

Project Status Report

as of November 30, 2024

Name of Commitment: Stakeholders' Chamber on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Program Name: Stakeholders' Chamber on the Sustainable Development Goals

December 2023 – June 2027

Lead implementing agency

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Co-commitment Holder

Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs Members

Completion Level/ Overall Status of the Commitment

Not Started

Limited

Substantial

Completed

<tick the box which describes status of your commitment for the reporting period>

Description of the results/ Reasons for delay

<Indicate initial outcome of the commitment during the reporting period or reasons for its delay>

For the reporting period covering December 2023 to November 2024, NEDA has completed the following **milestones** in relation to its commitment to the 6th National Action Plan (NAP) of the Philippine Open Government Partnership (PH-OGP):

- Establishment of the Stakeholders' Chamber internal organization (*Milestone 1*);
- Identification of areas of cooperation for SDG acceleration (*Milestone 2*);
- Expansion of Chamber membership (*Milestone No. 3*); and
- Chamber recommends and inputs to the 2025 Voluntary National Review (VNR) (*Milestone 8*).

Moreover, significant progress has been made on the **target activities and deliverables under the remaining milestones** of the commitment, most of which have already been tagged as either 'completed' or 'substantial' in progress. In particular, the activities that have been completed (as of November 2024) or anticipated to be accomplished (by the end of the year) are as follows:

- Regional Stakeholders' Chamber established (*under Milestone No. 4 on "Creation of Regional formations for stakeholders"*);

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| | <p>b. ESG Workshops conducted (<i>under Milestone No. 5 on "Development of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Indicator Framework"</i>);</p> <p>c. Draft ESG indicator framework endorsed to the Subcommittee on the SDGs (SC-SDG) (<i>also under Milestone No. 5</i>);</p> <p>d. Stakeholders' Chamber mapping of PAPs updated (<i>under Milestone No. 7 on "Launch of the SPACE Web Application for the Chamber"</i>); and</p> <p>e. The Chamber indicators have been finalized and adopted by the SC-SDG (<i>under Milestone No. 9 on "Refinement of the ESG Indicator Framework"</i>).</p> <p>With the anticipated completion of item (c) by end of 2024, the milestone on the 'Development of the ESG Indicator Framework' is expected to be fully achieved within 2024.</p> |
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| National Economic and Development Authority | | | | |
| Milestone 1: Establishment of the Stakeholders' Chamber internal organization | | | | |
| The Technical Working Groups [i.e., Economic, Social, Environment, and Peace, Security, and Governance (PSG)] and the Core Group established | 2023 | 2023 | Complete | During its Special Meeting in August 2023, the Stakeholders' Chamber formally organized its Working Groups (WGs), which mirror the four (4) thematic Technical Working Groups (TWGs) of the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) Subcommittee on the SDGs (SC-SDG). These four WGs of |

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| | | | | <p>the Chamber include Economic, Social, Environment, and PSG. Likewise, an official meeting of the Chamber's Core Group, composed of the Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, the Leads of the four WGs, and the Secretariat was also conducted in October 2023.</p> <p>In addition to the above WGs, two (2) functional WGs were also created: the Measurement and Monitoring (M&M), and Communications and Advocacy (C&A) WGs. These 2 groups are intended to function in support of the activities of the 4 thematic WGs especially in promoting the SDGs and the Chamber activities, and monitoring the timely implementation of the Chamber Roadmap and the progress of SDG implementation in the country.</p> <p>To provide further direction and guidance in achieving the objectives of the WGs, WG Leads were also elected during the same Special Meeting (for the four thematic TWGs), and after the 5th Regular Meeting of</p> |

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| | | | | <p>the Chamber on April 3, 2024 (for the two functional WGs). With this, the internal organization of the Chamber has been formally operationalized, as aligned with its strategic objectives and Terms of Reference (TOR).</p> <p>As a primary guide to standardize the general conduct of the WGs in pursuit of their objectives, a TOR for the WGs was formulated by the Secretariat, which was later presented to and approved in principle by the Chamber during its 5th Meeting in April 2024. In May 2024, the TOR of the WGs was finalized and shared with the members for their guidance.</p> |
| Milestone 2: Identification of areas of cooperation for SDG acceleration | | | | |
| List of projects, activities, or programs that contribute to the SDGs integrated in the PDP 2023-2028 | 2023 | 2023 | Complete | To ensure better coordination and resource management for the achievement of the SDGs, the Secretariat identified the priority SDGs (i.e., lagging-behind goals) and specific areas of cooperation where Stakeholders' Chamber |

