

DBCC Subcommittee on Sustainable Development Goals (SC-SDG) - Stakeholders' Chamber – Fifth (5th) Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

03 APRIL 2024, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Astoria Plaza, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

ATTENDEES	Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency	Mr. Donald James D. Gawe <i>Chairperson</i>
	Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement	Ms. Rebecca L. Malay <i>Co-Chairperson</i>
	Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc.	Ms. Mirabel May Perez
	Adarna Group Foundation, Inc.	Ms. Maria Concepcion Estrella
	Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development	Mr. Nathaniel Don Marquez
	ASKI Group of Companies	Ms. Divina Gracia C. Santos Ms. Rachel M. Bulawit
	Association of Foundations Philippines, Inc.	Ms. Gina Estipona Mr. Oman Jiao
	Ayala Corporation	Ms. Ma. Victoria A. Tan
	Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute	<i>No representative</i>
	Business for Sustainable Development, Inc.	Mr. Edgar De Jesus Mr. Leonard Jay Serato
	Center for Migrant Advocacy Philippines	Ms. Sarah Jane G. Lopez
	Centre for Neighborhood Studies	Mr. Mario R. Delos Reyes
	Children of Asia Philippines	<i>No representative</i>
	Coolaire Consolidated, Inc.	Mr. Joel Ryan E. Tugade Ms. Ma. Theresa Andales
	Employers Confederation of the Philippines	Ms. Virginia Angela Usero Ms. Daniella Dominique Reyes

	EMS Group	Mr. Jabbar Usman B. Garciano
	E-Net Philippines	<i>No representative</i>
	European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines	Ms. Mazel Salazar
	Evident Integrated Marking & PR	Ms. Mary Francis Grace A. Marzan Ms. Elaine Tinio
	First Philippine Holdings Corporation	Mr. John Patrick Purugganan Ms. Agnes C. de Jesus
	Food for the Hungry Philippines, Inc.	Mr. Adrienne Nicole Razon Mr. Michael Jalbuena
	France Volontaires	Ms. Nanette Repalpa
	Girl Scouts of the Philippines	<i>No representative</i>
	Global Reporting Initiative	Ms. Katreena Pillejera
	GoodGovPH	Mr. Ivan Harris Tanyag
	Government Watch	<i>No representative</i>
	Green Space	<i>No representative</i>
	Halal International Chamber of Commerce and Industries of the Philippines, Inc.	<i>No representative</i>
	International Care Ministries Foundation	<i>No representative</i>
	International Council on Monuments and Sites	Ms. Laya Gonzales Mr. Gabriel Caballero
	Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc.	Ms. Corazon P. Sajonas
	Jollibee Group Foundation	Ms. Maria Lissa Victoria Nuesca
	Life Haven Center for Independent Living	Ms. Shiela May I. Aggarao Mr. Abner Manlapaz Ms. Shiela Mae Tenedero Ms. Almarie Camson
	Manila Water Foundation	Mr. Reginald M. Andal
	Maranao People Development	<i>No representative</i>

	Center Inc.	
	Maynilad Water Services Inc.	<i>No representative</i>
	Mindanao Trade Expo Foundation, Inc.	<i>No representative</i>
	The Moropreneur Inc	<i>No representative</i>
	National Trade Union Center of the Philippines	<i>No representative</i>
	National Youth Volunteers' Coalition	Ms. Maria Jessica Angelica M. Tejada Ms. Jazmin Faye A. Berrame
	Nickel Asia Corporation	Mr. Jose Bayani D. Baylon Mr. Paolo Earvin Alonzo
	Novaliches Development Cooperative	Ms. Marlene Sindayen
	Philippine Alliance of Patient Organizations	Mr. Einstein Rojas
	Philippine Business for Education	Ms. Marie Genevieve L. Bautista
	Philippine Business for Social Progress	Ms. Anafriami Martin Ms. Kristine Rivadelo
	Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Mr. Joel Ryan E. Tugade Ms. Ma. Joanna Paula Pascual Ms. Daney Quizon
	Philippines Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture	Ms. Veronica Limpin
	PLDT and Smart Communications	Mr. Edmar B. Pasilaban
	Project SMILE	Ms. Sam Tamayo
	Public Services Labor Independent Confederation	Ms. Jillian Thrift Roque
	Positive Youth Development Network, Inc.	Ms. Jeannie Anne Maguad
	Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.	<i>No representative</i>
	Rublou Group of	Mr. Stephen Del Rosario

