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KICK-OFF AND ORIENTATION

Formulation of the Comprehensive, Science-Based and Climate-Resilient Flood Mitigation and Drainage Master Plan for the Province of Tarlac

*A province-wide and watershed-based planning initiative
anchored on Project NOAH*

15 - 16 October 2026

Tarlac Agricultural University Student Alumni Center
Camiling, Tarlac



Science-informed • Coordinated • Implementable • Climate-resilient

DAY 1
(Morning Session)

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES
Venue: TAU Student Alumni Center

TIME	ACTIVITY AND LEAD
08:00–08:30	Registration and distribution of materials
08:30–08:40	Opening formalities Prayer National Anthem Tarlac Hymn
08:40–08:50	Welcome Remarks Dr. Silverio Ramon DC Salunson Tarlac Agricultural University
08:50–09:00	Message of Support Hon. Christian Tell A. Yap Governor, Province of Tarlac
09:10–09:20	Statement of Purpose / Introduction of the Guest Speaker Hon. Jaime Eduardo Marc D. Cojuangco Representative, 1 st District, Tarlac
09:20–09:30	Message of the Guest Speaker DPWH Secretary Vince B. Dizon
09:30–10:00	Photo opportunity and morning break
10:00–10:30	Project NOAH framework for science-based flood-risk planning Dr. Alfredo Mahar A. Lagmay Executive Director, Project NOAH / UP Resilience Institute
10:30–11:30	DPWH flood-mitigation framework and Oplan Kontra Baha USec. Charles T. Calima, Head of Oplan Kontra Baha USec. Nick A. Conti, Planning Service RD Arnold R. Ocampo, DPWH Region III DE Hermon G. Ines, Tarlac DEO DE Edward Ricardo G. Ramos, Tarlac 2 nd DEO
11:30–12:30	Open forum: cross-boundary issues and preliminary priorities
12:30–01:00	Lunch



PURPOSE & EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The two-day kickoff brings national agencies, provincial and local governments, the academe, and other partners together to establish a common understanding of Tarlac’s flood and drainage challenges and begin a practical master-planning process.

Shared evidence base

Initial mapping of flood hotspots, drainage connections, watersheds, existing projects, and data gaps.

Institutional coordination

Technical Working Group, drainage-cluster leads, agency and LGU focal persons, and data-sharing arrangements.

Planning roadmap

Priority studies, field validation, potential mitigation measures, responsibilities, and a timetable for preparing and adopting the master plan.

DAY 1
(Afternoon Session)

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES
Venue: TAU Student Alumni Center

TIME	ACTIVITY AND LEAD
01:00–01:30	Historical background and geographic pattern of flooding in Tarlac RD Shelby A. Ruiz, OCD Region III Mr. Marvin Guiang, Provincial DRRMO
01:30–02:00	Rainfall, climate projections, forecasting, and hydrometeorological data RD Julius Caesar Sicat, DOST III Deputy Admin Roy A. Badilla, PAGASA
02:00–03:00	Irrigation, reservoirs, waterways, and flood-management interface RD Christian Manalo, NIA Region III Engr. Alvin Manuel, UPRIIS Department Manager Engr. Arnel Alipio, Tarlac IMO
03:00–03:45	Watershed, environmental and geospatial inputs Dredging, and permitting considerations Director Alvin Laurio, NAMRIA RED Ralph Pablo, DENR RO III RD Glenn Marcelo Noble, MGB ROIII RD Martin Despi, EMB RO III PENRO and concerned CENROs
03:45–04:45	Development, agriculture, academe, and private-sector integration note RD Nerissa Esguerra, DEPDev RO III RD Aracelli San Jose, DILG RO3 RD Ed Lapuz, DA RO3 Dr. Silverio Salunson, TAU President Dr. Jasper Jay Mendoza, TSU President
04:45–05:30	Open forum: cross-boundary issues and preliminary priorities

DAY 2
(Morning Session)

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES
Venue: TAU Continuing Education Center

TIME	ACTIVITY AND LEAD
07:00–08:00	Registration
08:00–08:10	Opening Remarks Hon. Doña Cresencia R. Tesoro Mayor, Municipality of San Manuel President, League of Municipalities of Tarlac
08:10–08:20	Recap of Day 1 Presentations POLAP
08:20–08:30	Workshop objectives, methodology, and drainage-cluster organization POLAP
08:30–09:30	Data inventory and map review: rainfall, terrain, river systems, drainage, land use, and projects Presentors: Tarlac PPDO and PDRRMO
09:30–10:30	Cluster workshop I: validate hotspots, drainage links, and upstream–downstream impacts Facilitator: DPWH RO3
10:30–10:45	Morning break
10:45–11:45	Cluster workshop II: identify data gaps, studies, field validation, and possible measures Facilitator: DPWH RO3
11:45–01:00	Lunch

DAY 2
(Morning Session)

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES
Venue: TAU Continuing Education Center

TIME	ACTIVITY AND LEAD
01:00–02:00	Cluster presentations and technical feedback
02:00–02:45	Plenary: consolidate common issues, priority workstreams, and institutional roles Moderator: DPWH RO3
02:45–03:00	Afternoon break
03:00–03:45	Agree on Technical Working Group, focal persons, data protocol, and validation process Moderator: DPWH RO3
03:45–04:15	Set milestones, responsibilities, and timetable for master-plan preparation Moderator: POLAP
04:15–05:15	Presentation and adoption of initial agreements / next steps PPDO
05:15–05:30	Closing remarks