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| | | | | <p>members could contribute and provide complementarity and support for/with the government as partners for sustainable development.</p> <p>These SDG areas of cooperation, which contain a list of focus strategies, was presented to the members during the 3rd Stakeholders' Chamber Meeting in April 2023, and the Core Group Meeting in October 2023. The areas of cooperation were based on the strategies identified under the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028. These include PDP strategies that expand the role of the private sector in areas that will deliver more benefits to the public and are ultimately geared towards the realization of the 2030 Agenda and <i>AmBisyon Natin 2040</i>.</p> <p>The identified SDG areas of cooperation will also serve as a guide for the Chamber and its WGs as they formulate their respective actionable work plans.</p> |

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| | | | | In addition to the work done in 2023, the flagship programs of government (as priority areas in the social, economic, environment, and PSG sectors) under the Program Convergence Budgeting (PCB) Framework for the SDGs were also presented to the Chamber members during the 2 nd Regular Meeting of the Chamber held on October 18, 2024. These flagship programs serve as guide for Chamber members on areas where they can collaborate with government, particularly those government agencies that will propose programs or projects for implementation through the PCB-SDG. |
| Milestone 3: Expansion of Chamber membership | | | | |
| New membership applications processed and endorsed to SC-SDG for approval | 2023 | 2023 | Complete | On April 7, 2022, the Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs was formally established with forty-two (42) member stakeholders chosen based on a robust set of merit criteria co-developed with the SC-SDG Secretariat. |

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| | | | | <p>To expand its membership, anchored on the SDG principle of <i>leaving no one behind</i>, a second call for membership to the Chamber was issued in February 2023. The Secretariat processed twenty-nine (29) applicants, twenty-seven (27) of which were accepted. In the same period, thirty-eight (38) out of the original forty-two (42) members also renewed their membership. Finally, in its first semester meeting in June 2023, the SC-SDG approved the applications of the new members. Newly-selected members formally pledged their commitment to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development in June 2023.</p> <p>To date, the Chamber is comprised of 65 member stakeholders from business and industry, civil society, academe, media, youth, trade union, and basic and vulnerable sectors. Through the Chamber, the members are provided with the opportunity to better shape sustainable development outcomes in the country.</p> |

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| Milestone 4: Creation of Regional formations for stakeholders | | | | |
| a. Regional Stakeholders' Chamber established | 2024 | 2024 | Substantial | <p>To date, ten (10) of fifteen (15) regions have established their regional Chambers with corresponding TORs upon the approval of their respective Regional Development Councils (RDCs):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) 2. Region 1 (Ilocos) 3. Region 2 (Cagayan Valley) 4. Region 3 (Central Luzon) 5. Region 4-A (CALABARZON) 6. Region 6 (Western Visayas) 7. Region 8 (Eastern Visayas) 8. Region 9 (Zamboanga Peninsula) 9. Region 10 (Northern Mindanao) 10. Region 13 (Caraga) <p>To facilitate this initiative, the Secretariat formulated draft TORs on the possible configurations for the localization in consultation with the different NEDA Regional Offices (NROs) that serve as</p> |

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| | | | | <p>RDC Secretariat. These were presented in a follow-up consultation meeting with the NROs in May 2024.</p> <p>Based on the inputs and recommendations received during the said consultation meeting, three (3) configurations for the regional chamber were later agreed upon by the NROs, and approved by the SC-SDG Chairperson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Option 1: Utilizing the RDC's Regional Subcommittees on the SDGs (RSC-SDG) b. Option 2: Utilizing the RDC Private Sector Representative (PSR)'s Meetings/Fora c. Option 3: Utilizing the RDC Sectoral Committees (RDC SeComs) <p>The <u>localization of the Stakeholders' Chamber across the regions</u> was undertaken in recognition of the urgent need to mobilize the nation at all levels in catching-up and accelerating overall progress on</p> |

