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CIRCULAR LETTER

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TO : All Heads of Lead and Participating Agencies and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) involved in Convergence Programs; and All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : REMINDER TO CONDUCT PROGRAM CONVERGENCE BUDGETING (PCB) FOR FY 2026 BUDGET PREPARATION

1.0 **RATIONALE**

In order to ensure coordination with the Program Convergence Budgeting (PCB) Steering Committee created under the Department of Budget and Management and National Economic and Development Authority Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2025-1 entitled "Strengthening the Program Convergence Budgeting (PCB) Approach and Creation of the PCB Steering Committee (PCB-SC)" and establish a strategic and well-coordinated budget preparation process, it is important to remind lead and participating agencies of the timely submission and alignment of their budget proposals for PCB. This ensures the efficient allocation of government resources to programs and projects, coordinated in a holistic approach across departments/agencies working towards shared goals.

The adoption of the PCB, as emphasized in item 5.4 of the FY 2026 National Budget Call¹, aligns with the current administration's commitment to streamline government programs and projects by rationalizing similar, overlapping, and/or redundant Programs/Activities/Projects (P/A/Ps), in order to optimize fiscal resources.

¹ Issued through National Budget Memorandum (NBM) No. 153 dated December 27, 2024

2.0 PURPOSES

- 2.1 To define the roles and responsibilities of lead and participating agencies during the FY 2026 budget preparation process; and
- 2.2 To prescribe the submission requirements and deadlines for PCB proposals.

3.0 COVERAGE

This Circular applies to all lead and participating agencies with budget proposals for P/A/Ps which form part of convergence programs and projects. The complete list, including the enrolled PCB Programs, is presented in **Annex A**.

4.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Lead agencies

- 4.1.1 Convene meetings with participating agencies for the alignment of assumptions, targets, beneficiaries, focus areas and implementation timelines for respective PCB programs.
- 4.1.2 Evaluate funding proposals and corresponding targets submitted by the participating agencies to ensure that it is reasonable, appropriate, and aligned with the goals and objectives of PCB programs.
- 4.1.3 Prepare and submit a consolidated report detailing convergence programs by agency together with the funding requirements, to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on or before **March 31, 2025**. The sample template for the said report is attached as **Annex B**.
- 4.1.4 Present the consolidated budget proposal to the DBM at the Technical Budget Hearing (TBH), which will be convened by DBM.

4.2 Participating agencies

- 4.2.1 Attend the meetings of their respective convergence programs and projects to provide support to the PCB lead agencies by addressing relevant questions and concerns.
- 4.2.2 Submit to the PCB lead agencies their respective targets and funding requirements, corresponding to their contributions on achieving the overall objectives of the PCB program. These information shall be used by lead agencies for evaluation and consolidation.

4.2.3 Encode only the relevant component programs/projects, targets, and funding requirements in Budget Preparation (BP) Forms 206 for National Government Agencies (NGAs) and 708 for GOCCs, as applicable.

4.2.3.1 Only designated PCB Focal Persons from participating agencies will be granted access to the OSBP System v2.0 to encode/edit in the abovementioned BP Forms.

4.2.3.2 The instructions in accomplishing these BP Forms are detailed in:

- Page 80 of National Budget Memorandum No. 153 dated December 27, 2024; and
- Page 52 of Corporate Budget Memorandum No. 47 dated January 23, 2025.

These entries must have been coordinated and consistent with the consolidated report prepared by the lead agencies.

4.3 DBM

The DBM is responsible for overseeing agencies' budget proposals included in the PCB and ensure consistency with the priorities of the government.

5.0 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

Lead and participating agencies are reminded of the following requirements and deadlines for submission:

Particulars	Deadline
Submission by the lead agencies of the consolidated report to the DBM	March 31, 2025
Encoding and submission of FY 2026 budget proposals by participating agencies for P/A/Ps that are part of convergence programs through the OSBP System v2.0	April 20, 2025
Submission of signed hard copies of FY 2026 budget proposals by participating agencies , ensuring alignment with OSBP System v2.0 data. In case of inconsistencies, the data	April 30, 2025

encoded in the OSBP System v2.0 shall be considered the official submission.

