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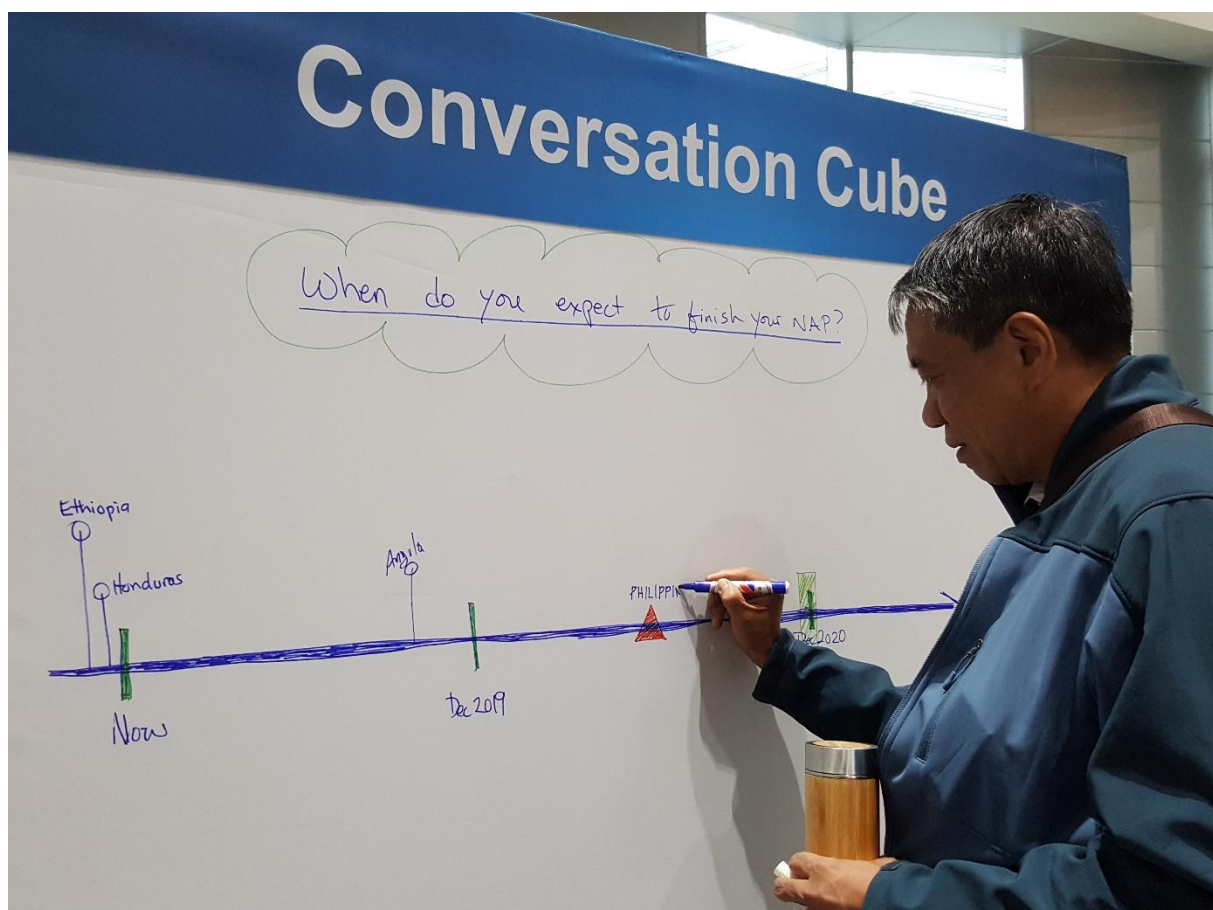
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Philippine National Climate Change Action Plan highlighted in the NAP Expo 2019



Atty. Efren Bascos, Chief of the Legal Services Division and concurrent Secretariat of the National Panel of Technical Experts of the Climate Change Commission, presented the results and lessons learned from Open NAP workouts using the Integrative Framework for NAPs and SDGs (NAP-SDG iFrame). The NAP-SDG iFrame looks at the synergy between development and adaptation goals based on a country-driven and country-specific systems of interest. The application of the NAP-SDG iFrame in the updating of the NCCAP was assisted by the Support to the Philippines in Shaping and Implementing the International Climate Change Regime (SupportCCC II) Project.

