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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 791



Introduced by the **HON. ROGELIO D. PACQUIAO**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MinDA), THE PHILIPPINE COORDINATING OFFICE IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (PCOBE), AND THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR THE BIMP-EAGA SUBREGIONAL INITIATIVE TO VIGOROUSLY UNDERTAKE CONVERGENCE STRATEGIES WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) CONCERNED AS OUTLINED IN THE BIMP-EAGA VISION (BEV) 2025

WHEREAS, the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines (BIMP) East ASEAN Growth Area (EAGA) is a subregional aggrupation established through then Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos, beginning in high-level talks with his BIM counterparts in 1994;

WHEREAS, at the forefront of BIMP-EAGA's vision is to accelerate the socioeconomic development of the less developed and geographically remote areas of its member countries, specifically Palawan and Mindanao in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, grounded on its past substantial gains and positive developments, the BEV 2025 was meant to serve as a paradigm for member countries to adapt to regional and global development trends, opportunities, and challenges for the period 2017-2025. The promotion of subregional cooperation among the member countries shall be integrated in both their local and national development plans with the banner: *R.I.S.E.*: Resilient, Inclusive, Sustainable, and Economically competitive BIMP-EAGA to narrow development gap;

WHEREAS, BEV 2025 goals shall be characterized by competitive and green manufacturing; sustainable, competitive, and climate-resilient agro-industry and fisheries; and sustainable tourism destination. The same is guided by the socioeconomic indicators under its "Strategic Pillars": Connectivity, Food Basket, Tourism, Environment, and Sociocultural and Education, consistent with the overall goal of national development;

WHEREAS, the Strategic Pillar of Connectivity shall include transportation power and energy infrastructure, trade and investment, and Information and Communications Technology (ICT);

WHEREAS, under the Strategic Pillar of Food Basket, the same shall focus on the growth of agribusiness, the development of subregional supply and value chains in priority commodities, and reducing transaction costs;

WHEREAS, accessibility, connectivity, development of infrastructure, establishment of ecotourism and tourism circuits, and sustainable livelihoods in target communities shall be the indicators for the Tourism Pillar;

WHEREAS, sustainable ecotourism, climate-resilient farming and fishing practices, and promotion of clean and green production technology shall characterize the Environment Pillar;

WHEREAS, for the Sociocultural and Education Cluster, the initiatives shall aim for enriched appreciation of shared culture and heritage and strengthened partnerships among Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and higher education institutions;

WHEREAS, the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), created through Republic Act No. 9996 is mandated to act as the official and permanent Philippine Coordinating Office in BIMP-EAGA (PCOBE) and as lead agency of the government in coordinating the formulation and implementation of policies and programs relating to BIMP-EAGA subregional initiative;

WHEREAS, MinDA is also tasked to initiate and coordinate with national agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs) concerned to facilitate the projects and programs of the BIMP-EAGA which it has been undertaking over the years;

WHEREAS, the BIMP-EAGA and MinDA has established different Technical Working Groups (TWGs) from the national agencies and LGUs concerned to work in consonance with the different Strategic Pillars to better plan, monitor, and implement the various goals and objectives of the BIMP-EAGA;

WHEREAS, the BIMP-EAGA and MinDA have determined that there is a need to initiate convergence strategies among different TWGs in order to reinforce project preparation and implementation and promote the member countries' sustainable development as outlined in BEV 2025;

WHEREAS, there is a need for stronger linkages and partnerships among the MinDA, agencies concerned, and public and private sector stakeholders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT,

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DIRECT THE MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MinDA), THE PHILIPPINE COORDINATING OFFICE IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (PCOBE), AND THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR THE BIMP-EAGA SUBREGIONAL INITIATIVE TO VIGOROUSLY UNDERTAKE CONVERGENCE STRATEGIES WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) CONCERNED AS OUTLINED IN THE BIMP-EAGA VISION (BEV) 2025

Adopted,

REP. ROGELIO D. PACQUIAO