	Companies	Mr. Arnaldo C. Tuma-ob
	Samahang Pisika ng Pilipinas, Inc.	<i>No representative</i>
	Save the Children Philippines	Ms. Minerva Cabiles
	SEAOIL Foundation, Inc.	<i>No representative</i>
	SyCip Gorres Velayo & Co.	Ms. Katrina Francisco
	Social Watch Philippines Foundation	<i>No representative</i>
	Siklab Pilipinas	Mr. Saje Molato
	SUSTAINARUMBLE!	Mr. Jonas Marie Dumdum Mr. Christopher Klein Leynes Asinas
	SGV & Co.	Ms. Katrina Francisco
	Unang Hakbang Foundation, Inc.	Ms. Olie Lucas Ms. Mary Aileen Padoga
	Waves for Water Philippines, Inc.	Ms. Sarah Reenfrida J. Dimalaluan
	World Vision Development Foundation, Inc.	Mr. Aldwin Jamora
	Yakap At Halik Multi-Purpose Cooperative Quezon 1	<i>No representative</i>
	Zuellig Family Foundation, Inc.	<i>No representative</i>
I. PRELIMINARIES		Executive Director Donald James Gawe PNVSCA / Chairperson
Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chairperson ('the Chair'), Executive Director Donald James D. Gawe of the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA), called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM upon the determination of a quorum consisting of at least thirty-four (34) member stakeholders. 2. The Chair welcomed the participants and called on the SC-SDG Secretariat to acknowledge the members present. The Secretariat counted 45 members present with a total attendance of 65 individual participants. 	

	<p>3. After the members were recognized, the Chair presented the provisional agenda items for the meeting. Director Rebecca L. Malay, Co-Chairperson ('Co-Chair') of the Chamber, recommended that the following items be added for information of the members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on the Summit of the Future (SotF); and Feedback on the 11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD). <p>4. The provisional agenda was approved with the additional agenda items to be presented by the Co-Chair as part of the new business.</p>
II. MEETING AGENDA	
Agenda 1: Highlights of the Previous Meeting	Ms. Rocelle Angel M. Vallente NEDA / SC-SDG Secretariat
Agreement	Members were given five (5) working days to review and submit comments on the document. The highlights will be deemed approved if the Secretariat does not receive comments by April 10, 2024.
Agenda 2: Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting	Ms. Rocelle Angel M. Vallente NEDA / SC-SDG Secretariat
Presentation and Discussion	<p>1. Ms. Vallente discussed latest updates on the following action matters from the previous meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Highlights of the Third (3^d) Meeting of the Stakeholders' Chamber.</i> The highlights were deemed approved as there were no further comments received from the members. <i>Establishment of the Regional Stakeholders' Chamber.</i> A consultation meeting with the NEDA Regional Offices (NROs) will be organized by the Secretariat to discuss the proposed structure and configuration for the Regional Chamber. <i>Establishment of the Stakeholders' Chamber Internal Organization.</i> The four (4) thematic Working Groups (WGs) of the Chamber have already assigned their respective representatives to the two (2) functional WGs (<i>with SUSTAINARUMBLE! or the Environment WG Lead acting as the temporary Communications and Advocacy or C&A WG representative of their Group</i>). So far, the Measurement and Monitoring (M&M) WG has already began their work and come up with an 'Assessment

	<p>Checklist of the SDG Indicators', which is a starting point in the development of the Indicator Framework. The Assessment Checklist will also be used by the SC-SDG Secretariat in updating the SDG-Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs) Mapping of the Chamber.</p> <p>iv. Development of SPACE Web Application: Revisions on the Mock-Ups of the Web Application have been made in consideration of the members' comments and suggestions. As for the implementation of the Project, these will be divided into two (2) Phases. <i>Phase 1</i>, which is focused on Information Exchange, will be financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Climate Finance Project fund. <i>Phase 2</i>, which will have the complete features, will have a financing requirement of approximately PhP1.8 million. As of April 3, the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Phase 1 development of the Application is already in its finalization stage, with UNDP incorporating NEDA comments. The Phase 1 version of the Application is set to be presented in the 6th Meeting of the Chamber.</p> <p>v. Implementation of Priority Actions under the Philippine Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production (PAP4SCP): The NEDA-Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment Staff (ANRES) reported that they received no further comments from the members on the PAP4SCP after the 4th Meeting of the Chamber. The draft DBCC Resolution adopting the Action Plan, however, is still being finalized and is open for additional inputs, if any.</p> <p>vi. ESG Symposium. A Symposium providing members a comprehensive understanding of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles and their linkage to the SDGs was organized by NEDA on December 1, 2023. The event also served as a platform for the exchange of best practices and lessons learned and underscored the role of civil society in advancing ESG.</p> <p>vii. Other Matters. The 6th Meeting of the Stakeholders' Chamber will be hosted by the PRRM in October 2024.</p> <p>2. The Chair expressed concerns on the timeline for the development of the SPACE Web Application and asked the Secretariat for its target launch date. Ms. Vallente replied that</p>
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	<p>Phase 1 of the Application will be launched within the year, after its initial interface is presented to the members in the 6th Chamber meeting in October 2024. She explained that the months preceding the said meeting will be allotted for the development of the Application through a team of consultants hired by the UNDP.</p> <p>3. The Chair inquired if initial inputs submitted by the members on the PAP4SCP were integrated and/or addressed. Ms. Maureen Jane B. Oreiro from the Secretariat confirmed that the PAP4SCP version presented by NEDA-ANRES during the previous meeting already reflected these. Ms. Katrina Francisco of SGV & Co., however, informed the body that they submitted further comments on the PAP4SCP after the 4th meeting of the Chamber.</p>
Agreements	<p><u>On Updates on the Establishment of the Stakeholders' Chamber Internal Organization</u></p> <p>1. <i>Monitoring and Evaluation.</i> To facilitate the development of a Strategic Framework and an accompanying Indicator Framework, members were requested to submit their accomplished Assessment Checklists (prepared by the M&M WG) to the Secretariat by April 8, 2024.</p> <p><u>On Updates on the Development of the SPACE Web Application</u></p> <p>2. As proposed by Life Haven, the Secretariat will coordinate with the UNDP to ensure that accessibility and inclusivity are considered by the latter in the development of the web application.</p> <p><u>On Updates on the Implementation of PAPS4SCP</u></p> <p>3. The Secretariat will coordinate with the NEDA-ANRES to confirm if they received and acted on the inputs submitted by SGV & Co. after the 4th Meeting of the Chamber.</p>
<p>Agenda 3: Organizational Matters – Transfer of Supervision of the SDG Secretariat for the Stakeholders' Chamber</p>	
Presentation and Discussion	<p>1. Director Reverie Pure G. Sapaen of the Secretariat explained that organizational changes that have been made within NEDA to streamline its functions for better and more efficient service delivery.</p> <p>2. As background, she shared that when the SC-SDG Secretariat functions were transferred to the NEDA-Governance Staff</p>

