



2015 LEDAC ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT



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HIS EXCELLENCY BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

President of the Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Malacañan Palace
Manila

Thru : **Hon. PAQUITO N. OCHOA, Jr.**
Executive Secretary

Dear **President Aquino**:

Respectfully submitting herewith the status/updates on the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) Common Legislative Agenda (CLA).

May we also take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all the Honorable Members of the 16th Congress and key stakeholders in the Executive and Legislative branches, and other sectors of the society for their support and collaboration toward the crafting of important measures and enactment of laws consistent with the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016 and the President's Social Contract with the Filipino People.

We wish that the continuing interaction and coordination will reap success and achieve the country's development objectives.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

EMMANUEL F. ESGUERRA
Acting Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning

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Hon. FLORENCIO B. ABAD, DBM
Hon. JULIA ABAD, PMS
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Preface

The Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) was created under Republic Act No. 7640 to act as an effective advisory and consultative mechanism to the President to generate consensus among the legislative and executive branches and other key stakeholders on various socio-economic objectives.

Since its inception, the LEDAC has proven to be an effective avenue to achieve this goal. Numerous Common Legislative Agenda (CLA) had already been enacted into laws by previous Congresses in response to the developmental programs of the government.

As the 16th Congress nears its end, several measures have been prioritized by both the Executive and Legislative branches of the government primarily to carry out programs that will ensure inclusive growth.

Through the effective coordination and collaboration of the executive and legislative, together with the key stakeholders, two (2) significant measures have been enacted into law. This proves that genuine desire to enact vital laws will always be attainable through rigorous cooperation amongst players.

This Report highlights the accomplishments of the LEDAC and its Secretariat for 2015, which is the result of combined efforts among its members towards the achievement of the same goal – the attainment of inclusive growth and fulfilment of the government’s Social Contract with the Filipino People.

A. PROPOSED COMMON LEGISLATIVE AGENDA (CLA), 16TH CONGRESS¹

In the 16th Congress, 19 out of the 29 and 40 priority measures of the Executive and Legislative branches, respectively, have been identified as CLA of the LEDAC.

Out of the 19 proposed CLA, **two (2) measures have been enacted into law.** These are the following:

1. Fair Competition/Anti-Trust Act

Republic Act No. 10667, otherwise known as the “Philippine Competition Act” enacted into law on July 21, 2015.

- ❖ This law primarily aims to establish measures that safeguard competitive conditions and protection to consumers.

2. Amendments to Cabotage Law

Republic Act No. 10668, otherwise known as “An Act Allowing Foreign Vessels to Transport and Co-Load Foreign Cargoes for Domestic Transshipment and for Other Purposes”

- ❖ This law primarily aims to enhance Philippine competitiveness in international trade and to lower the cost of shipping cargoes to and from the Philippines for the benefit of the consumers.

Status update on the remaining measures:

- ❖ *Road Right-of-Way (RROW) Law – for bicameral conference committee consideration*
- ❖ The following seven (7) measures are in advance stage in both chambers:

Defining the Philippine Maritime Zones (PMZ)
Designation of the Archipelagic Sea Lanes (ASL)

¹ Based on the Report by the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office of the House of Representatives

Bangsamoro Basic Law
Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)
Freedom of Information Act (FOI)
Delineation of Forest Limits
Amendments to the BOT Law

- ❖ The following three (3) measures have been approved on third reading in the House of Representatives and pending in their respective committees in the Senate:

National Land Use Act
Magna Carta of the Poor
Amendments to BSP Charter

- ❖ Three (3) measures are awaiting for clearance from the Committee on Appropriations in the House of Representatives and pending in their respective committees in the Senate:

Whistle Blowers Act
Amendments to the Witness Protection Program
Land Administration

- ❖ Three (3) measures that are pending in committee in both chambers:

Fiscal Incentives Rationalization Act
Rationalization of the Mining Fiscal Regime
Water Sector Reform Act

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE LEDAC SECRETARIAT

To complement the mandate of the Council, the LEDAC Secretariat conducted, coordinated and attended various meetings, such as:

- ❖ Two LEDAC EXECOM-TWG on February 25 and July 22, 2015 where consolidated and updated list of proposed 16th Congress priority legislative measures and criteria for vetting thereto were discussed;

