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VNR Consultation with Various Non-Government Stakeholders
November 25, 2024 | 9:00AM to 4:00PM | Venue: TBD (Quezon City)

MECHANICS

1. **Theme.** The 2025 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 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.”
2. **Focus goals.** The 2025 HLPF will conduct in-depth review of the following focus goals:

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
SDG 5: Gender Equality
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
SDG 14: Life Below Water
SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals
3. **Objectives.** The VNR consultation aims to facilitate discussions, where stakeholders can collaboratively identify and share about:
 - a. Potential challenges and opportunities in achieving the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals;
 - b. Strategies and solutions, that are aligned with the action areas of the Pact for the Future, to address these challenges; and
 - c. Best practices in implementing the SDGs.

4. **Participants.** The VNR consultation will be participated by members of the Stakeholders' Chamber under the Subcommittee on SDGs¹ and other non-government stakeholders. These participants will be grouped as follows:

Social 1: SDG 3 and SDG 17

Social 2: SDG 5 and SDG 17

Environment: SDG 14 and SDG 17

Economic: SDG 8 and SDG 17

Youth and children: All SDGs.

Each group will nominate at least one rapporteur, who will discuss the final output of the group at the end of the session.

5. **Facilitators and documenters.** Supporting each group will be a set of documenters and facilitators from the NEDA and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).
6. **Activities.** The VNR consultation will be divided into three major activities. These activities are as follows: Activity 1 for the STEEP Analysis; Activity 2 for the Roundtable Discussion; and Activity 3 for the Plenary Session.

Activity 1: STEEP Analysis

- a. All groups will undertake an environmental scanning using the Foresight and Futures Thinking tool, Modified STEEP (Social, Technological, Environmental, Economic, and Political) Analysis, for 60 minutes. This tool refers to the systematic examination of the external environment, scanning developments and trends in global, regional, and national conditions.
- b. A “trend” may be either an opportunity or a threat, affecting the attainment of the SDGs. It may also be a force of change, which can be building blocks in the development of scenarios. It may be either emerging or current, the latter referring to a trend not yet adopted or not yet fully adopted in the country.
- c. Following the presentation on the setting the context and mechanics in the plenary, the SC-SDG Secretariat will provide a preview of the pre-identified trends in the social, technological, environmental, economic, and political domains that contribute to/ affect the progress of the 17 SDGs.

¹ In 2019, the Philippines established a dedicated Subcommittee on the SDGs (SC-SDG), its four Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on Social, Environment, Economic, and Peace, Security and Governance, and a Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs for non-government representation. This initiative is based on Resolution No. 2 s. 2019, issued on February 28, 2019 by the Social Development Committee under the NEDA Board. The SC-SDG leads the SDG implementation in the Philippines.

- d. After the SC-SDG Secretariat's presentation, the participants will head to their respective breakout groups. In the breakout sessions, the facilitators will briefly reiterate the pre-identified trends in the social, technological, environmental, economic, and political domains that contribute to/ affect the progress of the 17 SDGs. **See Attachment 1 – Sheet A1 (Sectors) and Attachment 2 – Sheet A1 (Youth and Children).**

SOCIAL	TECHNOLOGICAL	ENVIRONMENTAL	ECONOMIC	POLITICAL
Pollution and climate change related health risks	Technological advancements (AI powered healthcare, telemedicine)	Green technologies and nature-based solutions to climate change and environmental degradation.	Gender-based wage differential (regional/global)	Escalating geopolitical tensions and other potential maritime conflicts
Emergence and re-emergence of new diseases and pandemic	Online sexual abuse and exploitation of women and children	Increasing global demand for critical minerals/green metals driven by retransition	Job-skills mismatch + brain drain	Expected economic impact of achieving UMIC status (e.g., with respect to inflow of ODA grants)
Approaching aging population by 2030	Implementation of RA 12023 or Digital Service Act	Contamination of marine and coastal ecosystems (i.e., marine pollution, coastal eutrophication)	Possible global economic crisis	Growing ESG/sustainability initiatives of the private sector or ESG compliance
Increasing mental health awareness, increase demand in mental health workers	Increasing access and adoption of remote sensing satellite technology	Adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Full operationalization of the Loss and Damage and Global Biodiversity Fund	Implementation of the PENCAS Act
Harmful traditional practices (child marriage, genital mutilation in some regions)	Adoption of sustainable packaging practices	Increasing investment/ adoption of nature-based solutions to climate change and environmental degradation	No-catch, no-sell zone	Digital transformation of NGA and LGU services
			Closure of tourism sites	
			Digital taxation on domestic and cross-border transactions	

- e. The participants will be requested to review these trends and undertake any of the following: concur with the pre-identified trends, propose additional trend, or propose deletion of a pre-identified trend.
- f. The participants will rank these trends according to the most pressing that affect the attainment of the SDGs.
- g. At the end of Activity 1, each group is expected to draw a list of trends, which will serve as a reference in the formulation of the strategies toward achieving the 2030 Agenda. Only the Top 3 entries per area (Social, Technological, Environment, Economic, and Political) will be presented as final output under Activity 1.

