



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 07
Series of 2024

**CONDUCT OF STUDY ON THE PROPOSED BASIC PAYMENT SCHEME:
AN INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE**

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WHEREAS, Dr. Saturnina C. Halos, one of the ADB Consultants, presented to the NOAB Technical Working Group the proposed basic payment scheme where farmers are paid regularly in cash to continue using practices for sustainable agriculture; Dr. Halos informed that paying organic farmers cash incentives by adopting organic farm practices is a poverty reducing strategy; and that cash payments maybe used by farmers to scale up and find better markets for their produce;

WHEREAS, the proposed basic payment scheme shall institute a cash payment scheme for small farmers for the adoption of sustainable farming practices such as organic farming; that cash incentives are provided to ensure that practices of climate resilience and sustainable agriculture are continuously adopted; and that these incentives shall comprise of regular periodic cash payments per practice commensurate to the value of the benefit expected and/or derived from the practice by the public and future generations;



WHEREAS, the proposed Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) was presented to the NOAB Technical Working Group during its meeting last 7 May 2024, and it was agreed that further study should be conducted to design a BPS that is appropriate for smallholders to understand and engage with limited risks to them; that the scheme allow opportunities for farmers to choose individual actions specific to their needs reaching across food production and improvements in farm productivity and climate resilience, while also protecting and improving the environment; the scheme should be flexible with a range of options from which the farmers can prioritize where and how the scheme is relevant to them;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board, by virtue of the power vested in it by R.A. 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the conduct of a study and design of the proposed basic payment scheme/incentive scheme for organic agriculture;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the NOAB shall endorse the project to the ADB Technical Assistance Team for appropriate action;

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May 2024 in Leyte, Philippines by the following NOAB members present:

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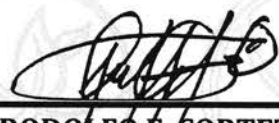

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