- ❖ Coordination meeting with the Technical Staff of DTI, BOI and DOF on March 3, 2015 where concerns on several priority legislative measures were discussed;
- ❖ Preparatory meeting on 29 June 2015 where the status updates on the President's Legislative Agenda (PLA) and Common Legislative Agenda (CLA) and other matters were discussed; and
- ❖ LEDAC EXECOM-TWG Year-End Coordination And Assessment Meeting where the following were discussed: consolidated and updated list of proposed 16th Congress priority legislative measures, proposed participation of the LEDAC EXECOM-TWG members in the drafting of the 2016-2021 Philippine Development Plan, proposed 2016 ODESLA-PLLO-NEDA LEDAC Secretariat Work Plan and Strategies (1st Quarter of 2016).
- ❖ Complete staff work before, during and after the meetings conducted (Notification of meeting to the attendees thereof; preparation of materials needed for the meeting; preparation of venue/food; preparation of the minutes of the meeting/highlights/summary of agreements).
- ❖ Prepared, facilitated and coordinated the conduct of Lecture on Legislative Processes and Bill Analysis held on November 27, 2015.
- ❖ The LEDAC Secretariat also attended the following:
 - a. Committee Hearings on the proposed CLA conducted in the House of Representatives and the Senate, as part of the monitoring function of the Secretariat;
 - b. Preparatory and coordination meetings with PLLO, ODESLA, among others;
 - c. LLS cluster and plenary meetings; and

d. Other trainings/seminars/workshops that is indispensable in the performance of the Secretariat's function.

❖ The Secretariat likewise pursued the following activities to complement the mandate of the Council:

a. Prepared comments on some CLA and other proposed bills;

b. Prepared and submitted updates on the proposed Common Legislative Agenda (CLA) and other Presidential Legislative Agenda (PLA).

c. Updated the Priority Legislative Measures vis-à-vis the 2011-2016 Philippine Development Plan;

d. Prepared and submitted the proposed 2016 budget of LEDAC to the HOR and Senate and the Budget Execution Documents for FY 2016 to the DBM.

e. Attended budget hearings on the proposed 2016 LEDAC budget in both Houses of Congress.

f. Prepared and submitted the FY 2016 Work and Financial Plan and Annual Procurement Plan of the LEDAC Secretariat.

g. Attended several orientations and table reviews of the Program Expenditure Classification (PrExC) and prepared and submitted the PrExC forms of the LEDAC Secretariat.

h. Prepared Annual Accomplishment Report, Gender and Development Plan, Strategic Performance Management System forms, among others;

i. Maintained and/or updated the LEDAC website;

j. Managed and/or maintained the Council's official records; and,

- k. Carried out the day-to-day administrative/operational requirements of the Secretariat.
- l. Review and evaluation of NBAC-TWG documents (eligibility requirements, bids/quotations) as member of NEDA-NBAC TWG (for 2 LEDAC personnel)

C. THRUSTS AND DIRECTIONS FOR 2016

The LEDAC envisions to strengthen its consultative and advisory functions and ensure sustainability in collaboration and coordination with the Legislative and Executive branches of government, as well as key stakeholders to facilitate the timely enactment of CLA and other priority measures into law.

The LEDAC shall pursue the following thrusts in 2016:

- ❖ Provide consultative and advisory services to the President on vital issues affecting the national development;
- ❖ Coordinate the formulation and adoption of CLA in support of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022;
- ❖ Provide general administrative support services, including the improvement and operationalization of mechanism to ensure that the CLA reflect the consensus of the legislative and executive stakeholders based on a commonly agreed set of priorities; and
- ❖ Strengthen the LEDAC Execom, TWG, and its Secretariat.

Regular Members of the LEDAC

His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III, Chairperson

Members from the Cabinet:

Vice President Jejomar C. Binay
Secretary Arsenio M. Balisacan, NEDA
Secretary Cesar V. Purisima, DOF
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Senate President Franklin M. Drilon
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Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, *Minority Floor Leader*

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Speaker Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr.
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Rep. Neptali M. Gonzalez II, *Majority Leader*
Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora, *Minority Leader*

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