



DENR and Partner Agencies Highlight Climate Achievements as International Climate Regime Project Concludes

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Climate Change Commission (CCC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and other partner agencies highlighted the climate change achievements of the international climate regime project (SupportCCC II) during the project culmination event held at Novotel, Quezon City on February 13, 2019.

In the said culminating event, dubbed as ‘Project Knowledge Exchange and Culmination Event’ with the theme “Creating Connections for Coherent Climate Action in the Philippines,” accomplishments were presented on the development of policies contributing to the international climate change regime; the development of climate-adaptive land use and plans; the development of capacities to access climate financing facilities contributions; and the promotion of renewable energy through policy mechanisms and capacity building efforts on climate-resilient planning.

DENR Undersecretary for Policy and International Affairs Jonas R. Leones said, “We at the Department is privileged to be given the opportunity to provide valuable contribution in steering the “Support to the Philippines in Shaping and Implementing the International Climate Regime” or Support CCC II Project which has allowed for better coordination with other DENR initiatives on climate change.”

A joint undertaking between GIZ and the CCC, in cooperation with the DENR, Department of Energy (DOE), Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), local government units, academe, civil society organizations, and the private sector, has operationalized of the Support CCC II Project in the Philippines which started in 2015 and has implemented the national climate change policy and contributions to the international climate change regime.



Since the passing of the Climate Change Act of 2009, the Philippines has continued to strengthen its efforts in mainstreaming climate resiliency in national and sectoral plans, as guided by the National Climate Change Action Plan 2011-2028.

aiming for ambitious commitments in the international climate change discussions, assuming the Presidency of the Climate Vulnerable Forum in 2015, and setting its own commitments to contribute to efforts of mitigating global greenhouse gas emissions.

Philippines is also one of the most vulnerable countries

As the DENR representative, Mr. Albert Magalang, Chief of the Climate Change Division of EMB, discussed the accomplishments on Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) in Planning and Decision-Making Process program under the Support CCC II Project. Citing the Bureau's active involvement in climate change adaptation, he underscored EMB's facilitative role in the development of a Training Manual for Climate Proofing for Development (CP4D) under the GIZ-ACCBio Project.

The Training Manual for CP4D was piloted with the Forest Management Bureau (FMB), Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau, DOE, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), EMB Central and Regional offices, selected LGUs and other DENR units/offices.



Mr. Magalang stressed that building on the notable outcomes of the CP4D project, the DENR thru the EMB carried on the *Program on EbA Mainstreaming in Planning and Decision-Making Process* to support the country's need to enhance adaptive capacities with the end goal to achieve climate resilience thru nature-based solutions and capacity development on EbA to be mainstreamed not only within DENR and its bureaus but also among partners from the civil society, academe, LGUs, and private/business sector.



The event concluded with the ceremonial hand-over of the Support CCC II Project with the awarding of plaques of recognition to members of the Project Steering Committee and Implementation Partners. ###