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| | | | | <p>the SDGs, especially given its 2030 deadline. This was achieved by leveraging and strengthening existing mechanisms and the Private Sector Representatives (PSRs) of the RDCs.</p> <p><i>Note: By the end of 2024, the Regional Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs will be formally established in the country, complete with RDC-approved TORs across all 15 regions.</i></p> |
| b. Repository for SDG best practices by Chamber | 2024 | 2024 | Not started | <p>It is proposed that this milestone be rescheduled from 2024 to 2025. The repository will start being prepared after the formal establishment of the Chamber's regional formations by end of 2024.</p> <p>Aside from the repository for SDG best practices, the contribution of the Regional formations of the Chamber in the implementation of the Regional SDG Catch-Up Plans being formulated by each region (for completion within 2024) will also be instrumental</p> |

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| | | | | in the attainment of SDGs that will leave no region behind. |
| Milestone 5: Development of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Indicator Framework | | | | |
| a. ESG Workshops conducted | 2023 | 2024 | Completed | <p>In line with the strategies outlined in Chapter 15 (Accelerate Climate Action and Strengthen Disaster Resilience) of the PDP 2023-2028, NEDA conducted a "Symposium on Accelerating SDGs through Sustainable Business Practices" or the "ESG Symposium" in December 2023, with the Chamber members as participants.</p> <p>The Symposium provided members with a comprehensive understanding of ESG principles and their linkage with the SDGs, and informed them on the ESG regulatory landscape in the Philippines. The Symposium also served as a platform for the exchange of best practices and lessons learned by industry players, and the role of CSOs in advancing ESG.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>To facilitate the development of the Chamber's Indicator and Strategy Framework for the SDGs (<i>new name of the 'ESG Indicator Framework', as agreed by the Chamber on September 10, 2024</i>), NEDA conducted two (2) activities in September 2024:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Webinar on the Stakeholders' Chamber Three-Year Roadmap and Development of the Chamber's Indicator Framework (September 10, 2024); and 2. Workshop on the Formulation of the Stakeholders' Chamber Indicator and Strategy Framework for the SDGs (September 30, 2024). <p>The September 10 Webinar, which served as a pre-activity to the September 30 Workshop, was conducted primarily to (a) orient new representatives of the member stakeholders and refresh the Chamber as a whole on the rationale for the Stakeholder's Chamber, its Three (3)-Year</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Roadmap, and the role that Chamber members play in the advancement of the SDGs; and to (b) brief the Chamber members on how to accomplish the SDG Assessment Checklist, which will serve as basis in the development of the Chamber's Indicator and Strategy Framework. During the Webinar, member stakeholders with best practices on successfully integrating ESG principles and SDGs were also showcased, offering members key strategies and practical lessons for reference and possible replication. It was also during this Webinar that the Chamber members agreed to rename the Framework, recognizing that their indicators and strategies contributing to the SDG go beyond ESG.</p> <p>Building on this, the September 30 Workshop was held to provide a venue for the Chamber members to identify, review, and validate the initial set of indicators that shall form part of the Chamber's draft Indicator and Strategy Framework. Apart from</p> |

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| | | | | facilitating an exchange of SDG best practices, strategies, and sustainability indicators between and among the members, the Workshop also afforded the members the opportunity to share recommendations and raise concerns on SDG monitoring with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The preliminary 2023 SDG Pace of Progress report using the updated 2030 numerical target and data (as of September 6, 2024) was also presented by the PSA in the said Workshop. |
| b. Draft ESG indicator framework endorsed to the SC-SDG | 2024 | 2024 | Substantial | As mentioned above, aside from the four thematic WGs, a functional WG referred to as the Measurement and Monitoring (M&M) WG was created in 2023. A cross-cutting WG that will carry-out the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) objectives of the Chamber, the M&M WG is responsible for rendering assistance to the thematic WGs especially in the development of the Chamber's Indicator and |

