

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CARAGA REGION

Resolution No. 33, Series of 2021

"ENDORSING THE CARAGA COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CFIDP)"

WHEREAS, the coconut industry is considered as one of the pillars of the Philippine economy contributing an annual average of PhP91.4 Billion export earnings from 2014 to 2018, representing 25 percent of the total agriculture exports in 2018;

WHEREAS, the Country has 3.6 Million hectares of coconut farms, which are the main sources of livelihood of the 2.5 Million coconut farmers:

WHEREAS, Caraga Region has 272,093 hectares of coconut production area, encompassing 46 percent the Region's total agricultural land and 14 percent of the its total land area with an average yield of 48 nuts per tree per year;

WHEREAS, about 126,000 farmers in the Region are engaged in coconut farming, generating approximately PhP6 Billion worth of coconut production in 2019;

WHEREAS, the Coconut Industry is one of the priority industry clusters adopted and supported by the Caraga RDC through Caraga RDC Resolution No. 16, Series of 2009, "A Resolution Recognizing and Adopting the Coconut Industry as One of Caraga Region's Industry Clusters;"

WHEREAS, despite the continued demand for exports and the vast potential for further development, the coconut industry remains wanting of significant improvement for the past years, particularly in the processing and trading part of the value chain;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11524, otherwise known as the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act, mandates the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) to prepare the CFIDP, which shall be subjected to the approval of the President;

WHEREAS, the same section also provides that the CFIDP shall set the directions and policies for the development and rehabilitation of the coconut industry within 50 years;

WHEREAS, the Caraga CFIDP envisions for a progressive region for coconut product and byproduct that contributes to food security and income stability among farmers and workers in the industry;

WHEREAS, said Plan comprises the following components with a total investment requirement amounting to PhP 3.7 Billion to be implemented for the period 2022-2026:



Program	Target Investment (PhP '000)
Share Service Facilities	460,800.00
Hybridization	308,150.00
Coconut-Based Farming System	433,554.73
Research, Promotion and Marketing	112,350.00
Social Protection	1,008,428.33
Credit Program	450,000.00
Infrastructure Development	454,000.00
Organizing and Empowerment of Coconut Farmer Organization	458,425.00
Total	3,685,708.06

WHEREAS, the CFIDP is aligned with the thrusts and priorities of the Caraga Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022 Midterm Update, particularly in expanding economic opportunities of the agriculture, forestry and fishery, as well as in reducing vulnerabilities of individuals and families:

WHEREAS, the RDC-Economic Development Committee (EDC) deliberated and endorsed to the Caraga RDC the Caraga CFIDP during its 2nd Quarter 2021 Meeting through Resolution No. 12, Series of 2021:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on motion of Gov. Arlene J. Bag-ao, RDC-EDC Chairperson and Governor of the Province of Dinagat Islands and duly seconded by Gov. Santiago B. Cane, Jr., RDC-Infrastructure Development Committee (IDC) Chairperson and Governor of Agusan Del Sur, to endorse the Caraga CFIDP:

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this endorsement be carried out without prejudice to the compliance of documentary requirements as provided by existing laws, rules and regulations;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Central and Regional Offices of PCA, for consideration and appropriate action;

DONE, during the 106th Caraga RDC Full Council Meeting on 24 June 2021 via a Teleconference

Certified Correct:

GEMIMA A. OLAM

Secretary, Caraga RDC and Assistant Regional Director

Attested by:

PRISCILLA R. SONIDO, CESO IV Vice Chairperson, Caraga RDC and

Regional Director, NEDA Caraga

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Presiding Officer

Chairperson, Caraga RDC and Governor, Agusan del Norte