With the theme “Raising adaptation ambition by advancing National Adaptation Plans,” over 400 participants from the global NAP community participated in the [NAP Expo 2019](#) held in Songdo, Republic of Korea from 8-12 April 2019. The NAP Expo is an outreach event organized by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) under the UNFCCC in collaboration with various bodies and organizations. Since its inception in 2013, the NAP Expos promote exchange of experiences and foster partnerships between a wide range of actors and stakeholders on how to advance National Adaptation Plans (NAPs). Delegates from the Philippines have been actively participating in the NAP Expo since it started.

The updating of the National Climate Change Action Plan is one of the [Open NAP country cases](#) presented in this year’s Expo. Open NAP is a platform for advancing national adaptation plans globally. It is used to demonstrate technical adaptation planning concepts, test and

develop new innovative approaches, and develop good practices based on experiences with real country situations.

The country presentations in various parallel sessions of the NAP Expo contribute to the better understanding of the potential for broader application of the Open NAP concept to advance learning and cooperation in adaptation between different countries and different actors and stakeholders.

Project: Mainstreaming Sustainable Climate Action within Financial Institutions in the Philippines

Conduct of Capacity-building and Awareness Bilateral meetings with selected banks



On June 14, 2019, Mr. Ed Tongson of WWF Philippines, together with ADFIAP, as represented by Atty. Alberto Reyno (Managing Director), Mr. Vic Abainza (Sr. Consultant) and Ma. Cristina T. Aquino (Head, Bus. Dev.), presented the results of the Training Needs Assessment (TNA) Survey and the draft curriculum design of the capacity building to the Education Committee of the Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP). The presentation also included the various trainings related to Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) which are being conducted by ADFIAP, WWF, BAIPHIL, Ateneo BAP Institute of Banking.



NDC Support Project for the Philippines Progress Brief

April – June 2019

The second quarter of 2019 marks the completion of the procurement of the four contractors required to assist the Project in producing its key deliverables, namely the NDC Implementation Plan (NDCIP), Gender Action Plan (NDCGAP), Measurement, Reporting and Verification Plan (NDCMRVP) and the Financial Plan (NDCFP).

The Emergent Ventures International Pty. Ltd. (EVI), a Singapore-based international consulting, signed its contract with the UNDP on 21 June 2019 for the development of the NDCFP and is now conducting preparatory activities for the inception workshop to be held on 30 July 2019. The EVI also clinched the contract for the development of the NDCMRVP under a consortium work arrangement with the Philippine-based ICLEI -Southeast Asia Secretariat (ICLEI-SEAS).

Development of the NDCIP and NDCMRVP

As a way to harmonize the process and outputs of the development of the NDCIP and NDCMRVP, a joint inception workshop with key stakeholder was conducted for the two plans on 12 April 2019. A follow-up consultation workshop with additional stakeholders was conducted for the NDCIP on 10 May 2019.

After the submission and approval of their respective inception reports, the two firms proceeded with the conduct of house-to-house consultation activities with sectoral agencies in preparation for the submission of their first interim reports, which will generally discuss the gaps and needs which were identified relevant to the development of the plans. Some of the activities were jointly conducted to facilitate easier scheduling with the agencies and to ensure synchronicity.

Mainstreaming Gender in the NDC Process

The comprehensive gender analysis that is needed in developing the NDCGAP is likewise underway with substantial amount of data and information already gathered.

Following the approval of survey tools in May, several consultation and information capture activities such as focus group discussions (FGDs) and key informant interviews (KIIs) have been conducted with sectoral agencies as well as representatives from the civil society.

By July, the First Interim Report that will present the outcome of the gender analysis, identifying opportunities and recommendations for policy articulation to strengthen gender integration into the NDC process is expected to be completed next month, July 2019.

Private Sector Engagement

On 28 May 2019, the CCC also officially expressed its interest to participate in the Global Support Programme (GSP) with the submission of the list of five major activities/outputs that would complement national-level NDC initiatives in the Philippines. The GSP has been made available by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ) for BMZ-funded countries.

