

RETURN SERVICE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (ICPE)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Return Service Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this day 27 October 2023, in Quezon City, Philippines by and among:

The COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), a government regulatory agency established under R.A. 7722, with principal office address at the Higher Education Development Center (HEDC), C.P. Garcia Ave., UP Campus, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by, J. PROSPERO DE VERA III, DPA, in his capacity as Chairman, hereinafter referred to as the "**CHED**";

The VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY a higher education institution with principal office at BAYBAY LEYTE, represented herein by, [EDGARDO E. TULIN], in his/her capacity as PRESIDENT, hereinafter referred to as the "Sending Higher Education Institution" or "**SHEI**";

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LUZ G. ASIO of legal age, Filipino, and residing at GTZ HOUSE 2 VSU COMPOUND, hereinafter referred to as the "**GRANTEE**."

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WHEREAS, CHED approved the "Guidelines for International Continuing Professional Education (ICPE) Grants as an Additional Component of CMO No. 25, series of 2016" amending CMO No. 25, s. 2016 through Commission en Banc (CEB) Resolution No. 784 - 2020, which aims to support lifelong learning by providing short-term trainings to higher education faculty and staff, provided by local and international institutions/organizations.

WHEREAS, under the CMO approved through CEB Resolution No. 890 - 2020, the Commission en Banc approved the partnership between the **CHED** and the **Southeast Asian Regional Center For Graduate Study And Research In Agriculture (SEARCA)**, hereinafter referred to as the "**Delivering Institution**", to establish the Leveling-Up Higher Education Institutions in Agriculture, Fisheries, and Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as the "**ICPE Program**," through CEB Resolution No. 784 - 2020;

WHEREAS, the **ICPE Program**, established through the Memorandum of Agreement between CHED and the **Delivering Institution**, is described as "**CHED** and the **Delivering Institution** agree to implement a *one (1) week short training program according to the parties' roles and obligations outlined in this document for up to 633 representatives from State Universities and Colleges, and the CHED.*"

WHEREAS, the **SHEI** is in need of improving the qualifications of its faculty teaching in the identified priority fields, and hence, has allowed the **GRANTEE** to undertake the **ICPE Program** training offered by the **Delivering Institution**, from 5-11 November 2023;

WHEREAS, the **GRANTEE** is ready, willing and able to undertake the **ICPE Program** offered by the **Delivering Institution**, and by acceptance of this grant, **GRANTEE** agrees to comply with relevant laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures of **CHED** and **SHEI**.