

**National Forum to Strengthen  
Policies and Opportunities for Forest Investment  
in the Philippines**

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**Define the Steps, Shorten the Duration  
Of Application Processing, Discard Irrelevant  
Policies and Involve Informal Settlers in IFP**

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# 1.0 Introduction

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- 1.1 There are sufficient areas to grow trees.
- 1.2 Properly executed plantation establishment.
- 1.3 Adequate Cultural treatments: brushing, replanting, soil amendments.
- 1.4 Protection for Security of investments.
- 1.5 Participation of the communities.
- 1.6 The Proponent has the technical, managerial, and financial capabilities.
- 1.7 Plan how to get back investment.
- 1.8 Plan how to sustain operation.



## 2.0 DENR should

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- 2.1 Define on the map and on the ground the location and magnitude of available areas for forest plantation.
- 2.2 Make available Biophysical, Social, and Economic data in the target area (land-use, vegetation cover).
- 2.3 Map Showing: road, settlements, river system, ports- if any.
- 2.4 Simplify application requirements especially duration to get approval/ disapproval
- 2.5 Define level of authority to approve based on area being applied for.



## 3.0 Possible Areas for IFP

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3.1 Land Grants

3.2 Public Lands

3.3 Idle Alienable and Disposable lands

3.4 Private Lands

## 4.0 Source of Funding / Investors

4.1 Banks

4.2 Social Security System

4.3 Government Service Insurance System



## 5.0 Potential Partners

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5.1 Water Districts

5.2 Existing Companies engaged in forestry

5.3 Foreign Investors

## 6.0 Invest Part of Funds Earmarked for Relocating Informal Settlers

6.1 Instead of paying outright the total amount due each “**relocatees**”, set up a mechanism so that the informal settlers will be partners in IFP.

6.2 The “**relocatees**” provide labor in the IFP and paid the going wage rate. Part of their money will be used in:

- Plantation establishment
- Plantation development
- Protection
- harvesting, Processing, Marketing

*Note: Agroforestry shall be part of the IFP area.*

*An experienced professional group shall manage the operation.*

Thank you very much!