6.0 For compliance.


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MATRIX OF PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES¹

PROGRAM	LEAD AGENCY	PARTICIPATING AGENCIES								
National Program on Population and Family Planning	NEDA (CPD)	DOH (OSEC)	DepEd (OSEC)	PhilHealth	DILG ² (NYC, PCW)	DSWD (OSEC)				
Zero Hunger Program	DSWD (OSEC)	DAR (OSEC)	DTI (OSEC)	NEDA (OSEC)	DOH (OSEC, NNC)	DOLE (OSEC)	DBM (OSEC)	PCO	DILG ² (OSEC)	DA (OSEC)
		CHED	DENR (OSEC)	DepEd (OSEC)	DOST (FNRI, PCAARRD)					
PCB on Livelihood and Employment	DOLE (OSEC)	DTI (OSEC, CDA)	DOLE (TESDA)	DMW (OSEC, OWWA)	DSWD (OSEC)	SBC	CITEM	DAR (OSEC)	DA (OSEC, ACPC, BFAR, NFRDI, PCC, PhilMech)	DOST (OSEC, FPRDI, PCAARRD, NRCP, PTRI)
Agricultural Development Program	DA (OSEC)	DAR (OSEC)	NIA	NFA	PRRI	PCA	DOH (NNC)	DOST (PCAARRD)	CHED	DTI (OSEC)
		NEA	NAPOCOR	DILG ² (OSEC)	DPWH (OSEC)	DOTr (OSEC)	DSWD (OSEC, NAPC)	NDA	NTA	PCIC
		PFDA	SRA	DENR (OSEC)	DOT (OSEC)	DOLE (TESDA)	DA (BFAR, ACPC, NMIS, PCC, PhilMech, PCAF, PhilFIDA, FPA, NFRDI)			
Export Development Program	DTI (OSEC)	DA (OSEC)	DFA (OSEC)	DOST (OSEC)	DOF (OSEC)	BSP	DOLE (OSEC, TESDA)	CITEM	ARTA	DOE (OSEC)
		DENR (OSEC)	DOH (FDA, OSEC)	DPWH (OSEC)	CHED	DILG ² (OSEC)	DOTr (OSEC)	DOT (OSEC)	DICT (OSEC)	DTI (PTTC, DCP, BOI)
		CITEM	SBC							
Tourism Development Program	DOT (OSEC)	DOST (OSEC, PCAARRD)	NEA	DPWH (OSEC)	NHCP	DOTr (OSEC, CAAP, MIA, PPA)	DOJ (BI)	DOLE (OSEC, TESDA)	DICT (OSEC, NPC)	DILG ² (OSEC)
		DOT (NPDC, IA, PCSSD, TIEZA, TPB)	DA (OSEC, ATI)	DAR (OSEC)	DOE (OSEC)	DOF (OSEC)	DFA (OSEC)	DOH (OSEC)	DHSUD (OSEC)	DSWD (OSEC)
		DTI (OSEC)	Duty Free Phils Corp.	NCCA	NEDA (PPPC)	DepEd (NM)	Nayong Pilipino Foundation	PAGCOR	Philippine Retirement Authority	
Pasig River Urban Development	DHSUD (OSEC)	DPWH (OSEC)	DBM (OSEC)	DENR (OSEC, LLDA)	DOT (OSEC, IA, TIEZA)	DOTr (OSEC, PCG, PPA)	DILG ² (OSEC)	NEDA (OSEC)	MMDA	DOF (OSEC)
		NHCP	NCCA	NHA	SHFC					

PROGRAM	LEAD AGENCY	PARTICIPATING AGENCIES									
PCB on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)	NEDA (OSEC)	DHSUD (OSEC, SHFC)	OPAPRU	DICT (CICC)	LWUA	PCC	DENR (OSEC, NAMRIA, NWRB, PCSD)	DILG ² (PCW, NCMF, NYC, LGA)	NEDA (PNVSCA, PSA, PSRTI, TC, PCED)	DSWD (OSEC, NCDA, PCUP, NCIP)	
		DOF (BLGF, PHILGUARANTEE)	DOJ (OSEC, BuCor)	DOH (OSEC, NNC, PNAC)	CCC	CHED	DOLE (NCMB)	DOST (OSEC, PAGASA, PHIVOLCS, ASTI, ITDI, MIRDC, PSHSS, PCHRD, PTRI, TAPI, FPRDI)	NEA	COMELEC	
		NCSC	DOT (PCSD, PCSSD, TPB)	DOTr (OSEC, TRB, CAB, LRTA)	DA (OSEC, FPA, PhilFIDA, PCIC, NDA, NTA, PCA, PRRI)	TJ (SCPLC, CA, CTA)	DTI (CDA, CIAP, DCP)	DepEd (NAS, NCCT)	GSIS	PCUP	
		MMDA	NCMF	AFAB	BCDA	CEZA	CCP	ECC	LCP	DND (PADC)	
		DOE (PSALM, ERC)	SBMA	SPDA	CFO	GAB	MinDA	MTRCB	NCCA	PhilSA	
PCB of Public Financial Management (PFM) Systems	DBM (OSEC)	DOF (OSEC, BTr)	NEDA (OSEC)	DOH (OSEC)	DSWD (OSEC)						
Risk Resiliency Program ³	DENR (OSEC)	CCC	DAR (OSEC)	DA (OSEC)	DOE (OSEC)	DOH (OSEC)	DHSUD (OSEC)	DICT (OSEC)	DILG ² (OSEC, LGA, PNP, BFP)	DPWH (OSEC)	
		DOST (OSEC, PHIVOLCS, PAGASA, PCIEERD, NRCP, PCAARRD, ASTI, PCHRD, PTRI, PSHS, SEI)	DSWD (OSEC, PCUP)	DOTr (OSEC)	MMDA	DND (OCD)	DENR (NAMRIA, MGB)				
Water Resources Program	DENR (OSEC)	NEDA (OSEC)	DILG ² (OSEC)	DPWH (OSEC)	LWUA	DOH (OSEC)	NIA	MWSS	DENR (NWRB, FMB, EMB, MGB)		
Justice Sector Convergence Program	JUD-SCPLC	DOJ (OSEC, OADR, BuCor, BI, NBI, PPA)	DILG ² (OSEC, BJMP, NAPOLCOM, PNP, BFP)								
Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy	DDB	DILG ² (OSEC, NYC, PNP)	DOF (OSEC, BOC)	DOST (OSEC)	NICA	PDEA	DOJ (OSEC, PPA, OSG)	DENR (OSEC)	DND (OSEC)	DPWH (OSEC)	
		DOTr (OSEC, PPA)	DOH (OSEC)	CHED	PAGCOR						