Additionally, the CCC also approved and endorsed to UNDP the proposal on private sector engagement in the NDC under a top-up funding opportunity amounting to USD 600,000 on 27 June 2019.

After the series of PMU reviews and gathering of feedback from the UNDP and CCC experts including the Secretary and Deputy Executive Director, the proposal was finalized during the NSPP Planning Workshop on 19 - 21 June 2019. It covers four outputs that are seen to enable investments and facilitate transition to low-carbon development pathway, including the operationalization of the Climate Investment Network; operationalization of the Green Jobs Act Assessment and Certification System; piloting of climate change investments models; and development of communication and advocacy strategies to support private sector climate investments.



NSPP Planning Workshop on 19-21 June 2019 with CCC Secretary Emmanuel M. De Duzman (center).

National Task Force on Climate Risk Insurance Buckles Down to Work

Manila - The formalization of the multi-agency National Task Force (NTF) on Climate Risk Insurance, with members from the private sector, marked the start of implementation of the CRI Program in the Philippines. Upon formal acceptance by the Department of Finance of the invitation to chair the NTF, RFPI Asia III project facilitated the conduct of the first meeting of this body on 20 May 2019. As principal representative of DoF to the Task Force, National Treasurer Rosalia De Leon presided the said meeting where the CRI 2019 Work Plan was presented and reviewed.

The three Technical Working Groups - Policy and Regulation, Business Models, and Use of Technology were also formalized during the NTF meeting. Parallel meetings of the TWGs ensued where relevant information gathered through preliminary activities and experiences shared by stakeholders were discussed and used in planning for specific activities. DoF Assistant Secretary Paola Alvarez presided the meeting of the TWG on Policy and Regulation while Deputy Insurance Commissioner for Technical Services George Ongkeko, Jr. chaired the joint meeting of the TWG on Business Models and TWG on Use of Technology.

Among the activities started by the project during the second quarter are the scoping study to create the framework for CRI in the country, the development of criteria for the selection of partner-LGUs, the capacity development for public and private stakeholders, and the development of a concept for joint monitoring of CRI.

Upcoming activities

The third quarter will see the implementation of more activities. Using an agreed set of selection criteria, the project shall conduct a profiling of three provincial and six municipal LGUS identified as potential partners in the development and implementation of CRI. Representing the three main islands of the country, the target provinces are Sorsogon (Luzon), Northern Samar (Visayas) and Sarangani (Mindanao). Parallel to this local activity will be a study on the landscape of CRI in Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Oceania.

An eight-module training program on CRI for partners from the Insurance Commission and DoF has just kicked off. This will be followed by the development of a financial modelling software that will process data and come up with scenarios that are critical to developing CRI products.

In September, a Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on CRI will be conducted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia where regulators and industry players from the seven member-countries of the Mutual Exchange Forum on Inclusive Insurance (MEFIN) Network (www.mefin.org) shall meet and share good practices, knowledge and experiences on CRI. MEFIN was established by GIZ RFPI Asia and ADB in May 2013 and Philippines is one of the six pioneer member-countries.



Members of the CRI National Task Force discuss 2019 plans and tasks in the presence of TWG members and partners during the task force's first formal meeting on 20 May 2019. The meeting was presided by National Treasurer Rosalia De Leon, NTF Chair.



DoF Assistant Secretary Paola Sherina Alvarez leads a discussion on the Philippines Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance (DRFI) Strategy during the first meeting of the TWG on Policy and Regulation. Asec Alvarez chairs this TWG.



The TWGs on Business Models and Use of Technology jointly discuss current initiatives on disaster risk assessment and risk modelling presented by the Philippine National Reinsurer (PhilNaRe) and the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA) during its first meeting. Leading the discussion is Deputy Insurance Commissioner George Ongkeko, Jr. who chairs the TWG on Business Models.