	<p>(GovS) in 2022, the said Staff was also mandated to serve as the Secretariat to the six (6) SDG bodies as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DBCC SC-SDGs; DBCC SC-SDG Technical Working Group (TWG) on Economic; DBCC SC-SDG TWG on Environment; DBCC SC-SDG TWG on Social; DBCC SC-SDG TWG on Peace, Security, and Governance (PSG); and DBCC SC-SDG Stakeholders' Chamber. <p>3. Following the internal reorganization, the following changes were implemented within NEDA effective April 1, 2024 pursuant to Special Order (SO) No. 175-2024 (amending SO No. 337-2022):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of Secretariat functions of selected SC-SDG TWGs from GovS to the following NEDA Sector Staffs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TWG on Economic – National Policy Planning Staff TWG on Environment – ANRES TWG on Social – Social Development Meanwhile, the main Secretariat functions of the following SDG bodies will remain with the GovS: (1) SC-SDGs; (2) TWG on PSG; and (3) SC-SDG Stakeholders' Chamber. <p>4. Dir. Sapaen mentioned that an internal reorganization was also introduced in GovS following these changes, which includes the creation of a new group (i.e., Economic Governance Division) and the transfer of supervision of the SC-SDG Secretariat to the Chamber to a different group (i.e., Political Governance Division).</p> <p>5. After the presentation, the Chair asked if members of the Chamber WGs are also attending the meetings of their counterpart TWGs to discuss sector specific concerns. Dir. Sapaen replied that TWG membership is limited to national government agencies (NGAs). WGs may elevate national policy recommendations or concerns to the Chamber. These can be further elevated for the SC-SDG's consideration through the Chamber's Co-Chair, who sits as a member of the SC-SDG.</p> <p>6. To streamline provision of inputs from the WGs to their counterpart TWGs, the Chair and Co-Chair suggested that a</p>
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	new working arrangement that will strengthen convergence and coordination between parallel sectors be considered. Dir. Sapaen responded that Secretariat will coordinate with the corresponding Sector Staffs to discuss possible arrangements that can be adopted.	
Agreement	To align efforts and facilitate cooperation, the Secretariat will explore a more efficient mode of interface between the Stakeholders' Chamber WGs and the SC-SDG TWGs.	
Agenda 4: Updates on Summit of the Future and Feedback on the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)		Director Rebecca L. Malay PRRM / Co-Chairperson
Presentation	<p><u>On Summit of the Future (SotF)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was reported that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in the Asia-Pacific region have regressed by almost thirty-two (32) years. Based on its current pace (further pushed back by the impact of the global pandemic), the region is estimated to achieve the SDGs in 2062. 2. To address current and future challenges that threaten progress, and accelerate SDG implementation, the SotF will take place from September 22-23, 2024, in the UN General Assembly (UNGA). Building on the 2023 SDG Summit (the second SDG summit since the first one in 2019), the SoTF aims to put together an outcome document called the "Pact for the Future". To help support Member States in their preparation for this Summit, eleven (11) policy briefs (or areas) (e.g., future generations, transforming education, new agenda for peace, outer space, UN 2.0, etc.) were issued containing more details on certain proposals from 'Our Common Agenda'. 3. The Co-Chair further shared that the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Major Group has already provided inputs to the Zero Draft of the Pact after it came out in December last year and was open for comments until this January. Currently, inter-governmental negotiations are being conducted to do another round of discussion on its content. 4. As for upcoming events, the Co-Chair informed the body that a global civil society meeting is being organized by the Department of Global Communications for May 9-10, 2024, in Nairobi, Kenya. As a member of the Global Steering Committee of the Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN), she mentioned PRRM's participation and encouraged members, 	

	<p>especially from civil society, to provide inputs on the 11 policy areas and five chapters of the said Summit, through the Stakeholders' Chamber.</p> <p>5. Apart from providing inputs to the process, the Co-Chair also urged the members to focus on the most important part, which is to influence the position of the Philippine government in the UN SoTF by actively participating in the country's Filipino Futures Forum.</p> <p>6. Members may also influence UN Philippines (or country teams) for this matter. She added that in a meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator Gustavo Gonzales, the Philippines was recognized to have good processes where civil society can provide inputs on SoTF-related documents.</p> <p><u>On the 11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development</u></p> <p>7. The Co-Chair mentioned that a side event on the SoTF was held during the recent APFSD in Bangkok, Thailand, and was attended by the PRRM, Undersecretary Rosemarie G. Edillon from NEDA (the Chairperson of the SC-SDG), and Dr. Jaime Montoya from the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR).</p> <p>8. A private bilateral meeting with the UN Undersecretary General Guy Rider was also organized thereafter to discuss the Summit further. The meeting underscored, among others, the importance of consulting and receiving inputs from the civil society on SoTF-related documents.</p>
Discussion	<p>1. Mr. Nathaniel Don Marquez from Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC) thanked the Co-Chair for sharing latest developments that seek to accelerate SDG implementation. He stressed that the real challenge lies more in strengthening enforcement and looking beyond the 11 policy areas identified.</p> <p>2. To provide members further information on the SoTF and help them brainstorm ways to accelerate SDG progress, the Chair asked the Co-Chair to share available briefers, presentations, and/or materials on the SoTF.</p>
Agreements	<p>The members may provide their inputs to the Philippines' position and commitment for the UN SoTF in September 2024 through the Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs and through the Filipino Futures Forum.</p>