¹Subject to updating

²Requires LGU participation

³Includes the National Greening Program and other Climate Change Adaptation Programs

CONVERGENCE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

(in P'000)

CABINET CLUSTER:		DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/UNIT:				
Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction		Department of Environment and Natural Resources				
PROGRAM CONVERGENCE TITLE:						
Risk Resiliency Program						
IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:						
Lead Agency: DENR (OSEC)						
Participating Agencies: CCC, DAR (OSEC), DA (OSEC), DOE (OSEC), DOH (OSEC), DHSUD (OSEC), DICT (OSEC), DILG (OSEC, LGA, PNP, BFP), DPWH (OSEC), DOST (OSEC, PHIVOLCS, PAGASA, PCIEERD, NRCP, PCAARRD, ASTI, PCHRD, PTRI, PSHS, SEI), DSWD (OSEC, PCUP), DOTr (OSEC), MMDA, DND (OCD), DENR (NAMRIA, MGB)						
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:						
RP is the Government of the Philippines' (GoP) convergence program (on-going since 2013) to strengthen and scale-up coordinated province-based planning and budgeting of climate resilience investments across all national government agencies.						
Objectives:						
1.) Apply program convergence planning and budgeting to strengthen the country's actions for climate change adaptation and mitigation						
2.) Help GoP to optimally use its available budget on priority climate change programs						
3.) Increase the size and quality of climate-responsive investments						
FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:						
P/A/P	UACS Code	2024 Actual	2025 GAA	2026		
				Tier 1	Tier 2	Total
GRAND TOTAL		416,558	934,815	519,125	830,374	1,349,499
Enhanced Knowledge, Access to Information and Institutional Capacities		13,000	18,343	19,670	30,580	50,250
Sub-Total, CCC		137	3,202	4,399	1,750	6,149
CCC	Conduct of training orientation for NGAs, LGUs, and private sector/nonstate actors	-	466	1,400	-	1,400
CCC	Development of Climate Budget Tagging-related reports	137	1,609	1,999	250	2,249
CCC	Implementation of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)	-	1,127	1,000	1,500	2,500
Sub-Total, DAR		4,100	2,920	2,830	-	2,830
DAR	Social Infrastructure Building (SIB) - Updating of Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs)/ARC Clusters Development Plans mainstreamed to the development agenda of Local Government Units (LGUs)	4,100	2,920	2,830	-	2,830
Sub-Total, DENR-OSEC		8,763	12,221	12,441	28,830	41,271
DENR-OSEC	Coastal Resource Mapping and Assessment	7,638	7,775	7,915	16,155	24,070
DENR-OSEC	Enhancing Adaptive Capacities of Ecosystems and Communities Towards Resiliency	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
DENR-OSEC	ENR Data Integration and Mapping of Existing Land Uses	1,125	4,446	4,526	11,475	16,001
Ensured Adequate Supply of Clean Air, Water, and Other Natural Resources		403,558	916,472	499,455	799,794	1,299,249
Sub-Total, DENR-OSEC		325,042	832,984	416,167	100,976	517,143
DENR-OSEC	Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP)	246,116	646,637	220,537	100,976	321,513
DENR-OSEC	Protection and Conservation of Wildlife Program	78,926	186,347	195,630	-	195,630
Sub-Total, DOE		78,516	83,488	83,288	698,818	782,106
DOE	Alternative Fuels and Technologies Program (AFTP)	8,412	11,447	11,247	448,761	460,008
DOE	Alternative Fuels for Transportation and Other Purposes (AFTOP)	62,964	64,500	64,500	233,000	297,500
DOE	Biofuel Program	7,140	7,541	7,541	17,057	24,598