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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF ROSTER OF EXTERNAL EXPERTS FOR THE TECHNICAL CONSULTATION FOR EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION (TCED) GROUP PER DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8 SERIES OF 2022 (DA MC NO.8 S2022)**

In the interest of service and in line with the implementation of DA MC No. 8 series of 2022, the BPI is hereby creating a pool of external experts that may be tapped as member of the Technical Consultation for Evaluation and Determination (TCED) Group.

**1. Terms of Reference**

The external expert shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Conduct a technical evaluation and determination of the submitted request whether or not the final product contains a novel combination of genetic material obtained through the use of modern biotechnology.
- b. Participate in the technical consultation meeting(s) scheduled by the Chair of the Biotech Core Team-Plant Breeding Innovation (BCT-PBI) to conduct evaluation and determination.
- c. At the request of the BPI, analyze the comments and issues raised by stakeholders and the public, and make recommendations on how to address these issues.

**2. Criteria for the Selection of External Experts**

- a. Must not be an official staff or employee of the Department of Agriculture or any of its attached agencies.
- b. Must not be directly or indirectly employed or engaged by a company or institution with pending submissions of request for determination covered by this Circular.
- c. Possess technical expertise in genetics, molecular biology, molecular breeding, bioinformatics, and related disciplines.
- d. Recognized in the scientific community as evidenced by positions held in science-based organizations, awards and recognitions, or publications in local and international peer-reviewed scientific journals.


**3. Reporting Arrangements and Operational Requirements**

Upon the request of a product developer for a TCED, the BPI may tap the services of one (1) external expert from the annexed list. The selected external expert shall perform the terms of reference as indicated in item No. 1 of this issuance through a formal invitation. The external expert shall confirm the invitation within two (2) working days. Otherwise, another available expert shall be selected.

The appointed external expert shall report directly to the BPI Director while BPI Biotechnology Office shall provide technical and administrative support.

#### **4. Professional Services Fee**

Professional fee amounting to thirty thousand pesos (Php 30,000) for each submitted request shall be charged against the funds of the DA-Biotechnology Program Office as indicated in DA MC NO.8 S2022, subject to existing rules and regulations.

  
**GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, Ph.D.**  
*Director*

**ANNEX**  
**LIST OF EXPERTS**

BPI pool of external expert who may be part of the Technical Consultation for Evaluation and Determination (TCED) group for the conduct of TCED for Plant Breeding Innovations:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION</b>
1. Mr. Darlon V. Lantican	Genetics, Molecular Biology, Bioinformatics and Genomics
2. Dr. Alma O. Canama-Salinas	Genetics
3. Ms. Roanne R. Gardoce	Genetics and Molecular Breeding
4. Dr. Nelzo C. Ereful	Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics
5.. Dr. Reniel S. Pampalona	Molecular Biology, Bioinformatics, Plant Tissue Culture, Genetic Engineering and GEd policy
6. Dr. Teresa M. Ocampo	Molecular Biology
7. Dr. Lotis Mopera	Molecular Biology and Food Biotechnology
8. Dr. Jessica D. Rey	Genetics. Molecular Biology and Molecular Breeding
9. Dr. Karen R. Alviar	Molecular Biology and Molecular Breeding
10. Dr. Niña Alyssa M. Barroga	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
11. Dr. Sheena Kate M. Torres	Genetics