Activity 2: Roundtable Discussion

Social, Economic, and Environment Sectors

The four groups on Social, Environment, and Economic will participate in Activity 2 for 90 minutes. Activity 2 will have two components: **Part 1:** Designing strategies; and **Part 2:** Identifying SDG best practices.

Part 1: Designing strategies (60 minutes)

- Part 1 aims to provide a venue for the participants to discuss completed and ongoing SDG initiatives with the aim of proposing strategies toward the achievement of the SDG focus goals, in alignment with the Pact for the Future.
- To aid in the design of strategies, the participants will be guided by a matrix, prepared by the facilitators and documenters. This matrix includes columns on the following: SDG Focus Goals, Trends, SDG Initiatives, Challenges, Proposed Strategies, and Thematic Areas under the Pact for the Future. **See Attachment 1 – Sheet A2a.**

	SDG Focus*	Trend**	SDG Initiative	Status of Implementation	Challenges in Implementation	Proposed Strategies	Action Areas under the Pact for the Future***
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- Below is the description of each column in the matrix:

“SDG Focus Goals”	Refers to SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14, and/or 17.
“Trends”	Refers to the most relevant trends identified by the participants from the output of Activity 1, affecting an SDG Focus Goal.
“SDG Initiatives”	Refers to the Top 2 initiatives identified by the participants, which are most responsive to the SDG Focus Goals and which address the identified trends.
“Status”	Refers to updates and progress in the implementation of the SDG initiative.
“Challenges”	Refers to the challenges and gaps, if any, in the implementation of the SDG initiative.
“Strategies”	Refers to interventions and measures that respond to the SDG Focus Goals and address the trends and implementation challenges.

“Thematic Areas under the Pact for the Future”	Refers to any of the five thematic areas under the Pact for the Future, the strategy aligns with.
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d. Below is the description of each thematic area under the Pact for the Future:

Sustainable Development and Financing for Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as the overarching roadmap for achieving sustainable development. • Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions. • Gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls as an essential prerequisite for sustainable development. • Ensuring multilateral system, specifically financing for the goals, to turbocharge aspirations to deliver for people and planet. • Emphasis on the interdependent and mutually reinforcing nature of sustainable development and the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
International Peace and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building peaceful, inclusive, and just societies, where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. • Addressing drivers of conflict and tackling the root causes of conflict, terrorism, and organized crimes. • Emphasis on the role of women as agents of peace and protection of vulnerable populations, including women, children and youth, and refugees, from the effects of conflict and insecurity. • Enhancing global cooperation to prevent and resolve conflicts, promote peace, and address security threats. • Promotion of human rights and rule of law.
Science, Technology and Innovation and Digital Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on the significant role of science, technology, and innovation as enablers of sustainable development. • Strengthening science, technology and innovation capacities of developing countries.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of science, technology, and innovation in the full enjoyment of human rights by all. • Use of science, technology, and innovation to improve gender equality and the lives of all women and girls. • Synergies between science and technology and Indigenous, traditional, and local knowledge, systems, practices, and capacities
Youth and Future Generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on the pivotal role of children and youth as agents of positive change. • Creating environments that enable young people to fulfill their rights and potentials, which include access to quality education, decent employment opportunities, and comprehensive physical and mental health resources. • Promotion, protection, and respect of human rights for all young people while fostering social inclusion and integration. • Expanding and strengthening youth participation in global decision-making processes. • Youth engagement at the national level, including establishment of effective consultations mechanisms.
Transforming Global Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adherence to international law to achieve a world that is safe, peaceful, just, equal, inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous. • Strengthening of the UN System to be more adaptive to the current global issues. • Meaningful participation of relevant stakeholders in appropriate formats. • Reformation of the United Nations System to increase its effectiveness to maintain international peace and security. • Development of measures of progress on sustainable development that complement or go beyond gross domestic product.

- e. The members of the Stakeholders' Chamber may use the Stakeholders' Chamber's latest draft Indicator and Strategy Framework for the SDGs as one reference.

f. Each participating organization will identify at most two SDG initiatives as inputs to the matrix. In the identification of initiatives, the following will be considered:

- Adherence to SDG principles: Leave No One Behind and Sustainable development



Leave No One Behind



Leave No One Behind

The principle encapsulates an inclusive development model that prioritizes the well-being of the most marginalized and disadvantaged individuals and groups.

Sustainable development

The principle that balances our present needs with those of future generations.

- General alignment with priorities of the government per the 8-point Socioeconomic Agenda and the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028².

