

Webinar on the Stakeholders' Chamber Three-Year Roadmap and Development of the Chamber's Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) Indicator Framework

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10 SEPTEMBER 2024, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Zoom Video Conference

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| ATTENDEES | Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency | Ms. Ela Victoria F. Sarmago Ms. Sheena Alcala |
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| | First Philippine Holdings Corporation | Ms. Agnes C. de Jesus |

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| | France Volontaires | <i>No representative</i> |
| | Girl Scouts of the Philippines | <i>No representative</i> |
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| | GoodGovPH | Mr. Dexter Arvin E. Yang Ms. Kate Ashley H. Espeleta Mr. Zun Dion Odulio |
| | 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 | <i>No representative</i> |
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| | The Moropreneur Inc | <i>No representative</i> |
| | National Trade Union Center of the Philippines | <i>No representative</i> |
| | National Youth Volunteers' Coalition | <i>No representative</i> |
| | Nickel Asia Corporation | <i>No representative</i> |
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| PRELIMINARIES AND OPENING REMARKS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The online Webinar was organized by NEDA. To formally open the program, Ms. Rebecca L. Malay of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM) and the Co-Chairperson of the Stakeholders' Chamber officially welcomed the participants and highlighted their pivotal role in the shared pursuit of achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), starting with the formulation of the Chamber's Indicator Framework. <p>Refresher on the Stakeholders' Chamber Three-Year Roadmap (2023-2025), and Role of the Chamber Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To provide context on the rationale behind the establishment of the Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs, Ms. Judith V. Gondra, OIC-Assistant Director of the NEDA Governance Staff/SC-SDG Secretariat, started with an overview of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)'s SDG Pace of Progress as of 2022. 3. In her presentation, she shared the government's recognition of the episodic and scattered nature of its stakeholder engagements and initiatives, and the need to establish a venue for non-government stakeholders to form partnerships, pool resources and efforts, initiate programs and activities, complement and leverage each other's efforts. Hence, in the spirit of volunteerism and a joint commitment between the government and non-government stakeholders to build a better future that leaves no one behind, the Stakeholders' Chamber was formally established under the DBCC SC-SDG. Ms. Gondra likewise reminded the members that this platform is not a business opportunity but rather an opportunity for non-government partners (e.g., businesses, civil society organizations (CSOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), etc.) to contribute to policies and programs on the SDGs. 4. Underscoring the important role of each member towards the realization of the 2030 Agenda and <i>AmBisyon Natin</i> 2040, Ms. Gondra then provided a comprehensive orientation on the Chamber's Three-Year Roadmap and showcased the accomplishments we have made so far for each of the strategic milestones committed by the Philippines to the Open Government Partnership (OGP) (<i>Please refer to the copy of the SC-SDG Secretariat's presentation deck for the Webinar for more details</i>). 5. During the discussion, Ms. Maria Victoria Tan from Ayala |

Corporation asked if it is possible to create indicators outside the 247 global SDG indicators under the 17 goals. In response, the Co-Chairperson answered that this could only be done internally (i.e., organization's own set of indicators for its programs) as SDG indicators, in general, are to be adopted by the government based on a criteria defined in Tiers (e.g., has to be regularly collected and with established methodology to be considered as official statistics). She mentioned that this is also the case for citizen-generated data (CGD), wherein it can be considered in terms of describing the many areas CSOs, for example, are working on but is still required to meet the said criteria to be considered as part of the 247, or in the case of the Philippines, 157 indicators.

6. On the same matter, Ms. Tan raised concerns on the use of the term 'ESG' for the Chamber's indicator framework. Ms. Karen Resurreccion of the Secretariat acknowledged the difference between 'ESG' and 'SDG' and explained that though ESG is the term used in the Three-Year Roadmap, if the Chamber deems it appropriate to rename the Indicator Framework, the Secretariat may facilitate the amendment of the Roadmap as submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) as part of the 6th National Action Plan of the Philippines Open Government Partnership.
7. Recalling the mention of the CGD, Ms. Maria Rosario Lopez of the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. (JVOFI) clarified on the connection between the formulation of the Chamber's indicator framework and the PSA's inventory of indicators as part of its CGD-related activities in 2019. To this, Ms. Resurreccion informed the members that PSA will be joining the upcoming September 30 Workshop, and will be there to provide insights not just in terms of how the indicators or performance measures of the members may be incorporated in the measures the country uses in SDG monitoring but also in relaying updates on other related efforts. She mentioned that the intention of the indicator framework is to integrate and consolidate these initiatives into one and feeding them into the national-level reporting of progress.

Zeroing in on the Development of the Chamber's ESG Indicator Framework *(a commitment in the Three-Year Roadmap)*

8. Taking off from the discussion, Ms. Resurreccion delved deeper into the objectives and process involved in the formulation of the Chamber's indicator framework. Generally aimed at measuring the

contributions (e.g., outputs and outcomes of their programs and projects, ESG practices and policies, etc.) of the Chamber members to the country's SDG progress, three major steps are to be undertaken this year until early next year for this initiative. As of the date of the Webinar, the Chamber is in its first step, which is to accomplish and process the SDG Assessment Checklist submissions of the members.