Agenda 5: Presentation on the “Ang Hiraya ng Hinaharap: The Filipino Futures Forum 2024”	Director Reverie Pure G. Sapaen NEDA / SC-SDG Secretariat
Presentation and Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As part of the country’s preparation for the UN SoTF, NEDA will be conducting “Ang Hiraya ng Hinaharap: The Filipino Futures Forum” tentatively scheduled on August 7, 2024. To brief the members about the event, Dir. Sapaen from the SC-SDG Secretariat presented the proposed concept note of the Forum and discussed the main features of the event (<i>see attached presentation deck for further details</i>). 2. During the discussion proper, Mr. Jonas Marie Dumdum from SUSTAINARUMBLE! requested clarification from the Secretariat on the major difference between the Common Agenda Policy Briefs (CAPBs) for Pact for the Future Commitments (PFCs) 2 on “International Peace and Security” and 3 “Science, Technology, Innovation, and Digital Cooperation”. The Secretariat clarified that the CAPB on “Open, Free, and Secure Digital Future” has two lenses which will cover the two (2) sessions on peace and security, and science and innovation. 3. On the audience composition, Ms. Minerva Cabiles of Save the Children of the Philippines (SCP) underscored the importance of engaging the younger youth (as young as 13) in the Forum, as the topic will be their future. She suggested that specific age ranges be identified for the youth participants, with a target percentage of participants for each range. Ms. Cabiles also proposed that the school schedule or vacation period of the students be considered in scheduling the consultation(s) and the Forum itself, to ensure their active participation (seconded later by Mr. Aldwin Jamora from the World Vision Development Foundation, Inc. or World Vision). In support of their suggestions, SCP offered support to the Secretariat in helping younger participants prepare for the event and making their engagement meaningful. The Secretariat will discuss the suggestions with UNDP and identify specific age ranges and composition of youth participants to the Forum. 4. Ms. Shiela May I. Aggarao from Life Haven provided three (3) major inputs on the draft concept note. The first is inclusion of youth with disabilities as one of the target participants of the Forum, which may be a sub-composition of the 30% of participants from the private sector and civil society organizations (CSOs). The second is for the Secretariat to ensure accessibility and inclusiveness of the Forum venue. In

