

## **Annex A**

### **Full Write-up on the Methodology and Process for Preparing the Review**

#### **I. Assessing the National Context on the SDGs**

In 2024, NEDA released the 2023 SDG Implementation Report, highlighting the country's governance mechanisms, plans, and policies that support the 2030 Agenda. The insights and analyses in the report provided a comprehensive overview of the country's progress in SDG implementation at both the national and local levels. This report served as a key reference for the development of the 2025 VNR.

NEDA also took off from the PDP 2023-2028 and the 2024 Philippine Development Report (PDR) to assess the country's latest socioeconomic trends across key development dimensions – Social, Technological, Economic, Environmental, and Political (STEEP). These trends were systematically examined within the context of SDG implementation, ensuring alignment with the country's sustainable development priorities.

To enhance the accuracy and precision of SDG progress assessment, the Philippine government, led by the PSA, introduced innovative statistical advancements (See Section III.C). Additionally, the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI) conducted scoping and methodological studies to assess the feasibility and progression of Tier 2 and Tier 3 indicators within the Philippine context.

#### **II. Building Capacities for the National Review**

The Philippine government considers international cooperation an integral component of the country's Whole-of-Nation PLUS approach. The country participated in several global events which enabled peer-to-peer exchange on experience in SDG implementation, which served as valuable input to the preparation of the 2025 VNR. Additionally, these events provided opportunities for national and local governments to learn best practices and benchmark tools and methodologies from other countries that could be adapted for use in the Philippines (See Section III.E.3).

#### **III. Consulting Stakeholders and their Perspectives**

The Philippine government conducted two major consultations while concurrently consolidating insights and analyses from key references.

The Whole-of-Society approach was first implemented through the VNR Consultation with Various Stakeholders, held on November 25, 2024 in Quezon City. This consultation brought together 110 participants from the Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs (See Section III.A.2), the youth, and representatives from various non-government organizations to foster a multi-sectoral dialogue on SDG progress and challenges. (See Annex A for the Activity Report on the VNR Consultation with Various Stakeholders)

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The Whole-of-Government approach was applied during the VNR Consultation with the Government, conducted on January 31, 2025 in Pasig City. Attended by 180 participants including members of the SC-SDG and its Technical Working Groups (TWGs), this consultation facilitated discussions on government-led SDG initiatives, challenges and gaps, and ways forward for accelerating progress. (See Annex B for the Activity Report on the VNR Consultation with the Government)

Both consultations employed foresight and futures thinking tools to ensure a strategic, data-driven, and evidence-based approach. Methodologies included STEEP Analysis for Environmental Scanning, Vision-Reality Gap Analysis, Back-casting, and Scenario Building. These tools enabled stakeholders to develop innovative, science-based strategies that address pressing SDG challenges and guide the country toward a sustainable and inclusive future.

Beyond these consultations, additional inputs were gathered from the subnational level, including contributions from the Regional SDG Catch-up Plans (See Section III.A.3) and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) of local government units (LGUs) (See Section III.E.1), to include a more comprehensive and localized assessment of SDG progress.

### IV. Distilling Data for Integration in the Report

Following the consultations, NEDA led a three-week writing session to integrate the data and insights gathered into the VNR report. The draft was disseminated among government and non-government stakeholders for further input and validation. The Final Report, along with its Main Messages and an accompanying Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP), was endorsed by NEDA to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) for onward submission to the United Nations.

#### **Key Activities for the Preparation of the Philippines' 2025 VNR**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Environmental scanning and conceptualization of the VNR	October 2024
VNR Consultations with various stakeholders (private sector, civil society, academe, youth, and basic sectors) and government agencies	November 2024 to January 2025
VNR Writing Sessions: Drafting of the Main Messages and Report (Zero Draft)	February 2025
Review of the Zero Draft by government agencies and the Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs (non-government)	1 <sup>st</sup> week of March 2025
VNR Writing Sessions: Revision of the Main Messages and Report (First Draft) AVP Conceptualization	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of March 2025
Review of the First Draft by the Subcommittee on the SDGs Chair	4 <sup>th</sup> week of March 2025
Review, approval, and endorsement of the Final Draft by the Secretary of the National Economic and	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of April 2025

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Development Authority (NEDA) to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)	
Review of the Final Draft by the DFA	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> week of April 2025
Submission of Main Messages to the United Nations (UN) (c/o DFA)	April 24, 2025
Lay-out of the Final Report and preparation of the AVP	April – May 2025
Submission of packaged VNR Report to the DFA	June 11, 2025
Submission of the Final packaged VNR Report to the UN	June 17, 2025
Submission of the AVP to the UN	June 24, 2025