

Technical Session on Greening Initiatives and Briefing on the Zero Carbon Resorts Project



Two (2) foreign funded projects which address the climate change problem are being implemented in the Province of Palawan. They are:

- 1.) The Zero Carbon Resorts (ZCR) for Sustainable Tourism Project is funded by the European Union's SWITCH Asia program. It aims to contribute to sustainable development of the tourism sector and its value chain in the Philippines and Thailand with a focus on reduction of resource consumption and CO₂ emissions. The Project will assist critical mass of SMEs demonstrate the value of green tourism by increasing resource efficiency and using renewable resources. It is implemented by Gruppe zur Förderung der Angepasste Technologie (GrATCenter for Appropriate Technology), Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), Centro de Investigaciones Energéticas, Medioambientales y Tecnológicas (CIEMAT), Green Leaf Foundation (GLF), and Healthy Public Policy Foundation (HPF)
- 2.) The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, through their Promotion of Green Economic Development (ProGED) Project, supported Department of Trade and Industry to address the growing concern among micro, small and medium enterprises on the effects of climate change by introducing the concept of green economy—the pursuit of economic growth and development while preventing costly environmental degradation, climate change, biodiversity loss and unsustainable use of natural resources.

The ZCR Project and ProGED Project co-organized a workshop entitled **Technical Session on Greening Initiatives and Briefing on the Zero Carbon Resorts Project** on 17 April 2015, Friday, at the Training Center, PCSD Compound, Irawan, Puerto Princesa from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

The objectives of the activity are to brief participants of the ZCR Project and to provide a technical session for participants on practical activities to improve their energy efficiency, water efficiency and solid waste management. Green service providers, technology suppliers, and financial institutions will also share more information on their products and services. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the ZCR Bamboo House which will showcase the greening practices that enterprises can adopt in their respective properties.

There were 100 participants from hotels, resorts, restaurants, DTI, PCSD, DOST, TESDA, PPTC, PTC, PSU, WPU, PICE, UAP, and LGUs from all the municipalities of Palawan

There are also scheduled briefing sessions in the following areas:

Narra – covering the southern municipalities

Roxas – covering the municipalities of Roxas and San Vicente

El Nido – covering the municipalities of El Nido and Taytay

Coron – covering the municipalities of Calamianes