	<p>particular, she suggested that the Secretariat formulate an “accessibility checklist” to be used in the selection of the venue. They offered to provide inputs on aspects that need to be considered in the checklist and/or the Terms of Reference (TOR) to ensure accessibility, not just of the venue, but also of the program design. The Secretariat was also suggested to coordinate with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) on this matter. The third is an inquiry if the event proceedings will be made available online. The Secretariat noted the two suggestions and shall look into the possible live streaming or social media coverage of the Forum (with the assistance of the C&A WG in the overall promotion of the event).</p> <p>5. In support of SCP’s recommendation on extending the Forum’s participants to children, Mr. Jamora from World Vision suggested the conduct of consultation(s) <i>(in collaboration with other Chamber members)</i> with children and young people, prior to the event. They also requested permission to present the results of said consultation(s) during the breakout sessions. The Secretariat noted the suggestion and requested the members who will conduct said consultations to duly inform the Secretariat of their steps moving forward, once finalized.</p> <p>6. Should target participants be extended to a demographic as young as 13 years old, Mr. Gabriel Caballero from the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) requested the Secretariat to consider this in the language, facilitation, and synthesis of the sessions. As for their inputs, he first raised a concern about the limited time provided in consolidating and solidifying the Chamber inputs to the country commitment document. In terms of audience composition, he asked the Secretariat to consider the following with regard to the target 50% (150) participants from the youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Will they be NCR-based or will region-based youth be included?</i> ○ <i>Will they come from organized youth groups, advocacy youth groups, or student leaders? Or will they just be students with no advocacy?</i> <p>7. The Secretariat will study the appropriate representation and criteria for youth participants, in consultation with the youth organizations of the Stakeholders’ Chamber. Apart from ensuring that the inputs from the Forum will be considered in the Philippines’ statement for the SoTF, the Secretariat will also</p>
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	<p>prepare briefers for the Forum, as requested by World Vision and ICOMOS.</p> <p>8. To have a more logical flow of discussions, Ms. Maria Lissa Victoria Nuesca from the Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF) proposed the following arrangement of sessions/PFCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainable Development and Financing for Development ○ Science, Technology, Innovation, and Digital Cooperation ○ International Peace and Security ○ Transforming Global Governance <p>9. On the audience composition vis-à-vis the selection process of the Forum's target participants, Ms. Sam Tamayo from Project SMILE raised a series of questions for Secretariat's consideration (i.e., <i>Will there be an open call for participants? Will there be a process of nomination from the identified partners? Are there specific slots allocated for the Stakeholders' Chamber involved in the event?</i>). For the Forum sessions, Ms. Tamayo recommended that members of the Stakeholders' Chamber be nominated or considered as presenters or speakers given their wealth of experience and expertise. This suggestion was later seconded by Mr. Joel Tugade from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), stating that sharing experiences and best practices through the Forum would be a best case example of public-private cooperation for the SDGs. Dir. Sapaen agreed and asked the interested members to express their interest and commitment and coordinate accordingly with the Secretariat.</p> <p>10. Relative to the Advocacy Booths, Ms. Tamayo asked for the specifics or expectations of the Secretariat from possible sponsors. Ms. Tamayo and Mr. Tugade both inquired if there would be fees for those who wish to set up booths during the Forum. The Secretariat clarified that no fees will be charged for the setting up of the advocacy booths. Details on the Advocacy Booths and expectations from sponsors will also be incorporated in the revised concept note.</p> <p>11. In addition to the above, Mr. Tugade raised concerns about the tight timeline for preparations for the event, which is tentatively scheduled for August 7, 2024 (approximately 4 months). Dir. Sapaen responded that the August 2024 schedule already balances the time needed for preparations and the time needed for the post-event synthesis to firm up the Philippines' position for the UN SotF in September 2024. She also informed the body that the Forum's program, previously envisioned to be a</p>
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	<p>three (3)-day event, was squeezed into one (1) day due to budgetary constraints.</p> <p>12. Mr. Abner Manlapaz from Life Haven expressed his intention to conduct similar consultations with their members to ensure meaningful inputs during the Forum. He asked for the Secretariat's consideration of this process especially in mapping the timelines for the Forum. For more inclusive and productive discussions during the Forum, he also suggested the Secretariat to invite and coordinate with the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), which has newly-elected members and representation across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. The Co-Chair supported the suggestion and encouraged the Chamber members to do the same and hold pre-forum meetings/consultations to firm-up their position on specific areas of the country commitment document.</p> <p>13. 13 As additional input on the audience composition, Ms. Jillian Thrift Roque from Public Services Labor Independent Confederation (PSLINK) proposed that the Secretariat strive to achieve gender balance both in the target participants (from government and non-government), and the resource speakers in the program. The Chair added that the Secretariat may opt to observe the 60-40 gender balance ratio in this regard.</p> <p>14. Mr. Einstein Rojas from the Philippine Alliance of Patient Organizations (PAPO) expressed his support for the involvement of foresight agencies in the Forum. Given the importance of using the proper framework for the visioning exercise, he proposed that the Secretariat explore and add other foresight practices for this initiative.</p> <p>15. Mr. Jose Bayani D Baylon from Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC) underscored the importance of providing younger people a platform to freely share their voices and perspectives. He urged the Secretariat to consider this in planning the design of sessions of the Forum.</p> <p>16. Relative to the promotions of the event, Mr. Dumdum from SUSTAINARUMBLE! expressed his intention to assist with its social media coverage and requested further discussions with the Secretariat.</p> <p>17. With concurrence from the Chair, the Co-Chair proposed the exclusion of "to revisit the Philippines' <i>AmBisyon Natin</i> 2040" from the Forum's objectives. She emphasized that the process</p>
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	<p>for revising the <i>AmBisyon</i> would be complicated as it should mirror the process of formulation (i.e., nationwide surveys, FGDs, etc.). Rather than revising the long-term vision, NEDA may consider working on policies that need to be adopted in order to attain the long-term vision and the SDGs (but this initiative should be separate from the Forum). Nevertheless, the Co-Chair stated that the Forum is a prime opportunity to address the clamor and demand from different sectors to be further involved in the government's future plans. Aside from being a good expression of what Filipinos think, the Forum should emphasize actions towards accelerating SDG progress. The Co-Chair added that the Forum is an ideal platform for them to provide inputs to the government on how to deal with pressing issues (e.g., West Philippine Sea conflict, role of multilateral development banks in financial architecture, etc.).</p>
Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Secretariat will consider the comments and recommendations received from the members on the draft concept note for the Forum. 2. The Secretariat will prepare a briefer per topic that will be discussed in the Forum and will disseminate the same to members before the Forum. The Secretariat will also work closely with the Chamber members in crafting the Philippines' position and commitment for the SotF. 3. SUSTAINARUMBLE! committed to provide support for the session on Pact for the Future Commitment 3 (PFC3) of the Forum. They will finalize the form of support (e.g., resource persons, facilitator, etc.) and inform the Secretariat on a later date. 4. Nickel Asia Corporation committed a total of PhP1 million as additional funding for the Forum, to extend the event and ensure broader participation especially from the youth.
<p>Agenda 6: Accomplishments, Activities, and Ways Forward of the Four Working Groups of the Stakeholders' Chamber</p>	
Presentation and Discussion	<p>1. As part of the required annual reporting of the WGs, chosen representative and leads from Social, Environment, Economic, and PSG presented their respective accomplishments, activities, and ways forward for the information of the body (see</p>

