



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07
Series of 2017

CREATING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE FORMULATION OF THE FOREST LAND USE PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Itogon recognizes the need to place into effective management of its remaining forestland and watershed to sustain its contributions to the overall economic development of the municipality;

WHEREAS, various laws and policies such as the Local Government Code of 1991, DENR-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 98-01, and the DENR-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2003-01, call for the effective partnership between the DENR and Local Government Units and other stakeholders for the management of the natural resources especially the forestlands;

WHEREAS, the municipality has requested the DENR to assist in the preparation of its Forest Land Use Plan that shall serve as the basic document for closing the "open access" forestlands and ensure its effective management;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Itogon and the DENR through its Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office have signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the preparation and completion of the former's Forest Land Use Plan;

WHEREAS, part of the obligation of the municipality under the aforementioned Memorandum of Agreement is for the creation of a Municipal FLUP Technical Working Group that will coordinate the preparation, review, validation, legitimization, approval and implementation of the Forest Land Use Plan in collaboration with the DENR, NCIP and other concerned offices;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me, I, **ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby **ORDER** as follows, to wit;

Section 1. Creation of the Forest Land Use Plan-Technical Working Group of the Municipality of Itogon. There is hereby created a Forest Land Use Plan-Technical Working Group (FLUP-TWG) in the municipality to be composed of the heads (or their duly authorized representatives) of the following offices, agencies/bureaus, People's Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, private sector, and other volunteer groups, to wit;

1. SB Committee Chair on Environment as TWG Chairperson
2. Municipal Planning and Development Office as Vice Chairperson
3. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office
4. Municipal Agriculture Office
5. Municipal Engineering Office
6. Municipal Budget Office
7. DENR
8. NCIP
9. BFAR
10. Liga ng mga Barangay
11. Itogon Municipal Police Station
12. Bureau of Fire Protection

13. Municipal Federation of Small Scale Organization
14. Barangay Loacan Organic Farmers Association
15. Irrigators Organization
16. Community-based Forest Management Association, if there be any

Section 2. Functions, Roles and Responsibilities of the FLUP-TWG. The FLUP-TWG shall:

1. Be responsible and accountable for the completion of FLUP tasks;
2. Be responsible for the preparation, review, finalization, legitimization and approval of the Forest Land Use Plan following good governance principle of transparency, accountability, and participatory decision-making.
3. Participate in all workshops, consultations and dialogues related to FLUP.
4. Perform other related duties and functions as may be deemed necessary.

Section 3. Creation of FLUP Team. There is also hereby created a Forest Land Use Plan Team to be composed of three sub-teams known as (a) Mapping Team, (b) IEC/Advocacy and Documentation Team and (c) Community Profiling Team. The members of each team shall be designated by the Local Chief Executive from among the staff or personnel of the offices, agencies, institutions or CSOs represented in the FLUP-TWG and shall work on a full time basis or as may be required for the completion of the task at hand and/or until such time that the FLUP have been legitimized. Provided further that the members of each of the teams shall select their respective team leaders.

Section 4. Roles and Responsibilities of the FLUP Team: The sub-teams created under the preceding section shall compliment their respective activities with the other teams necessary to complete and legitimize the plan. The FLUP Team shall have the following sub-team functions:

The Mapping Team:

1. Prepare thematic maps for FLUP preparation;
2. Spearhead community mapping and integrate community maps into technical/thematic maps;
3. Ensure veracity of biophysical data through ground and community validation activities;
4. Spearhead map overlaying and analysis and prepare derived maps necessary for FLUP preparation; and

The IEC/Advocacy and Documentation Team:

1. Design, develop and implement IEC campaign plans for target communities and stakeholders to generate support for the preparation, legitimization and implementation of FLUP;
2. Prepare and package IEC materials for distribution;
3. Facilitate the municipal and barangay level IEC campaign on FLUP and sustainable management of forests and forest lands;
4. Promote and institutionalize good governance practices within the LGU system towards improved management of forest and forest lands;
5. Document all FLUP planning process such as proceedings of the workshops, discussions/meetings and dialogues/consultations related to FLUP;
6. Draft and package FLUP for legitimization.



The Community Profiling Team:

1. Gather secondary information from existing sources related to FLUP;
2. Conduct focus group discussion, key informant interview to gather primary data and validate socio-economic and cultural data.

Section 5. The FLUP-TWG Secretariat: The Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), in coordination with other Local Government offices shall serve as the lead office responsible for the completion and legitimization of the FLUP. In addition, the CENRO shall act as the over-all secretariat of the TWG responsible for facilitating FLUP planning, workshops, consultations, meetings and other related activities and shall make necessary arrangements for such.

Section 6. Funding. Funding for the FLUP shall be sourced out from aids, grants, counterparts and/or financial assistance and from available local funds. Provided however that approved budget for the FLUP shall be used solely for the conduct of FLUP-related activities subject to usual accounting rules and regulations.

Section 7. Miscellaneous and Transitory Provisions. Immediately upon effectivity of this Order, the following shall constitute the FLUP Team and as such, they are hereby designated to perform the corresponding functions to the sub-team to which they are assigned.

Mapping Team: Mr. Pablo L. Cornel Jr., Engr. Avelino Medina, Engr. Arvie Anchales and Mr. Romeo Tiago

IEC/Advocacy & Documentation Team: Engr. Benny B. Apidos, Mr. Johnny Depalog, Mr. Nestor Camado Jr., Mrs. Rosita Bargaso

Community Profiling: Ms. Cindy L. Fernandez, Engr. Roger Catayao, Mr. Santos Godio, respective barangay officials of areas with existing communal forest, forest lands and/or where FLUP projects/programs/activities shall take place.

Section 8. Separability Clause. If for any reasons, this Order or parts hereof are declared invalid or unconstitutional by competent authority, parts hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. All Executive Orders or parts thereof inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity. Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 8th day of December, 2017 at Itogon, Benguet.


ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN
Municipal Mayor

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- The Hon. Sanguniang Bayan
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