

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 256**

**DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO ORGANIZE, MANAGE, AND IMPLEMENT THE PHILIPPINE HOSTING OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREENING INDUSTRY IN ASIA**

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change while sustaining rapid economic growth through timely and high-level international cooperation;

**WHEREAS**, UNIDO has invited the Philippines to host its *International Conference on Greening Industry in Asia: Managing the Transition to Resource-Efficient and Low-Carbon Industries*, in partnership with the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP), the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), in September 2009;

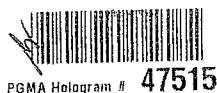
**WHEREAS**, the conference will focus on how Asian and Pacific countries can effectively manage the transition to resource-efficient and low-carbon industries so as to sustain and enhance their rapid economic growth and international competitiveness;

**WHEREAS**, a ministerial-level Manila Declaration and Plan of Action will outline the steps needed to reduce the resource intensity and carbon emissions of the region's industries, will be the main output of the conference;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines' sustainable development and economic competitiveness will benefit immensely from the hosting of the conference, which will include an international trade fair to promote Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects, resource-efficient technologies, and products and services to reduce carbon emissions;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to constitute a national committee to organize and carry out efficiently all the scheduled activities relative to the conference, including a ministerial meeting, roundtable discussions, trade fair, industry exhibits and other related activities;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is responsible for issues related to the environment;



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**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1. *Lead Agency*** – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall be the lead agency to organize the hosting of the UNIDO International Conference on the Greening Industry in Asia.

**Section 2. *Agency Support*** – The DENR shall be supported by the following agencies:

- Office of the Executive Secretary (OES)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
- Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Department of Agriculture (DA)
- Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

The representatives of the agencies shall be at least Undersecretary-level.

The DENR shall coordinate the integrated assistance by seeking technical, financial and administrative support from the abovementioned offices, as well as from the Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Department of Education (DepEd), Office of the Press Secretary (OPS), Office of the Presidential Protocol (OPP), Office of the Group Commander, Presidential Security Group (PSG), the head of the Local Government Unit (LGU) where the conference will be held, and from the private sector.

**Section 3.** The DENR shall perform, among others, the following tasks and functions:

- 3.1. Formulate and recommend a work program and budget plan for the hosting of the UNIDO International Conference on Greening Industry in Asia and its related activities to the President within sixty (60) days from the signing of this Administrative Order;
- 3.2. Implement the work program once approved by the President and supervise and monitor all activities in relation thereto;
- 3.3. Call upon any official, agent, employee, agency or instrumentality of the national or local government for any assistance that may be necessary to ensure the success of the Philippine hosting of the UNIDO International Conference on Greening Industry in Asia;



- 3.4. Engage the support, assistance and cooperation of the private/business sector and non-governmental organizations in the preparations and conduct of the meetings;
- 3.5. Create committees, task forces and other appropriate bodies to effectively carry out its objectives;
- 3.6. Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, enter into agreements and contracts necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Administrative Order, including contract for services.

**Section 4. Funding** – The initial funding requirement for the preparation and hosting of the UNIDO International Conference on Greening Industry in Asia in the amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M) shall be charged against the International Commitments Fund (ICF), Republic Act No. 9498. Additional amounts as may be necessary shall be sourced from the budget or savings of the member agencies indicated above or from any available funds as may be determined by the Secretary of Budget and Management.

**Section 5. Administrative Guidelines** – The DENR may adopt such administrative guidelines or regulations as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of this Administrative Order.

**Section 6. Effectivity** – This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this <sup>07<sup>th</sup></sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

*Gloria M. Araya*



By the President:

*Eduardo R. Ermita*

**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary



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