

# Climate-Resilient Agriculture and Low-Carbon Food Systems in the ASEAN Region 5<sup>th</sup> Expert Committee Meeting

Time and date: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. PHT (GMT +8), 25 June 2024

Venue: Asian Development Bank HQ and Online

## **1. Opening**

Mr. Shingo Kimura, Principle Natural Resources and Agriculture Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB), gave the opening remarks and welcomed the members of the Expert Committee (EC) and other participants who attended the meeting. Mr. Kimura touched upon the webinar on the proposed methodology which was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Japan on 7 June 2024 and attended by many stakeholders. He mentioned the stakeholders provided many comments on the methodology, however, he believes that the EC can reach an agreement on the methodology and submit it to the Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) between the Philippines and Japan.

## **2. Adaption of agenda**

The EC adopted the draft agenda.

## **3. Summary of EC's public hearing and feedback**

The Secretariat gave a brief explanation of the lists of comments received from stakeholders who attended the public hearing meeting and the Secretariat's responses to the comments. Suspicions and rebuttals to the Secretariat's responses were not raised by the EC members.

## **4. Explanation of draft methodology of the Philippines, including main changes since the EC4 meeting**

The Secretariat explained the changes that had been made to the draft methodology, including its appendices, since the 4<sup>th</sup> EC meeting.

Some of the EC members provided technical feedback on the methodology including the monitoring of fertilizer type, the need for further explanation of the actual monitoring in the field with the use of chambers, and the specific range of temperature allowed for the monitoring. The Secretariat responded to the EC members that the draft methodology would be revised taking into consideration the comments made by the members.

## **5. Way forward and Conclusion**

The Secretariat explained that the draft methodology would be revised based on the comments made by the EC members. The Secretariat also explained the expected timeline for the submission of the proposed methodology to the Joint Committee of the JCM between the Philippines and Japan for its approval.

The Secretariat shared the expected future agenda for the development of the similar methodology for Viet Nam and the process for obtaining the approval of the draft methodology for Viet Nam.

## **6. Closing Remarks**

Mr. Shingo Kimura, Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB), gave the closing remarks and closed the meeting.

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