



2018 LEDAC ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT





INTRODUCTION

The Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC), as contemplated under Republic Act No. 7640, is the sole mechanism for democratic governance where the leadership of both the Executive and the Legislative including sectoral representatives come together to collaborate and build consensus on vital socioeconomic policies, plans and legislations. This defines the relevance of the LEDAC as a consultative and advisory body to the President as the head of the national economic and planning agency.

For the year 2018, LEDAC faced a crucial moment as a mechanism for consensus building between the Executive and the Legislative because the 17th Congress was about to close, and yet, a substantial number of the proposed bills in the approved LEDAC-Common Legislative Agenda for the 17th Congress have not progressed in the legislative mill. It is within this context that we report on the accomplishments of the LEDAC for the year 2018.

Moving forward to the 18th Congress (July 22, 2019 – 2022) it is therefore imperative that the LEDAC be maximized for greater collaboration to ensure consistency of executive development planning and congressional legislation and budgeting.



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DOTr Secretary Arthur P. Tugade

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² Resigned on November 27, 2018

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(July 25, 2016–July 23, 2018)



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LGU Representative



Cariza Y. Seguerra³
Youth Representative



George T. Barcelon
Private Sector Representative

³ Resigned on April 5, 2018

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

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In the 17th Congress, 28 measures were identified as CLA of the LEDAC. **Two (2) have been enacted into laws in 2017, namely, the Free Higher Education Act signed on August 2, 2017 and the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law signed on December 19, 2017.**

By the end of 2018, there are nine (9) measures listed in the CLA that were passed into laws.

These are the following:



RA 10931 - Free Higher Education Act



RA 10969- Free Irrigation Services Act



RA 10963-Comprehensive Tax Reform Program



RA 11032- Ease of Doing Business Act

"We are pleased that the approved CLA responds to what the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 has laid out. In fact, 21 out of the 28 measures are identified as priority legislations in the PDP. This development only shows that the whole of government is moving forward in the same direction," Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia



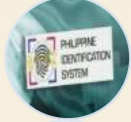
RA 10968- Philippine Qualifications Framework Act



RA 11063- National Mental Health Care Delivery System Act



RA 11035- Strengthening the Balik-Scientist Program



RA 11055- Unified National Identification (ID) System Act



RA 11058- Occupational Safety and Health Hazards Compliance Act

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The LEDAC Executive Committee:

The LEDAC Sub-Committees and its Secretariat have engaged in various coordinative meetings to pursue the immediate passage of priority measures listed in the LEDAC Common Legislative Agenda (CLA):

The LEDAC-ExCom convened jointly with the TWG on March 23, 2018 to discuss the proposed agenda for the next LEDAC meeting. Extensive discussions were made on the measures listed in the approved CLA. Other legislative agenda that affect the attainment of the President's SONA commitments and other Presidential directives, those that are highly crucial to the fulfilment of the 2017-2022 PDP Goals and various proposed measures from other stakeholders were also tackled. This includes the following:

1. Bangsamoro Basic Law

"I am urging everybody to understand, it's about time the historical injustices committed to the Moros be corrected. Kung walang mangyari sa BBL, there will be war in Mindanao. Mamili kayo." - President Duterte

"President Duterte signed this measure into law in sync with his vision for sustained high growth and greater financial inclusion," Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III

2. Property Security Act

3. Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD)

The bill was "not just about putting a roof over the head, but about building homes and building communities." Rep. Alfredo Benitez

"Through the National Integrated Cancer Control Act, we can give cancer patients a choice, we can give them hope – hope that they will have an equitable and affordable cancer treatment and care, especially for the underprivileged and marginalized Filipinos." Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito, Chair of the Senate Health Committee

4. Cancer Bill

On August 13, 2018, a Pre-LEDAC Meeting with the Cabinet Secretaries was held in Malacanang to ensure that the President will be well-apprised of the legislative measures in the President's Third SONA that are included in the LEDAC CLA that will be discussed during the LEDAC Full Council meeting. The discussion focused on the issues and concerns that hampered the passage of these measures into laws. The

recommendations of the TWG were substantially considered in order to address the impasses that were encountered in advancing these measures in the legislative mill. The following are the priority measures that the body agreed to discuss: 1) The Amendments to the Agricultural Tariffication Act; 2) Tax Reform for Attracting Better High Quality Opportunities (TRABAHO); 3) National Land Use Act; 4) Enhanced Universal Health Care; 5) Utilization of the Coconut Levy Fund; 6) An Act Strengthening Workers' Right to Security of Tenure; and 7) Proposed Shift to Federal Form of Government, 8) Creation of the Department of Disaster Resilience.

