

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127, July 22, 1999]

CONSTITUTING THE COUNCIL FOR EXTENSION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

WHEREAS , it is a declared policy of the State to promote research and development to attain national development goals;

WHEREAS , the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997 (RA 8435) mandates the Department of Agriculture (DA), in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and other concerned agencies, to enhance, support and consolidate existing national research and development system in agriculture and fisheries;

WHEREAS , there is a need for an effective mechanism to undertake the integration of all agriculture and fisheries extension and research and development (R & D) efforts of the government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Constitution of the Council for Extension, Research and Development . The Council for Extension, Research and Development in Agriculture and Fisheries, hereinafter referred to as CERDAF, is hereby constituted.

The CERDAF shall be composed of the following:

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| a. Secretary of Agriculture | Chairman |
| b. Secretary of Science and Technology | Vice Chairman |
| c. Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources | Member |
| d. Secretary of Agrarian Reform | Member |
| e. Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority | Member |
| f. Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education | Member |
| g. Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry, Natural Resources Research and Development | Member |
| h. Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Aquatic and Marine Research and Development | Member |
| i. President of the League of Provinces | Member |
| j. President of the League of Municipalities | Member |
| k. National Chairman of the Fisheries and Aquatic | Member |

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| l. | President of the Chamber of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Philippines | Member |
| m. | Two representatives from the academe | Member |
| n. | One representatives each from a national farmers organization and
a national fisherfolk organization | Member |
| o. | One representative each from the crops, livestock and processing sectors | Member |
| p. | Three research, development and extension experts | Member |

The academe shall be represented by heads of national universities specializing in agriculture and fishery.

The representatives from the academe farmers and fisherfolk organization, crops, livestock and processing sectors, and the R & D experts shall be appointed by the Chairman as recommended by the other members of CERDAF.

SECTION 2. Functions . The CERDAF shall have the following functions:

- a. Enhance coordination of government institutions involved in agriculture and fisheries R & D and extension, and pursue the integration of R & D and extension efforts of the government;
- b. Encourage the participation of the private sector in the development of a national R & D and extension agenda;
- c. Prepare and oversee the implementation of a more comprehensive and responsive R & D and extension program for agriculture and fisheries to enhance and make full use of the National Research and Development System in Agriculture and Fisheries (NARDSAF) and the National Extension System for Agriculture and Fisheries (NESAF), our national network on R & D and extension, respectively, established under RA 8435;
- d. Set policies that will promote agriculture and fishery R & D and extension, and govern Philippine relation with international institutions involved in R &D;
- e. Approve the allocation of funds from local and foreign sources for R & D and extension programs, projects and activities;
- f. Adopt policies to strengthen the institutional efficiency of the national R & D and extension system, including the setting up of a monitoring and evaluation system on the effectiveness and efficiency of its various components;
- g. Review and approve national R & D and extension plans and programs developed by the NARDSAF and NESAF;
- h. Create committees, technical working groups and commodity items to facilitate the accomplishment of CERDAF's objectives; and

Formulate implementing rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out its functions.