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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY**

**FOR : All Regional Executive Directors  
Heads of Bureaus  
Heads of Attached Agencies and Corporations  
Heads of Locally-funded and Foreign-assisted Projects  
DA-OSEC Services and Units**

**SUBJECT : Observance of the 2021 National Women's Month in the  
Department of Agriculture thru Webinar Series**

In the past year, the Department of Agriculture has bolstered its gender-inclusive policy to recognize the major contribution of women and other vulnerable sectors in the agriculture sector. This policy has been affirmed by projects of note such as the first gender-inclusive seed technology park that will arise in the planned Agro-Industrial Business Corridor in New Clark City and the Agricultural Credit Policy Council's credit program, *AgriPinay*.

Gender mainstreaming in the department is underpinned by Republic Act 7192, or Women in Nation Building Act, which in turn led to the reconstitution of the Agriculture Gender and Development Focal Point System (GAD FPS) in the DA.

To maintain and gather momentum in the promotion of Gender and Development policies, the Department of Agriculture, through GAD FPS and the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Office, will be launching a series of activities to celebrate the 2021 National Women's month.

Kickoff celebrations will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, with the theme *Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya!*

The first of these activities is a series of webinars disseminating information on the various programs and projects undertaken by DA offices with regulatory functions and programs aimed at increasing female representation in the agriculture sector.

All offices are then kindly requested to prepare webinars informing the public on the objectives of these programs, and the regulatory procedures the offices oversee to facilitate the participation of agricultural stakeholders such as producers, agripreneurs, and the general public, with emphasis on women and vulnerable sectors.

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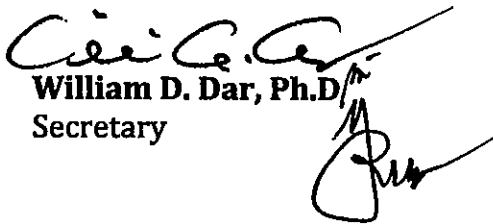
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In line with the celebration of women, it is also requested that female technical experts and program managers front the webinars as resource persons.

Kindly refer to the attached schedule of webinars for respective DA offices. Resource persons are invited to deliver their webinars in the **Conference Room of the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, DA New Building** on the schedules assigned them.

You may also coordinate with Frances Ramos of DA Strategic Communications (89288741 loc 2847 / 09189850353) for questions and procedures.

Thank you for your compliance and have a pleasant day.

  
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Secretary

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**Webinar Schedules**  
**2021 National Women's Month Celebrations**

**March 8, Monday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM : GESI Office: A Foreword on the Webinar Series  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM : Agricultural Credit Policy Council (*Agripinay*)

**March 10, Wednesday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM : National Dairy Authority  
(*Kwentong Agri*) 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM: Bureau of Animal Industry

**March 12, Friday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM : Philippine Rice Research Institute  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM : Philippine Center for PostHarvest Development and Mechanization

**March 15, Monday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Agricultural Training Institute  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM : Bureau of Plant Industry

**March 17, Wednesday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM: National Tobacco Authority  
(*Kwentong Agri*) 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM : Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

**March 19, Friday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM: National Meat Inspection Service  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation

**March 22, Monday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Philippine Coconut Authority  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries

**March 24, Wednesday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM : National Dairy Authority  
(*Kwentong Agri*) 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM: Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards

**March 26, Friday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM : Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM : Bureau of Soils and Water Management

**March 29, Monday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Sugar Regulatory Administration  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority

**March 31, Wednesday**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM: National Fisheries Research and Development  
(*Kwentong Agri*) 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM : Philippine Carabao Center