

Briefer from the Secretariat

5th Meeting of the Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs

03 April 2024; 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Astoria Plaza, Escriva Drive, Ortigas, Pasig City

Subject : Accomplishments, Activities, and Ways Forward of the Four (4) Working Group(s) of the Stakeholders' Chamber

Action Requested: For Information

1. Formally established on April 7, 2022, the Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs is designed to bring together the widest array of stakeholders for better coordination and resource management for the achievement of the SDGs, ensuring complementarity and support between the efforts of the non-government and government. Comprised of the private sector, civil society, academia, and most especially, the vulnerable sectors of the country, such diversity coupled with an institutionalized platform and a direct link to the government, allows the Chamber and its members the opportunity to better shape development outcomes in the country.
2. Through the Social Development Committee (SDC) Resolution No. 2, series of 2019, the Stakeholders' Chamber is tasked to provide inputs to its Sub-Committee on SDGs, and to perform the following roles and functions:
 - a. Facilitate partnership projects between non-government stakeholders and the government;
 - b. Assist in funneling non-government actions towards SDG-relevant initiatives through pledging sessions by non-government actors;
 - c. Setting and communicating clear engagement objectives, and creating an engagement design and plan; and
 - d. Consolidate inputs and feedback from different stakeholders through reports, program, and partnership recommendations and position statements for consideration of the SC-SDG.
2. As a multi-stakeholder formation on sustainable development, the Stakeholders' Chamber is also guided by key strategic objectives to enable genuine participatory governance greatly benefitting the quality of implementation and accelerate the country's attainment of the SDGs. These include:
 - a. **Convergence:** Collaborate and synergize non-government investments, projects, and advocacy related to sustainable development;

- b. **Policy Mainstreaming:** Enhance SDG implementation in the country by offering recommendations to the SC-SDGs and its Technical Working Groups (TWGs) ;
 - c. **Outreach and Communications:** Self-organize non-government stakeholders working on the SDGs in the country, conduct outreach to prospective members, and promote awareness of the SDGs; and
 - d. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Collectively coordinate with the SC-SDGs and TWGs through the SC-SDG Secretariat the development of strategic and indicator frameworks to support the implementation and review of the SDGs.
3. Given the scope of work in support thereof, the Stakeholders' Chamber has adopted a structure similar to the SC-SDG and created four (4) thematic Working Groups (WGs) during its Special Meeting on August 7, 2023, namely: Social, Environment, Economic, and Peace, Security, and Governance WGs. As indicated in the Chamber's Terms of Reference (TOR), every member must be a part of at least 1 and at most 2 of these WGs.
4. Following their formal operationalization, each WG will share through their presentations their accomplishments, activities, and ways forward thus far to the body during the 5th Meeting of the Stakeholders' Chamber.