attached presentation decks of the WGs for further details).

2. After each presentation, the following were discussed:

Social WG

- a. To ensure that equality of outcomes is addressed, Mr. Manlapaz raised and proposed that disaggregation of data be pursued most especially for SDG 10 (Reducing Inequalities).
- b. Pertinent to the WG presentation led by Ms. Estipona from Association of Foundations Philippines, Inc. (AF), the Chair inquired if the WG has specific plans already for policy advocacy. Ms. Estipona replied that there are only initial discussions for this but the WG will work on a simple action plan moving forward.

Environment WG

- a. In relation to the WG's concerns on the alignment of priorities, Mr. Dumdum, or the WG lead and presenter, cited the Program Convergence Budgeting (PCB) on the SDG initiative shared by NEDA Usec. Edillon as a starting point. Ms. Katrina Francisco from SGV & Co. seconded this and recommended that focus SDGs be cascaded across all WGs to encourage private sector involvement in these areas.
- b. Similar to the Social WG, Mr. Dumdum committed to submit their consolidated accomplished assessment checklists.

Economic WG

- a. Noting that only three (3) members of the WG have expressed their commitment and action steps vis-à-vis addressing the sector's regressing areas, the Chair asked Mr. Tugade to facilitate the same for the remaining members and requested to also ensure the WG's submission of checklists.
- b. With regard to the WG's identified challenge on 'SDG localization and alignment with the RDCs', Dir. Sapaen responded that the Secretariat is trying to come up with an ideal configuration mindful of governance principles of streamlining functions in making use of existing government mechanisms. This includes the proposal of having the Private Sector Representatives (PSRs) of the Regional Development Council (RDC) become the ex-officio members (or form the nucleus) of the Regional Stakeholders' Chamber.

Agreement	The Secretariat acknowledged the proactive efforts made by all WGs towards achieving the SDGs.
Agenda 7: Approval of the Draft Terms of Reference of the Working Groups	Ms. Rocelle Angel M. Vallente NEDA / SC-SDG Secretariat
Presentation and Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To serve as a primary guide to standardize the general conduct of the WGs in pursuit of their objectives, a Terms of Reference (TOR) was drafted by the SC-SDG Secretariat. Ms. Vallente of the Secretariat presented its salient features (<i>see attached presentation deck for further details</i>). 2. During the discussion, Mr. Dumdum from SUSTAINARUMBLE! requested to revise the number of days for sending out the notice of WG meetings to at least five (5) working days. He also inquired about the rationale behind the assignment of SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) to the Economic WG. The Secretariat noted the first comment and explained that the focus areas per WG were based on the SDGs (i.e., Goals, Targets, and Indicators) assigned to each SC-SDG TWG, which are mirrored by the Chamber WGs. SDG 11 is included in the Environment WG because urban and land use policies impact the environment. She added that integration of the said Goals and their indicators in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 was also used as the basis for determining which SDGs would be suggested as focus areas for each WG. 3. Life Haven proposed that areas of concern for the M&M WG be amended to include further assistance to the four (4) thematic WGs in the development of the indicators. Life Haven acknowledged that although the collection of disability-focused data has improved (e.g. through initiatives such as the Community-Based Monitoring System or CBMS), there is still much work to be done. Life Haven suggested looking into SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) as a starting point for this. 4. Ms. Vallente concurred and stated that M&M WG may also consider the disaggregation of indicators in their development of the ESG Indicator Framework and overall effort to improve SDG monitoring vis-à-vis capturing inequalities. She also reminded the body to submit their accomplished checklist on or before the deadline to help the M&M WG facilitate the matter. 5. On behalf of the M&M WG, Ms. Katreena Pillejera from Global

