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**RESOLUTION**

**ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION TO EXTEND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT IN THE PREPARATION OF MASTER PLANS, FEASIBILITY AND PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF BIG-TICKET PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE SECOND BANGSAMORO DEVELOPMENT PLAN (BDP) 2023-2028, AS WELL AS THE ENHANCEMENT OF ITS MULTI-YEAR INVESTMENT PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2, Article XIII of R.A. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) states that in order to protect and improve the quality of life of its inhabitants, the development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall be carefully planned taking into consideration the ecological balance and the natural resources that are available for its use and for the use of future generations;

**WHEREAS**, the same section above provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall promote the effective use of economic resources to attain economic development that facilitates growth and full employment, human development, and social justice;

**WHEREAS**, Section 26, Article XII of the same law provides that the Bangsamoro Government may accept donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts, in cash or in kind, from domestic or foreign sources, for a purpose relevant to their functions;



**WHEREAS**, some multilateral institutions and bilateral agencies have been extending support and assistance to the peace and development efforts of the National Government in the Bangsamoro communities since the defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and until now with the establishment of Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

**WHEREAS**, with the establishment of the BARMM, more technical cooperation and assistance are expected to be extended or expanded by the donor communities for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region to achieve lasting peace and sustainable development in the region;

**WHEREAS**, during the Bangsamoro Friends Forum on February 18, 2020, which was attended by various international development partners such as the United Nations (UN) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the international partners expressed their strong support to the Bangsamoro peace process as they pledged to continue in carrying out initiatives that will help unlock the full economic potential of the region and bring long-lasting peace to the region;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4, Article XIII of the BOL provides that the Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council (BEDC) serves as the planning, monitoring, and coordinating agency for all development plans, programs, and projects of the Bangsamoro Government;

**WHEREAS**, in the pursuit of its development vision and objectives, the Bangsamoro Government through the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), as the Technical Secretariat of the BEDC formulated the second Bangsamoro Development Plan 2023-2028 and its component Bangsamoro Development Investment Program (BDIP), where major development and investment programs and projects had been identified as priorities;

**WHEREAS**, the technical assistance or grant assistance of the concerned donor agencies should include the preparation of master plans, conduct of feasibility studies or pre-feasibility studies and the project profiling of identified major investment programs and projects in the second Bangsamoro Development Plan, 2023-2028;

**WHEREAS**, master plans for themes such as health, education, social welfare, water resources, irrigation system, areas such as the Ligawasan Marsh and Lake Lanao, power supply, halal industry, Islamic financing, urbanizing areas, among others need to be prepared to fast-track accessing of resources for the development of these sectors. Also, equally crucial are the exploration, development and utilization of the natural resources of the region, such as the Ligawasan Marsh and Lake Lanao;

**WHEREAS**, a feasibility study is an analysis that takes all of a project's relevant factors into account, including economic, technical, legal, and scheduling considerations, to ascertain the likelihood of completing the project successfully. It is used to determine the pros and cons of undertaking a project to avoid wastage of resources and time;

**WHEREAS, the budgeting process of the Bangsamoro Government is done annually and should include the programs and projects contained in the BDP 2023-2028 that are ready for implementation;**

**WHEREAS, given the infancy of the region, there is a need to tap development partners and experts to provide technical assistance in master plan preparations, pre-feasibility studies and feasibility studies of big-ticket projects and programs found in the BDP 2023-2028 to evaluate their potential success and to come up with sound and responsive options and measures;**

**WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BTA PARLIAMENT, as it is hereby resolved, to encourage the development partners in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region to extend technical assistance to the Bangsamoro Government in the preparation of master plans, feasibility and pre-feasibility studies of big-ticket projects identified in the second BDP 2023-2028 as well as the enhancement of its multi-year investment programs.**

**RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the Mindanao Development Authority (MINDA), and to the development partners operating in the region, for information and appropriate action.**

Adopted,

  
**ENGR. BAIN TAN ADIL-AMPATUAN, MNSA**