



## Forum on Environmental Science Research Agenda

24 August 2012 ♦ Mabini Hall, Malacañang Compound, San Miguel, Manila

### Background

The Climate Change Commission, together with the Commission on Higher Education, University of the Philippines Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology and School of Environmental Science and Management, and Ateneo de Manila University, with support from the GIZ Inventory of Methods for CCA Project, are holding the **Forum on Environmental Science Research Agenda**. This forum is among the series of workshops and consultations aimed at developing a comprehensive and cohesive Philippine Climate Change R&D Agenda that answers the country's need for collective actions to environmental, social, political, and economic problems, issues exacerbated by the impacts of climate change.

The Philippine Climate Change R&D Agenda is aligned along the seven strategic priorities identified in the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP). Recognizing the multi-faceted interactions within the Earth system that help shape Filipino lives, one of the NCCAP strategic priorities is ensuring Environment and Ecological Stability. Understanding the complex picture of these interacting challenges, problems and issues on climate change and environmental science in the Philippines is an imperative. Addressing this complexity requires an integrative, multi-disciplinary, collaborative, cooperative and inter-sectoral approach. One such approach is an Environmental Science National R&D Agenda drawn from a series of consultations with stakeholders and experts from the academe, scientific community, government, non-government organizations, industry and the private sector.

This forum, to be held on August 24 at the Social Hall, Mabini Hall, Malacañang Compound, Manila, is another step towards a truly comprehensive Philippine R&D agenda for environment and ecological stability of the Philippines.

### Objective and Expected Outputs

The forum aims to present the draft Environmental Science National Research and Development Agenda to the greater academic community, as well as to key partners in the application of researches, with the aim of validating the results of two initial consultations. A final draft of the Environmental Science National Research and Development Agenda will be crafted following the results of the forum. The forum also aims to gather support from agencies responsible for the use of existing and future researches.

### Target Participants

The forum will bring together around 70 participants from Higher Education Institutions to validate and help refine the draft Environmental Science R&D Agenda. Representatives from key government agencies, the private sector and international funding institutions are also invited for their input and commitment of support to the national agenda.

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### Proposed Program

8.00 **Registration**

8.30 **Preliminaries**

#### Opening Remarks

Commissioner Naderev M. Saño, *Climate Change Commission*

9.00 **Overview and Rationale**

Dr. Maria Victoria O. Espaldon, *School of Environmental Science and Management, and Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, UP Los Baños*

9.15 **Delving into the National Environmental Science Research Agenda**

#### Atmosphere

Dr. Gemma Narisma, *Manila Observatory/Ateneo de Manila University*

#### Lithosphere

Dr. Rene Claveria, *Department of Environmental Science, Ateneo de Manila University*  
Dr. Decibel Eslava, *School of Environmental Science and Management, UP Los Baños*

#### *Coffee Break*

#### Biosphere

Dr. Lemnuel Aragon, *Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology, UP Diliman*

#### Hydrosphere

Dr. Carlos Primo David, *National Institute of Geological Sciences, UP Diliman*

#### Humanosphere

Dr. Rene Rollon, *Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology, UP Diliman*  
Dr. Rico Ancog, *School of Environmental Science and Management, UP Los Baños*

10.45 **Discussion and Open Forum**

11.15 **Statements of Support**

Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Department of Science and Technology  
Department of Agriculture  
Department of Trade and Industry  
NDRRMC-OCD  
Department of Education  
Aksyon Klima

1.00 **Synthesis and Closing**

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