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| | | | | <p>Strategy Framework alongside the Secretariat.</p> <p>To facilitate this, the M&M WG developed an SDG Assessment Checklist during the first quarter of 2024 to determine the extent of work of the Chamber members, the strategies and measures of performance (outputs and outcomes) they use, and how they relate to the SDG indicators regularly monitored by the Philippines (Tier 1 SDG indicators). An ESG Assessment Checklist was also later created by the M&M WG with the Secretariat, to properly account for the members' ESG practices that contribute to the SDGs.</p> <p>The thematic WGs of the Chamber consolidated and formally processed the accomplished Checklists submitted by the members to come up with inputs to the draft Indicator and Strategy Framework during the aforementioned September 30 Workshop.</p> <p>After further processing and completing the inputs post-</p> |

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| | | | | <p>Workshop, the WGs presented their respective draft Indicator and Strategy Framework in the Second (2nd) Special Meeting of the Chamber on November 14, 2024.</p> <p>Prior to its endorsement to the SC-SDG on December 2, 2024 for final approval, the Secretariat will further refine the draft Framework and circulated it to the members for ad-referendum approval.</p> <p><i>Note: The Chamber's Refined Indicator and Strategy Framework for the SDGs is expected to be approved and adopted by the SC-SDG during the Second (2nd) Semester Regular Meeting in December 2024.</i></p> |
| Milestone 6: Presentation of Chamber Policy Recommendations on SDG implementation to the SC-SDG | | | | |
| Policy recommendations on SDG acceleration endorsed to the SC-SDG | 2023 | 2024 | Substantial | In line with the policy mainstreaming objectives of the Chamber, the members have been active in providing their inputs and recommendations to plans, programs, and policy |

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| | | | | <p>documents on sustainable development in 2023-2024, to wit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Philippine Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production (PAP4SCP); United Nations (UN)'s Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future; and Key Flagship Programs and Outcomes (both current and proposed additional) of the Program Convergence Budgeting on the SDG (PCB-SDG) <i>(as the sectoral priority areas of the government for the attainment of the SDGs)</i>. <p>As prescribed in the TOR of the Chamber, work plans of the WGs that will include policy recommendations, among others (as aligned with the approved Indicator and Strategy Framework), will also be presented and endorsed to the SC-SDG during the first quarter of 2025.</p> <p><i>Note: This is proposed to be set as an annual target milestone/activity, given that</i></p> |

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| | | | | <i>this is a continuous endeavor of the Stakeholders' Chamber as a policy recommending body on the SDGs with a direct line to the government.</i> |
| Milestone 7: Launch of the SPACE Web Application for the Chamber | | | | |
| a. Web Application developed and approved by the Chamber and NEDA | 2023 | 2024 | Substantial | <p>To facilitate better coordination, communication, and convergence among the Chamber members' investments and advocacies, the Stakeholder Partnership Accelerator for Convergence and Engagement (SPACE) Web Application will be developed by NEDA, together with the UN Development Programme (UNDP).</p> <p>Following its conceptualization through a workshop in September 2023, the development of the Web Application shall be implemented in two (2) Phases.</p> <p>After a series of consultations and meetings between NEDA and UNDP, the TOR for the Phase 1 development of the Web Application was officially finalized in May 2024. Financed</p> |

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| | | | | <p>and supported by the Government of Canada through the UNDP's "Accelerating Green and Climate Finance in the Philippines: Nature-Based Solutions (AGCF)" Project, Phase 1 is set to be developed for a period of four months.</p> <p>As of November 2024, the UNDP has procured the services of UBQTY Inc., a private IT consulting and services firm, to serve as the vendor/developer of the Project. NEDA, UNDP, and the UBQTY Project Team conducted a kick-off meeting on November 8, 2024, marking the official commencement of the Project.</p> <p>As prescribed in the TOR for the Project, the beta version of Phase 1 of the SPACE Web Application was presented by the UBQTY Project Team to the Chamber in its Second (2nd) Special Meeting on November 14, 2024, where Chamber members provided comments and suggestions for incorporation by the developer</p> |

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| | | | | <p>in the ongoing development of the Web Application.</p> <p><i>Note: This is proposed to be moved from 2024 to 2025 as this target milestone will only be tagged as complete once the SC-SDG and NEDA approve Phase 1 of the SPACE Web Application being developed by the UBQTY Project Team. The Project is expected to be completed by February 2025.</i></p> |
| b. Stakeholders' Chamber mapping of PAPs updated | 2024 | 2024 | Completed | <p>To better synergize the efforts of the stakeholders, it is the role of the Chamber to be a repository of knowledge and a venue for collaborative opportunities. As such, an SDG Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAP) Mapping was initiated in 2022 to show the complementarities and overlaps among the various PAPs of the Chamber members, as well as to identify gaps in SDG implementation and target the ones that are lagging behind.</p> <p>Following the submission of the Chamber members, the SDG-PAP Mapping was officially</p> |


