



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 15
Series of 2023

**RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RODOLFO F. CORTEZ, JR.
OF PGS PILIPINAS, INC. AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PGS GROUPS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIC
AGRICULTURE BOARD FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE 2023-2026**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10068, also known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, has been amended by Republic Act No. 11511 in December 2020, and Section 2 thereof states to the effect, that the State reaffirms its policy to promote, propagate, develop further, and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 10068, as amended, established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, Section 6 of RA 10068, as amended, created the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) as the policy-making body that shall provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of R.A. 10068, as amended, prescribed the new composition of the NOAB with representatives from different national government agencies, small farmer organizations, non-government organizations (NGOs) involved in organic agriculture for at least three (3) years, agricultural colleges and universities, the private sector in the organic value chain, the national association of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups, the national association of local government units (LGUs) actually engaged in organic agriculture, and the indigenous organic farmers;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the amended Act further provides that the representative from the national association of PGS groups shall be chosen from among and by themselves; provided that the representative is a small farmer;

WHEREAS, Participatory Guarantee Systems for Organic Philippines (PGS Pilipinas), Inc., a national association of PGS groups with a network of PGS practitioners and advocates from across the country, conducted its process of nomination and deliberation within the network and endorsed **Mr. Rodolfo F. Cortez, Jr.** as their representative to the NOAB;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodolfo Cortez is a Negros Occidental-based small-holder organic farmer and is the Chairperson of MASIPAG Farmers Guarantee System, which is the first adaption of PGS in the Philippines that started in 2004;

NOW THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA10068, as amended by RA 11511, has **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend the appointment of **MR. RODOLFO F. CORTEZ, JR.** of PGS PILIPINAS, INC as representative of the national association of PGS groups to the National Organic Agriculture Board for the term of office 2023-2026, for approval of the Secretary of Agriculture;

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and all other concerned offices be furnished a copy of this resolution for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED on this 10th day of October 2023, in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon, by the following NOAB Members present:

USEC. ZAMZAMIN L. AMPATUAN
Alternate Chairperson
Department of Agriculture (DA)
Date signed: 10-17-23

ASEC. ELIZABETH N. LOPEZ DE LEON
Vice - Chairperson
Permanent Representative
Department of the Interior and Local
Government
Date signed: _____

DIR. LUCIENNE S. PULGAR
Permanent Representative
Department of Agrarian Reform
Date signed: _____

USEC. BEVERLY LORRAINE C. HO, MPH
Permanent Representative
Department of Health
Date signed: _____

DIR. JUANITO T. BATALON
Permanent Representative
Department of Science and Technology
Date signed: 10-10-23

USEC. BLESILA A. LANTAYONA
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Department of Trade and Industry
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 Permanent Representative
 Technical Education and Skill
 Development Authority
 Date signed: _____

USEC. ZAMZAMIN L. AMPATUAN
 Alternate Chairperson
 Department of Agriculture (DA)
 Date signed: 10-19-23

EXEC. DIR. CASSAR M. ORTEGA
 Representative, Indigenous Farmers
 National Commission on Indigenous
 Peoples
 Date signed: _____

DR. VICTORIO FERNANDO D. NACPI
 Representative, Luzon Small Farmer
 National Empowerment
 Exchanges (NEDE)
 Date signed: 10-10-23

ASEC. ELIZABETH N. LOPEZ DE LEON
 Vice - Chairperson
 Permanent Representative
 Department of the Interior and Local
 Government
 Date signed: _____

MR. ANTONIO JESUS C. ORBIDA
 Representative, Visayas Small Farmer
 Farmers Association (PFA)
 Date signed: 10-10-23

MR. RENATO D. DELA CRUZ
 Representative, Mindanao Small Farmer
 Integrated Farming System for Sustainable
 Agriculture
 Date signed: _____

DIR. LUCIENNE S. PULGAR
 Permanent Representative
 Department of Agrarian Reform
 Date signed: _____

USEC. BEVERLY LORRAINE C. HO, MPH
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HON. ROMMEL C. ARNADO
Representative, LGU
National President of League of Organic
Agriculture Municipalities, Cities and
Provinces of the Philippines
Date signed: _____

GRATIA PLENA SOCIAL ACTION CENTER
Representative, NGO

Attested to by:

DIR. BERNADETTE F. SAN JUAN, CESO II
NOAB Secretary
Date signed: 10-10-23