GGGI and Government Develop Proposal to Support Climate Resilient Agriculture Value Chain

April 10, 2019, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) conducted a “preliminary” technical mission to the Province of Oriental Mindoro to support the preparation of a technical funding proposal on “**Climate Resilient and Inclusive Green Growth: Accelerating Implementation in the Agriculture Value Chain of MIMAROPA Region**” for consideration by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The project will be implemented as a partnership among the Climate Change Commission, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro and the GGGI.

The said proposal aims to improve the climate adaptation capacities of rural communities, agriculture workers and agriculture-based Micro-Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) while also enhancing the agriculture value chain of selected commodities so that



additional jobs and income are created for farmers who are considered among the poorest Filipinos. It is designed to provide technical assistance and financial assistance in terms of relevant capacity development and policy initiatives; introduction of “green building features” (e.g. roof mounted solar PVs, rainwater catchment systems) and “green business practices” to selected agriculture-based enterprises; and business development to expand the market of concerned MSMEs. The proposal is envisioned to result in catalytic impacts considering that Oriental Mindoro is regarded as the food basket of the MIMAROPA Region.

The technical mission consulted with local stakeholders and identified options for project interventions that will enhance local climate resilience; improve the productivity of agriculture-based enterprises and farmers cooperatives; nurture agriculture entrepreneurship among the youth; and develop prototype designs for more resilient and greener agriculture based MSMEs.



Electric Tricycles in San Vicente Bring Ecotown to Life

April 30, 2019, San Vicente, Palawan, Philippines

Electric tricycles (E-trikes) start to roam the streets of the Municipality of San Vicente through a grant deal facilitated by GGGI and financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) through the Department of Energy (DOE), which provided 50 units of E-trikes amounting to nearly half a million US dollars. This is one of the first investment projects resulting from the Eco-Town Planning in San Vicente, which has been significantly supported by technical advice from GGGI and the Climate Change Commission (CCC) since 2012.



“We thank GGGI’s and CCC’s technical assistance to San Vicente, from the ‘Eco-town’ planning until now seeing its implementation on the ground. The e-trike units handed over to us will benefit us by generating employment and improving mobility of its residents, without the pollution and noise. It is a symbol for green growth,” said Mr. James Paul S. Inawasan, Municipal Administrator of San Vicente.



The grant deal benefitted from the ADB - funded “Market Transformation through the Introduction of Energy Efficient Electric Vehicles Program” which aims to transform the tricycle sub-sector by replacing traditional tricycles with electric powered units. The Municipality prioritized drivers of gasoline-led tricycles under a fee-based lease arrangement. The fees collected will be utilized to purchase more e-trikes and enhancing the capacity of charging stations.



“I congratulate San Vicente for being a model municipality in terms of climate resilience and green growth. This achievement, made possible through our partnership with GGGI, is a key milestone as we pursue the implementation of the Provincial-level Climate Resilient Green Growth Framework in Palawan. I think it is just a start,” said Ms. Ninfa B. Rubio, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator of Palawan.

“GGGI would like to support action. There are many studies on bookshelves and several talking festivals on green growth, but we all know that what’s more important is to walk the talk,” said Mr. Juhern Kim, GGGI Philippines Country Representative.

The E-trike Turnover Ceremony held at the San Vicente Management Center and was attended by Antonio V. Gonzales (Acting Municipal Mayor), Lourdes Maria A. Capricho (Chief, Alternative Fuels and Energy Technology Division, DOE), and Renato Fernandez (Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Municipal Council). GGGI also facilitated the turn-over of 50 E-trikes for the Municipality of Brooke's Point (Palawan) in February 2019.



GGGI Supports Government's GCF Readiness Program

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) being the longtime development partner of the Climate Change Commission (CCC) embarks a new partnership through the provision of support to access and deliver the first Green Climate Fund (GCF) readiness proposal for the CCC as the National Designated Authority (NDA) to the GCF titled, "Readiness Support to Strengthen the Philippines' Capacity and Knowledge on Accessing the Green Climate Fund". The proposal has been submitted for its second round of review to the GCF Secretariat.

The proposal aims to support the CCC in fully implementing its roles and responsibilities as the designated NDA of the Philippines to the GCF. The proposal also seeks additional institutional support for national capacities of government agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs), and the academe to develop a monitoring and verification system for climate finance flows in the country, as well as to pursue the ratification of a bilateral agreement between the Philippines and GCF on privileges and immunities.



