

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223, June 11, 2003 ]**

**RECONSTITUTING THE PROJECT BOARD OF THE SOCKSARGEN  
AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 140 extended the life of the Soccsargen Area Development Project Office but abolished the Project Board;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that for the said Project, the inter-agency approach is the most effective mechanism for implementation:

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

Section 1. The Soccsargen Area Development Project Board is hereby reconstituted.

Section 2. The members of the said Board shall be composed of the following:

1. The Secretary of Agriculture as Chairman;
2. The Mayor of General Santos City;
3. The Governors of the Provinces of South Cotabato, North Cotabato, Sarangani, and Sultan Kudarat;
4. The Region 12 Directors of the following departments and agencies: National Economic and Development Authority, Agriculture, Public Works and Highways, Air Transportation Office, Philippine Ports Authority, Trade and Industry, Environment and Natural Resources, Interior and Local Government, and Agrarian Reform;
5. The Commanding General of the 6th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army
6. One (1) representative of the Non-Government Organizations (NGO's) sector nominated by the various NGO's accredited by the Regional Development Council of Region 12;
7. One (1) representative of the business sector nominated by the various Chambers of Commerce in the Project area.

Section 3. The Vice-Chair of the Board shall be elected by the member Local Government Executives from among themselves.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. All issuances or any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done, in General Santos City this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.