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| | | | | <p>updated in August 2024 (with data as of December 2023).</p> <p>The said choropleth map is featured in the 2023 SDG Implementation Report that will be released by NEDA this November 2024 as part of its submission to Congress pursuant to the Republic Act (RA) No. 11467.</p> |
| c. Web Application utilized by Chamber members to identify possible investments and areas for collaboration | 2024 | 2024 | Not started | <i>Note: This is proposed to be moved from 2024 to 2025 as this target milestone can only be done once the SPACE Web Application Phase 1 is developed.</i> |
| Milestone 8: Chamber recommends and inputs to the 2025 Voluntary National Review (VNR) | | | | |
| <i>Midterm Deliverable</i> Chamber consultations conducted for 2025 VNR | 2024 | 2024 | Completed | <p>In line with its commitment to undertake a VNR every three (3) years, the Philippines will be presenting its fourth (4th) VNR report at the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) at the UN Headquarters in New York in July 2025.</p> <p>As a first step in the preparation of the Philippines' 2025 VNR report, NEDA as the</p> |

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| | | | | <p>SC-SDG Secretariat organized a “VNR Consultation with Various Stakeholders” on November 25, 2024, which was participated in by the Stakeholders’ Chamber members. In the said consultation workshop, the stakeholders collaboratively identified and shared their inputs on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Potential challenges and opportunities in achieving the 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs; b. Strategies and solutions that are aligned with the outcomes of the Pact for the Future to address the potential challenges; and c. Best practices in implementing the SDGs. |
| Milestone 9: Refinement of ESG Indicator Framework | | | | |
| a. The Chamber indicators have been finalized and adopted by the SC-SDG | 2024 | 2025 | Substantial <i>(To be completed by the end of 2024)</i> | By the end of 2024, the Chamber’s Indicator and Strategy Framework for the SDGs will be presented during the Second (2 nd) Semester Regular Meeting of the SC-SDG in December 2024 for final approval and adoption <i>(Please</i> |

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| | | | | refer to Item b of Milestone # 5). |
| b. Outreach and awareness to achieve the SDGs are conducted | 2024 | 2025 | Started | <p>Apart from expanding SDG integration in the national framework and governance mechanisms at all levels (e.g., establishment of the Regional Stakeholders' Chamber), among other major initiatives, the government is further localizing the SDGs by ensuring local ownership and initiatives. A step towards this direction is translating the SDGs, down to target-level, into the country's major local languages. This Project is currently being spearheaded by NEDA as part of its SDG advocacy and awareness-raising initiative.</p> <p>With the assistance of the Communication and Advocacy (C&A) WG of the Chamber, the conduct of more advocacy, outreach, and localization activities on the SDGs is anticipated by 2025.</p> |
| c. SDGs are coordinated and advocated to political parties which | 2025 | 2025 | Not started | N/A |

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| the Chamber deems will be helpful in accelerating progress | | | | |
| Milestone 10: SDG Innovation through overlaid maps are published on SPACE in time for the 2025 VNR | | | | |
| <i>End-of-Term Deliverable</i> Results of the SDG Mapping initiatives are published on the SPACE Web Application | 2025 | 2025 | Not started | N/A |
| Milestone 11: Evaluation of 2023-2025 and Planning for 2026-2028 | | | | |
| <i>End-of-Term Deliverable</i> a. Performance of Chamber from 2023-2025 based on its Three (3)-Year Roadmap evaluated | 2025 | 2025 | Not started | N/A |
| b. Chamber's succeeding Roadmap/Plan for 2026-2028 drafted | 2025 | 2025 | Not started | N/A |
| Other Transparency and/or Participatory Activities/ Milestones | Start Date: | End Date: | Completion level | Start Date: |

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| Additional Information <i><You may provide any other information that is relevant to your commitment></i> | | | | |
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