) CENTRAL LUZON TO PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATION AND FORMULATION OF THE CONVERGENCE AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CADP) OF THE MAYANTOC, CAPAS, BAMBAN, AND TARLAC CITY (MACABAT) CONVERGENCE AREA IN TARLAC

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, further, the JAO No. 1, Series of 2020 states that the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Group (RCI TWG) shall act as the regional arm of the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) in providing technical assistance in the development of CADPs proposed by the local government units (LGU) and supervising the implementation of its programs, activities, and projects (P/A/P);

WHEREAS, the RCI TWG Central Luzon issued Resolution No. 1, series of 2022 on 27 May 2022, approving the proposal to adopt the Mayantoc, Capas, Bamban, and Tarlac City (MACABAT) Convergence Area covered by the Tarlac Watershed based on the must and prioritization criteria;

WHEREAS, the MACABAT Convergence Area is a combination of lowland and upland ecosystems aimed to promote sound ecosystem management as a foundation for sustainable economic development that enables the people of Mayantoc, Capas, Bamban and Tarlac City to become self-reliant;

WHEREAS, the revised NCI-SRD Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) Manual of Operations published on December 2022 shall be the basis of the preparatory, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and sustainability phases of the CADP;



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WHEREAS, the NCI-SRD NTWG, composed of the National Focal Person (NFP) and Chairpersons of the four Component Working Groups (CWGs) convened in a regular meeting held on 15 February 2023 and agreed to endorse the MACABAT as a new convergence area of RCI TWG Central Luzon to the NCI-SRD National Steering Committee (NSC), after final technical review of the convergence area briefer;

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 meeting held on 08 March 2023 and approved the MACABAT Convergence Area as a new convergence area;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in view of the foregoing, the NSC hereby RESOLVES to direct the RCI TWG Central Luzon to proceed with the preparation and formulation of the CADP of MACABAT Convergence Area covering the Tarlac Watershed.



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

**APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE NSC AND/OR THEIR PERMANENT ALTERNATE
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