

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 : Approval of the Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group(s)

Action Requested: For Discussion and Approval

1. An institutionalized platform to consolidate non-government actors working towards the SDGs, the Stakeholders' Chamber is composed of 65 private sector organizations from business and industry, civil society, academe, media, youth, trade union, and basic & vulnerable sector.
2. During its Special Meeting on August 7, 2023, the Stakeholders' Chamber formally organized its Working Groups (WGs), which mirror the four (4) thematic Technical Working Groups (TWGs) of the Sub-Committee on SDGs (SC-SDG). These 4 WGs of the Chamber include Economic, Environment, Peace, Security and Governance (PSG), and Social.
3. 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 two groups are intended to function in support of the activities of the four main WGs especially in promoting the SDGs and the Chamber's activities, and monitoring the timely implementation of the Chamber Roadmap and the progress of SDG implementation in the country.
4. To provide further direction and guidance in achieving the objectives of the WGs, WG Leads were also elected during the same Special Meeting. The Leads will provide the direction to the WGs in performing their roles and responsibilities, as well as the rules and procedures of the Chamber as provided in the Chamber's Terms of Reference (TOR). While the Chamber's TOR provides that the WG Leads are responsible for conceptualizing their internal arrangement in the conduct of their activities, the draft TOR that will be presented for discussion and approval of the members will serve as their primary guide in the conduct of activities in their respective WGs.