Meeting between CCC (Commissioner Rachel Herrera, GCF NDA Focal and her staffs) and GGGI (Mr. Juhern Kim, GGGI-PH Country Representative and staff).

Project: Financing and Integrating Renewable Energy for the City of Butuan (also known as the “FInRE-BXU Project”)

WWF-Philippines at the Forefront of Democratic Energy Planning with FInRE-BXU



Atty. Angela Consuelo Ibay, WWF-Philippines Climate and Energy Head, presents the Financing and Integrating Renewable Energy in Butuan City project at the Asia Clean Energy Forum 2019.

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The Philippine public continues to champion renewable energy as a parable to the rest of the world, as representatives from the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines presented their latest renewable energy project, Financing and Integrating Renewable Energy in Butuan City (FInRE-BXU), at the Asia Clean Energy Forum (ACEF) 2019, held at the headquarters of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on the 17th to the 21st of June, 2019.

With the presentation entitled “*Integrating Renewable Energy through Participative Local Energy Planning*” under the session: “New Energy Solutions: Multi-Benefit Opportunities for Cities,” Atty. Angela Consuelo Ibay, WWF-Philippines Climate and Energy Head, highlighted the FInRE-BXU project’s use of a decentralized multi-stakeholder local energy planning process to assist in determining the direction of development in Butuan City, inviting members of both the local and national government, the academe, and civil society to participate in capacity-building workshops and planning seminars, with a view of harnessing and supporting indigenous renewable energy projects. A similar process was used to push renewable energy in Palawan, the country’s largest off-grid island. Butuan City will be the first attempt at utilizing a comparable process for a city that is on the grid.



Participants share their vision for a sustainable Butuan City during the launch workshop of FInRE-BXU. The FInRE-BXU project serves as a platform to allow citizens to participate in energy planning for their city. Photograph © Alo Lantin / WWF-Philippines

The presentation at ACEF 2019 underscored that most cities do not engage directly in planning for the power requirements of their city development, revealing that other groups hoping to push renewable energy may have overlooked such a democratic process to energy planning. By building the capacities of local stakeholders, the FInRE-BXU project empowers the populace to collaborate in the exploration of climate-friendly energy solutions for their city. By involving the public in the decision-making process, there is bottom-up pressure to incorporate renewables into the Philippine Energy Plan.

The Department of Energy, implementing partner of FInRE-BXU, recognized the value of the FInRE-BXU model, and suggested other cities adopt a similar process. Meantime, the Butuan City Government issued an Executive Order (EO No.003) last 18 February 2019, creating the City Advisory Power Development Council and Technical Working Group for the formulation of the City Power Development Plan 2019-2030, with the said Council meeting for the first time last 25 March 2019.



Butuan City Advisory Power Development Council's first meeting in March 2019 presided by Mayor Engr. Ronnie Vicente C. Lagnada, with representatives from the business chamber, academe, civil society and national government agencies. Photograph © WWF-Philippines

Support continues to build for renewable energy as awareness over climate change grows. As it builds, projects like FInRE-BXU tap the interests of the public in pushing green development for the sake of our shared future.

Project: Establish Low Carbon Consumption and Production in Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines (SCP TIP) - also known as the “Sustainable Diner Project”

WWF-Philippines conducts pilot test trainings for environmental teaching manuals on sustainable food systems and sustainable dining



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Alfred Lee, the project consultant for the environmental teaching manuals, conducting a short lecture on the current state of the environment with faculty members from Tagaytay Montessori in Tagaytay City.

The Sustainable Diner: A Key Ingredient for Sustainable Tourism, WWF-Philippines' pioneer project on sustainable consumption and production, has started the pilot testing for their environmental teaching manuals from May to June 2019 across partner schools in each of the project's key cities. Believing that the inculcation of sustainable food practices starts at a young age, the project has developed manuals focused on integrating general environmental topics and the effects of our food systems and dining habits on the planet into existing elementary and high school curricula.

