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NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**VNR Consultation with Various Stakeholders**

November 25, 2024 | 8:30AM to 4:30PM | Venue: TBD (Quezon City)

**BRIEF**

SUBJECT : 2025 Voluntary National Review of the Philippines

DATE : November 18, 2024

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**Overview of the Voluntary National Review (VNR)**

1. The Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) are part of the regular and inclusive review process undertaken by member states to assess their progress on the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)<sup>1</sup>. This country-led and country-driven review process provides a platform for participation through consultations with various stakeholders, especially those furthest behind.<sup>2</sup>
2. Deep diving into the VNR, the report showcases the country's successes, challenges, and lessons learned towards accelerating the 2030 Agenda. It is also instrumental in strengthening national policies and institutions of governments, and mobilizing multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for the implementation of the SDGs.
3. The VNRs are used as basis for regular reviews during the annual High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). Member states are encouraged to present their second or subsequent VNRs to share about progress made since their previous VNR. Presently, 134 of 188 countries that have conducted a review have already produced their second to fourth VNRs.<sup>3</sup>
4. The Philippines has successfully produced three VNRs, since committing to publish every three years.<sup>4</sup> It is set to produce its fourth VNR, in time for the 2025 HLPF. Below are the details on the completed VNRs of the Philippines:

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<sup>1</sup> para. 79. UNGA Resolution 70/1.

<sup>2</sup> para. 84. UNGA Resolution 70/1.

<sup>3</sup> UNDESA. (2022). *Handbook for Preparation of Voluntary National Reviews*. UN Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform.

[https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/29410VNR\\_Handbook\\_2022\\_English.pdf](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/29410VNR_Handbook_2022_English.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> NEDA. (2023). *2022 Voluntary National Review of the Philippines*. SDGs - Philippines.

<https://sdg.neda.gov.ph/2022-voluntary-national-review-of-the-philippines/>

VNR	Theme	Focus SDGs	Country theme
<b>2016</b>	<i>"Ensuring that no one is left behind."</i>	<b>None.</b> The 2016 HLPF was the first since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015.	No specified country theme for the VNR in 2016.
<b>2019</b>	<i>"Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality."</i>	<b>4</b> (Quality Education), <b>8</b> (Decent Work and Economic Growth), <b>10</b> (Reduced Inequalities), <b>13</b> (Climate Action), <b>16</b> (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions), and <b>17</b> (Partnerships for Goals)	<i>"Review of the Status of the Implementation of the SDGs in the Philippines Focusing on Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality."</i>
<b>2022</b>	<i>"Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."</i>	<b>4</b> (Quality Education), <b>5</b> (Gender Equality), <b>14</b> (Life Below Water), <b>15</b> (Life on Land), and <b>17</b> (Partnerships for Goals)	<i>"Rekindling Commitment and Using Innovation to Accelerate Recovery and Ensure Progress to Achieve the SDGs in 2030 and our AmBisyon Natin 2040."</i>

## Preparation for the 2025 VNR of the Philippines

5. HLPF 2025 will take place with the theme, *'Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind'*. It will conduct an in-depth review of SDG 3 (good health and well-being), SDG 5 (gender equality), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), SDG 14 (life below water), and SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals).