

## **MAINTENANCE OF HARMONIZED EXTENSION SERVICES DELIVERY THROUGH THE VARIOUS ENABLING MECHANISMS**

*“Complementation rather than competition for a better implementation of extension services in the region”* has always been the dictum that sustained the annual harmonization meeting of the DA-RFO-CAR and the DA-ATI-CAR. The harmonization meeting revolves around planning, monitoring, training and project implementation, resource complementation, technical assistance, promotion of common advocacies and programs, and other extension-related interventions. This harmonization meeting is agreed upon to be undertaken prior to the next harmonization meetings with the Agriculture and Fisheries Network (AFEN) and the LGU Agriculture Office Managers (LGU-AOMA). *“Us first.”*

In this activity, the latest instructions and marching orders on extension by the Secretary and other sources are presented and discussed for appropriate action by both the RFO and the ATI; the latest laws, directives, updates on agriculture or extension are presented for information; inter-agency programs/projects, if any, are discussed for approval; the banner/commodity/program/project focal persons from the DA-RFO-CAR and the DA-ATI-CAR come together to match their interventions to ensure that there are no duplications; and areas for collaboration and complementation are agreed upon.

For CY 2018, apart from the regular banner program interventions harmonized, collaborative accomplishments included the implementation of the Agribusiness Support for Promotion and Investment in Regional Exposition (ASPIRE), Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Project (KAMMP), Good Agricultural Practices Regional Team, Organic Agriculture Regional Team, participation in various RFO-initiated regional activities, RFO participation in ATI-initiated activities.

The partnership between the DA-RFO-CAR and the DA-ATI-CAR serves as the rallying point in conducting the semestral CAR-AFEN and LGU-AOMA harmonization meetings that complete the year-round CAR extension harmonization meetings.



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**LGU-Agriculture Office Managers  
Assembly Meeting**

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