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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

- 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

- 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

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

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!