The 8-point socioeconomic agenda and the PDP 2023-2028 include the following priorities:

1. Protect purchasing power of families
2. Reduce vulnerability and mitigate scarring from the COVID-19 pandemic
3. Ensure sound macroeconomic fundamentals and government processes
4. Create more jobs
5. Create quality jobs
6. Create green jobs
7. Ensure a level playing field
8. Uphold public order and safety, peace and security

² Click: [Philippine-Development-Plan-2023-2028.pdf](#)

- g. The participants will rank all entries according to priority. At the end of part 1, each group is expected to draw a list of strategies, which may form part of our ways forward under the 2025 VNR Report. If possible, the strategies will include interventions and measures for the short-term (2026), medium-term (2028), and long-term (2030). **See Attachment 1 – Sheet A2b**

Milestone Years*	Strategies
2030 (Long-term)	Strategy 3
2028 (Medium-term)	Strategy 2
2026 (Short-term)	Strategy 1

- h. Only the Top 3 strategies per SDG Focus Goal will be presented as final output under part 1 of Activity 2.

Part 2: Identifying SDG Best Practices (30 minutes)

- a. Part 2 aims to provide a venue to showcase Best Practices in SDG implementation among non-government stakeholders. A Best Practice may be a result of implementation of a completed or ongoing initiative. “Ongoing” may be defined as an SDG initiative completed within the period 2022 to present. “Ongoing” may be defined as an SDG initiative that is currently being implemented by the participating organization.
- b. Each participating organization will be requested to present one example of SDG Best Practice. In the identification of a Best Practice, the following criteria will be considered:

Effectiveness	The Best Practice is supported by data or report on the progress (completed or ongoing) vis-à-vis target or intermediate/ long-term milestones.
Scalability	The Best Practice may be expanded and replicated in other areas or geographical locations.
Partnerships	The Best Practice involves various stakeholders, government or non-government, in the design, implementation, and follow-through activities.

Innovation	The Best Practice improves policies, processes and products, increases efficiency, creates opportunities, and addresses challenges such as climate change and health care access, among others.
Community impact	The Best Practice meets the needs of the community and the most vulnerable population, including children, women, elderly, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, and informal settler families, among others.

- c. At the end of part 2 under Activity 2, each group is expected to draw a list of Top 3 SDG Best Practices and briefly explain the reason behind the choice.

Activity 2: Roundtable Discussion

Youth and Children

- a. Taking off from the trends, the Group on Youth and Children will be requested to depict and illustrate their vision of the Philippines by 2040, which refers to the scenarios that describe two possible futures in the context of the SDGs: a preferred future similar to the Ambisyon Natin 2040³, and a disowned future similar to the NIASD⁴. The trends will serve as raw information to piece together these two futures. **See Attachment 2 – Sheet A2a.**

Guide question: How do you define xxx in the context of the SDGs?

	Preferred Future by 2040 <small>from Ambisyon Natin 2040</small>			Disowned Future by 2040 <small>from NIASD 2.0</small>		
	Matatag (Strongly Rooted)	Maginhawa (Comfortable)	Panatag na Buhay (Secure Life)	Masakuna (Distress and Disaster)	Mabagal (Slow to Change)	Langit-Lupa (Wider Inequalities)
1	How do you define <i>matatag</i> in the context of the SDGs?	How do you define <i>maginhawa</i> in the context of the SDGs?	How do you define <i>panatag na buhay</i> in the context of the SDGs?	How do you define <i>masakuna</i> in the context of the SDGs?	How do you define <i>mabagal</i> in the context of the SDGs?	How do you define <i>langit-lupa</i> in the context of the SDGs?
2						
3						
SUMMARY STATEMENT	THE PHILIPPINES BY 2040: ?			THE PHILIPPINES BY 2040: ?		

- b. To cap off the roundtable discussion, participants will be requested to provide comments on the following:

³ The Ambisyon Nation 2040 represents the collective long-term vision and aspirations of the Filipino people for themselves and for the country in the next 25 years. It describes the kind of life that people want to live, and how the country will be by 2040. Click: [Ambisyon Natin 2040 – The Philippines in 2040. A prosperous, middle-class society where no one is poor A healthy and resilient society A smart and innovative society A high-trust society.](#)

⁴ The National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document (NIASD) is a document that contains the country's vision and long-term goals for innovation. Click: [NIASD-PUBLICATION-V24.4.pdf](#)

Guide question:

- What are your insights on the government's effort to implement the SDGs?
- What can the Youth and Children contribute to achieve the preferred vision and veer away from the disowned future in the context of the SDGs?
- What can the government do for the Youth and Children to ensure that we attain the preferred vision and veer away from the disowned future?

See Attachment 2 – Sheet A2b.

Activity 3: Plenary Session

- Activity 3 will provide a venue for the five groups to present their respective outputs for comments from the plenary and reactors, including USec. Rosemarie Edillon (NEDA), ASec. Agnes Tolentino (NEDA), ED Donald Gawe (PNVSCA), and Dir. Rebecca Malay (PRRM).
- Below is the breakdown of the 100-minute duration of Activity 3:

Activity	Focal	Time allotted	Subtotal
Five groups to present	5	8 minutes	40 minutes
Reactors and plenary to comment	5	10 minutes	50 minutes
Wrap up plenary session	1	10 minutes	10 minutes
TOTAL			100 minutes

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