	<p>Reporting Initiative (GRI) elaborated on the said checklist and urged members to provide them with detailed information on their current indicators and metrics. Though the checklist is based on Tier 1 SDG indicators, she mentioned that the M&M WG is open to expanding the list to ensure that the Chamber's indicator framework will be responsive to the needs of the respective WGs.</p> <p>6. With regard to general conduct, Ms. Aggarao proposed adding a provision in the TOR that would ensure the accessibility and inclusivity of the Chamber and its WGs' meetings and activities moving forward (e.g. accessibility in terms of venues, format and content of information, and communication channels used). The Chair supported this and reminded the body to consider inclusivity in the process and standard operating procedures of the Chamber at all times. He used the Filipino Futures Forum as an example, stating that an interpreter may be necessary, especially for participants with disabilities.</p> <p>7. Ms. Olie Lucas from Unang Hakbang Foundation, Inc. (Unang Hakbang) suggested that the C&A WG should ensure that the advocacy materials they will develop are child-friendly. She suggested that the WG can work closely with the Department of Education (DepEd) so materials may be disseminated and used in schools.</p>
Agreements	<p>1. The Secretariat will consider and incorporate the comments and recommendations received from the members on the draft TOR.</p> <p>2. SUSTAINARUMBLE! moved for the approval of the draft TOR in principle, subject to the incorporation of comments provided during the meeting. Life Haven seconded.</p> <p><u>On membership to the WGs</u></p> <p>3. ICOMOS will be included as a member of the Environment WG given their work on SDG 11. The Association of Foundations Philippines, Inc. will also be included as a member of the Social WG.</p>
Breakout Session for the WGs to discuss WG matters and next steps	
Agreements	<p>1. Economic, Environment, and PSG WGs convened after the meeting proper. Among the major agreements are as follows:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center for Neighbourhood Studies (CENS) shall be the designated representative of the Environment WG for the Communications and Advocacy (C&A) WG; Economic WG agreed to divide the WG into clusters: (i) Senior High School Career Guidance and Climate Action for Food Security, (ii) Workforce Training, (iii) Labor Rights, and (iv) Data Collection and Awareness; and PSG WG to conduct a separate meeting on April 16, 2024. <p>2. The M&M and C&A WGs will inform the Secretariat of their elected WG Leads after their respective meetings. Members of the C&A WG (Evident Integrated Marketing and PR, and the Food for the Hungry, Inc.) also requested the Secretariat to provide them the contact details of the other members of the WG for their coordination in convening a meeting.</p>
ANNOUNCEMENT	<p><u>Upcoming 2024 Activities</u></p> <p>April 23: Consultation meeting of the Secretariat with the NEDA Regional Offices (NROs) on the Establishment of the Regional Stakeholders' Chamber</p> <p>June 4: First Semester Meeting of the DBCC SC-SDG</p> <p>July 8-17: UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</p> <p>August 7 (TBC): <i>Ang Hiraya ng Hinaharap: The Filipino Futures Forum 2024</i></p> <p>September 23-24: UN Summit of the Future</p> <p>October 16: Second Semester Meeting of the DBCC SC-SDG Stakeholders' Chamber (to be hosted by the PRRM)</p> <p>November 7: Second Semester Meeting of the DBCC SC-SDG</p> <p><u>WG-related announcement</u></p> <p>April 25: Next meeting of the Social WG</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>SUSTAINARUMBLE! moved to adjourn the meeting, and Life Haven seconded.</p> <p>The 5th Meeting of the Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs was adjourned at 2:30 PM.</p>
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