Last May 24, **Lorayne Roque**, the project's Sustainable Consumer Specialist, and **Alfred Lee**, consultant for the manuals, conducted the first pilot test training at the **Barrio Luz Elementary and High School** in Cebu City. The program started with a discussion on the importance of partnerships in educating young Filipinos about the environment, climate change, and how personal choices can save the planet. A short introduction about WWF followed, with an explanation on the rationale behind the creation of the manuals as well as

the objectives of the training. The same program was conducted at **San Francisco Elementary School** in Quezon City last May 27. All trainings required the teachers to come up with a 5-10-minute mock lecture roleplaying presentation integrating the lessons in the manual into existing subjects and lesson plans.



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A group of faculty members from the Justice Cecilia Munoz Palma High School in Quezon City performing their 10-minute mock lecture roleplaying presentation in front of their fellow teachers.

Tagaytay Montessori's turn for the training happened last June 3, and the mock lecture competition in Tagaytay City proved that climate education can be integrated in any subject, like Mathematics, English, and History. The winning group from Tagaytay Montessori was even able to integrate topics about the environment in a curriculum for advanced kindergarten. The final round of the training happened at **Justice Cecilia Munoz Palma High School** in Quezon City last June 8. A tie-up with **Our Cities 2030**, a WWF-Philippines project that aims to use the power of youth contribution in making cities climate-smart, this particular run of the training included the integration of **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)** in existing subjects and lesson plans.

The schools will be expected to pilot test the manuals and their feedback will be used in the finalization process. Finalized manuals and pilot test results will be used in a proposal for DepEd to integrate the manuals in local school curriculum. Partner schools will be given copies of the finalized manuals.

For more details on The Sustainable Diner project, please visit: <https://wwf.org.ph/what-we-do/food/thesustainablediner/>

Project: Development for Renewable Energy Applications Mainstreaming and Market Sustainability Project (DREAMS)

DREAMS partners with Iloilo LGUs and electric cooperative for Renewable Energy planning



Local officials from the municipalities of Carles, Concepcion and Ajuy in Iloilo met with the Board and Management of Iloilo Electric Cooperative III (ILECO) on 14 August 2019 in Iloilo City as part of their partnership under the Development for Renewable Energy Application Mainstreaming and Market Sustainability (DREAMS) Project. Department of Energy Renewable Energy Management Bureau (REMB) Director Mylene Capongcol stressed that the DREAMS will work with ILECO III and the three local government units, which all have electrification rates below 90%, to integrate local renewable energy (RE) policies and projects to promote the utilization of available RE sources. DREAMS is a five-year project of the DOE with the United Nations Development Programme and Global Environment Facility.

Project: Taking Deforestation Out of Banks Portfolios in Emerging Markets (also known as the “Sustainable Banking Project”)

Philippine banks urged to shift to sustainable and responsible business practice

October 2018

In keeping with the 1.5°C global warming cap and achieving the targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), banks and private investors are pressed to shift from business-as-usual to sustainable practices to ensure business continuity. There is financial relevance to responsible investments beyond the do-good motivation of philanthropic causes; such is the overall message of the “*Responsible Finance Workshop*” co-organized by the ASEAN Bankers Association Permanent Committee for Cooperation in Finance, Investment, Trade, and Technology (ABA-COFITT), in partnership with the Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP), and WWF, held last 16 October 2018, which gathered over a hundred banking and finance industry players from the ASEAN region.



Aditi Joshi, Vice President for Risk Policy, OCBC Bank, Dr Felipe O. Calderon, Professor, Asian Institute of Management and Edgardo Tongson, Chief of Party, WWF Philippines Sustainable Finance, discuss how banks respond to changing expectations of investors.

Ms. Chuchi Fonacier, Deputy Governor, Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) articulated that while banks can serve as conduits for private sector finance to facilitate flows towards green economy, regulators and industry associations also play a role in setting the roadmap for sustainable finance in the Philippines.



