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## Scientists meet on climate change initiatives for the AFNR sectors

In an effort to protect the most vulnerable sectors to climate change, scientists in livestock, agricultural systems, forestry, environmental science, social science, economics, and crops convened at PCARRD, Los Baños on 24 February 2009 to craft S&T activities for the agriculture, forestry, and natural resources sectors.

PCARRD Executive Director Patricio S. Faylon welcomed 33 participants from BSWM, CLSU, DMMMSU, ERDB-DENR, ERDS-XI-DENR, FPRDI, ISU, MMSU, PCC, PhilRice, SEARCA, Silliman University, UPLB, and VSU to the consultation workshop. He stressed that it is inevitable that climate will change and that the AFNR sectors should not be caught off guard. Dr. Faylon also highlighted the immediate need to come up with priority S&T activities and to source funds within this year.



Dr. Romulo Aggangan, Policy Advocacy Group Technical Committee on Climate Change (PAG TC CC) Chair, provided guidance to the consultation workshop by emphasizing on the expected outputs of which are prioritized sectoral S&T activities, identified lead agencies to develop detailed proposals, and timeline for packaging and submission of proposals.



During the plenary session, Ms. Bernadeth Lucillo of PAGASA-DOST discussed the country's [climate trends and potential impacts](#) while Ms. Resi Marinas from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Climate Change presented the [national climate change](#)



[programs](#). Similarly, selected experts expounded on previous and future climate change initiatives for [agricultural farming systems](#) (Dr. Gina Nilo, BSWM), [crops](#) (Dr. Benigno Pecson,



Biotechnology Team Leader), [forestry](#) (Dr. Rodel Lasco, ICRAF), and [livestock](#) (Dr. Cesar Sevilla, UPLB). Dr. Albert Aquino, PAG TC CC Co-chair, presented a general overview and posted key questions to the [socio-economics](#) experts.

At the end of the consultation workshop, the scientists came up with a list of S&T interventions for their respective sectors addressing adaptation and mitigation strategies, as well as assessing vulnerabilities and impacts on climate change. Dr. Aquino gave the closing remarks and emphasized that the outputs of the workshop will be a basis in crafting proposals for the PCARRD-led National S&T Program on Climate Change for the AFNR (**Anthony C.T.M. Foronda**).