9. As guidance in filling-out the Checklist, Ms. Resurreccion briefed the members on its main components and what type of information each component requires.

Panel Discussion: Key Learnings, Challenges, and Recommendations from the Accomplishment of the Assessment Checklist on Philippine SDG Indicators

10. The second major segment of the program was led by the respective leads and/or representatives from the Chamber's thematic Working Groups (WGs), namely: Mr. Jonas Marie Dumdum and Mr. Christopher Klein Asinas (SUSTAINARUMBLE!) for Environment WG, Ms. Maria Lissa Victoria C. Nuesca (Jollibee Group Foundation of JGF) for Social WG, and Mr. Joel Ryan Tugade (Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry or PCCI) for Economic WG. Mr. Saje Molato (Siklab Pilipinas), the lead of the Peace, Security, and Governance (PSG) WG, however, was not present.

11. Moderated by Ms. Resurreccion, each of the speakers shared the collective experience of their members in accomplishing the Checklist and processing their submissions as a Group. The Environment WG, for example, mentioned how the accomplishment has been relatively challenging for its members noting differences in terms of industry, expectations, capacity, and commitment. Hence, with the assistance of the industry experts among its members, an initial framework was formed by the Group in an effort to simplify the process for the rest of its members. The Social WG also highlighted the varying challenges faced by its stand-alone organization and network/coalition members, including but are not limited to setting and measuring standards for policy advocacy, measuring behavioral change, and reconciling organizational outputs with coalition-wide outcomes. Nevertheless, significant progress has been made by the Group in processing its members' outputs, with them coming up with three common strategy types (e.g., institutional development, policy advocacy,

and service delivery) and potential areas for collaboration (youth volunteerism, learning, and disaster response). The Economic WG has adopted the same process, thereby marking the specific targets and indicators their members are contributing to.

12. Based on the comments and suggestions received during the open forum portion of the panel discussion, listed below are some of the agreements made:

- a. As additional guidance in facilitating the formulation of the Chamber's Indicator Framework, Ms. Agnes C. De Jesus of the First Philippine Holdings Corporation (FPH) will share with the Secretariat the initial framework developed by the Environment WG.
- b. Following feedback from Ms. Maria Olivia Lucas from Unang Hakbang Foundation, Inc (UHF), the Secretariat will explore the incorporation of the SDG Assessment Checklist in the application form for new members. Secretariat will also check whether there's an alignment between the outputs received through the membership application form and the submissions made through the said Checklist.
- c. M&M WG will consider all the inputs and comments received relative to its further enhancement of the Checklist.

13. With regard to the PSG WG, Mr. Norman Q. Jiao of the Association of Foundations Philippines, Inc. (AF) will endeavor to initiate setting up a meeting for the Group as part of their preparation for the September 30 Workshop.

Featured Presentations: Case studies showcasing successful integration of ESG principles and the SDGs

14. In line with the promotion of sustainable business practices as a path towards the attainment of the SDGs, the sustainability journey of the Chamber's own 'ESG champions', namely the Ayala Corporation (AC) (business and industry) and PRRM (NGO), were featured during the third segment of the program. Represented by Ms. Tan from AC and the Co-Chairperson from PRRM, both speakers spotlighted the respective ESG best practices and policies their companies embraced through the years that may be replicated by other members. They have also emphasized in their presentations the importance of strong alignment and close cooperation with the government's priorities and long-term vision, such as the *AmBisyon Natin 2040*.

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| <p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> | <p>Capturing Chamber members' ESG practices which contribute to the SDGs</p> <p>15. Understanding the diversity in nature, operations, and initiatives of the members relative to their SDG contributions, Mr. Ramon Emmanuel Derige from the SEAOIL Foundation, Inc. and the lead of the M&M WG presented to the body the proposed template for the ESG Assessment Checklist, which is meant to be accomplished by Chamber members with specific ESG policies and practices. With inputs from the SC-SDG Secretariat, this Checklist was also developed by the M&M WG.</p> <p>16. As a way to further improve the ESG Assessment Checklist taking into account the perspective of businesses and public-listed companies, Mr. Derige and Ms. Tan from AC will set a bilateral meeting to discuss such after the Webinar.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <p>17. For information of the members, Ms. Vallente communicated the following upcoming 2024 activities of the Stakeholders' Chamber:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. September 30 – Workshop on Presentation and Processing of Assessment Checklists towards the Development of the Chamber's Indicator Framework b. October 16 – Second Semester Regular Meeting of the Stakeholders' Chamber c. November 12 – Consultation Workshop for the Stakeholders' Chamber on the Philippines' Voluntary National Review (VNR) 2025. <p>18. Before the end of the program, Ms. Vallente also reminded the Chamber members to either enhance the Assessment Checklists that they have previously submitted, or to submit an accomplished Assessment Checklist, for those who have not previously done so, to their respective Working Group Leads. She reiterated their importance, stating that the accomplished checklists will serve as basis of discussions and outputs of the September 30 Workshop's breakout sessions.</p> <p>19. Finally, Ms. Gondra of the Secretariat delivered her closing remarks and formally closed the online Webinar.</p> |
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