Paul Gwee, Secretary-General, ASEAN Bankers Association, Jose Angelito Palma, President and CEO, WWF Philippines, Ephyro Luis B. Amatong, Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission, Anna Green, CEO, ANZ Bank and Jo Ann B. Eala, Vice President for Sustainable Energy Finance, Bank of the Philippine Islands, pose for a group photo during the session break of the workshop.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) works closely with ABA-COFITT, BAP, and other industry associations in organizing regional workshops to help ASEAN banks make progress on their Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) journey. The workshop objective is to help banks better appreciate the integration of ESG factors in their investment and risk analysis and overall portfolio construction that would yield potential long-term performance benefits and manage environmental and social (E&S) risks.

Project: Promotion of Low Carbon Urban Transport Systems in the Philippines (LCUTS)

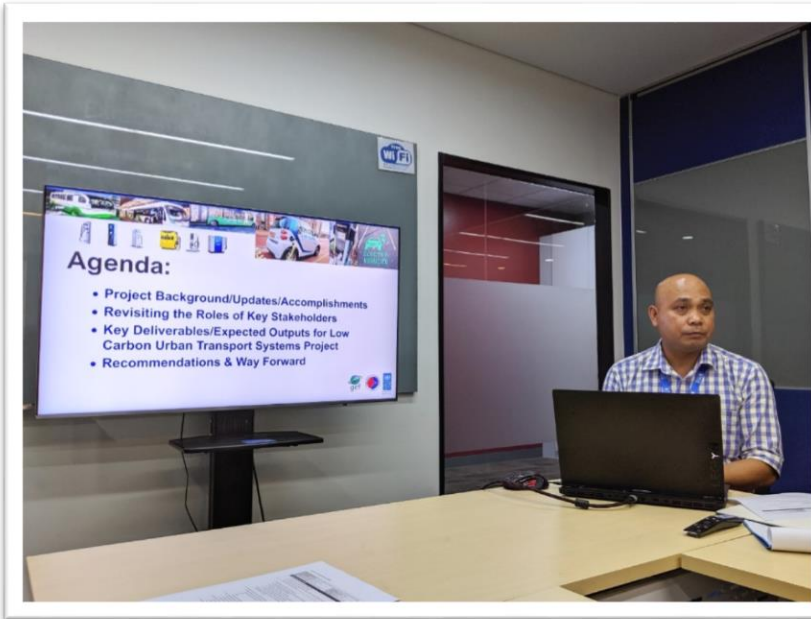
Low Carbon Urban Transport First Meeting kicks off

The Promotion of Low Carbon Urban Transport Systems (LCUTS) in the Philippines Project under the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) held its 1st core group meeting on August 6, 2019 at UNDP Office in Rockwell Sheridan, Mandaluyong City. The meeting was presided by Undersecretary Mark Richmond de Leon of Road Transport and Infrastructure and UNDP Project Manager Mario Tercero. The meeting was attended by Ms. Floradema Eleazar, Outcome Lead, Climate Action, Undersecretary Fita Aldaba of Department of Trade and Industry, representatives from DENR Environmental Management Bureau, Mr. Ramon Araga of Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines, MERALCO representatives, DOTr staff, and UNDP staff. The meeting sets the direction for partner agencies in promoting the project using their current plans, programs, and activities.

Undersecretary de Leon cited the need for a champion agency to lead each project component. Initially, DOTr shall lead on the enforcement of policies component while activities under adoption and implementation may be initiated by DOST/DTI being the lead government agencies. DTI shall champion the component on private sector participation and investments. LCUTS project creates an enabling environment for the commercialization of low carbon urban transport systems (e.g., electric and hybrid vehicles) in the Philippines. The expected incremental direct CO₂ emissions reduced due to the Project over the technology lifetime is initially computed as 69,013 tCO₂e, this, in addition to other quantifiable benefits on employment, cities capacitated, policies formulated, and economic development. The project, funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF), has just started and currently strengthening its manpower complement to work until the project ends in December 2020.



Usec Mark de Leon of DOTr citing the important strategies to explore and tap the expertise, available studies and relevant experiences of partner agencies and institutions to promote the low carbon urban transport systems.



UNDP LCUTS Project Manager Mario Tercero presents the agenda of the meeting while DOTr Usec de Leon and DTI Usec Aldaba provide the policy information and directions for the project.



Core group attendees pose for posterity at the UN logo in UNDP Office, Mandaluyong City