



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 254-2023

TO : ALL JUDGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL COURTS

**SUBJECT : FORUM ON IMPROVING THE POLICY ENVIRONMENT
FOR BIOTECH INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ON
14 JULY 2023**

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), with the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Manila and the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA), Inc., will be conducting a forum focusing on *Improving the Policy Environment for Biotech Industry Development* on 14 July 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Diamond Hotel, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The activity aims to help justices, judges, lawyers, and legal researchers to have a better understanding of biotechnology and the crucial role that the said industry plays in fostering an enabling environment for such agricultural innovations in the country.

In this connection, all environmental judges in the National Capital Judicial Region (NCJR) are invited to attend the activity onsite, while all other environmental judges outside NCJR, who are interested to attend online, may pre-register through this link: <https://bit.ly/3JK0vuV>. Participants are requested to register and confirm their attendance **on or before 11 July 2023**.

Participating judges in the NCJR, in person, or those joining online, are authorized to attend the said activity on **OFFICIAL TIME**, provided that their respective court calendars are properly managed, the parties are duly notified of any cancelled hearings, and the required health protocols are strictly observed.

The participants are directed to submit to the Court Management Office, Office of the Court Administrator, through <https://forms.office.com/r/Vhi6q8SKX7>, their respective reports and copies of certificates of participation within ten (10) days from receipt thereof.

Appended herein for reference is the activity briefer. For queries and other concerns, you may contact Mr. Jerome Cayton C. Barradas, Project Coordinator II, at jcb@searca.org and at mobile number 09175421279.

13 July 2023



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