The body also discussed the priority legislations in the CLA that need to be pushed for their enactment into laws. These are low-hanging fruits as they have progressed in the legislative mill but will require further push to ensure their final approval at both Houses of Congress and their subsequent enrollment: 1) Budget Reform Act; 2) Allowable/Recoverable System Loss Act; 3) National Transport Act or the Traffic and Congestion Crisis Act; 4) Public Service Act; 5) Amendments to Social Security Act; 6) Rightsizing Bill; and 7) Restoration of the Mandatory ROTC Program.

The LEDAC Technical Working Group:

The LEDAC – TWG convened on August 9, 2018 to discuss and fine-tune the preparations for the conduct of the 4th LEDAC Council Meeting. During the meeting, the members of the TWG discussed the priority legislations in the President's Third SONA that are also included in the CLA. In the course of the discussion, the members came up with a comprehensive recommendation for each measure to address the issues and concerns that were vital to its enactment into law.

The LEDAC-TWG also convened on December 17, 2018 to tackle the LEDAC Accomplishment under the 17th Congress in terms of the number of priority measures in the approved CLA that were passed into law as of December 2018. In line with this, the group discussed the updates on the LEDAC CLA and came up with a list of measures that may be enacted since they were already for enrollment.

In preparation to the forthcoming 18th Congress, the group also discussed the CLA prioritization process which commences with the harmonization of the President's Legislative Agenda (PLA) and the Common Priority Legislations of Congress. A well-defined set of criteria was also tackled which will be the basis on the initial prioritization process by the LEDAC Secretariat before the list will be vetted at the level of the TWG and ExCom and finally presented to the LEDAC Full Council for review, adoption and approval.

THE NEDA LEDAC Secretariat:

The NEDA LEDAC Secretariat in the performance of its mandate, has participated in various collaborative meetings with other agencies through the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO) – Legislative Liaison System (LLS). The meetings have become an effective mechanism to address bottlenecks in coming up with a consensus bill for the administration. It also provided the opportunity to formulate action plans that can be utilized in advancing the priority measures in the legislative mill.

In line with its mandate, the LEDAC Secretariat provided the following technical support to the Council:

Prepared and submitted the following papers/reports/discussion papers:

1. Report to the LEDAC members on the outcome of the joint LEDAC ExCom-TWG Meeting.
2. Discussion papers for inclusion in the Agenda for the LEDAC Meetings as follows:
 - a. Emerging Issues and Concerns on Federalism and Bangsamoro Basic Law,
 - b. Briefer on the Pangilinan Law (Juvenile Justice); and
 - c. Quantitative Restrictions on Rice Imports in the Philippines.
 - d. End of Contractualization
 - e. Coconut Levy Fund

- f. National Land Use Act
 - g. Universal Health Care Bill
 - h. Package 2 of TRAIN Law
 - i. Creation of the Department of Disaster Management/Resilience
3. Prepared Matrix on other CLA Measures that were deemed vital to the attainment of certain socioeconomic goals.
 4. Status Report on the Common Legislative Agenda (CLA) for the 17th Congress.

As required by law, the Secretariat also performed the monitoring and liaising activities focusing on the priority measures contained in the CLA and other measures that the President has stated as crucial to the attainment of his legislative agenda:

Participated and provided required inputs to various facilitation and liaison activities which include the following, among others:

1. May 4, 2018 Legislative Liaison System (LSS) Economic Development Cluster Meeting;
2. June 26-27, 2018 LLS Plenary Meeting where break-out sessions were conducted per cluster, aimed at re-prioritizing the legislative agenda of the clusters and formulate action plans for each measure. Significant inputs were provided for the Economic Development Cluster and Participatory Governance Cluster; and
3. October 25, 2018 7th Plenary Meeting/Workshop of the Legislative Liaison System (LLS).
4. May 4, 2018 Legislative Liaison System (LSS) Economic Development Cluster Meeting;
5. June 26-27, 2018 LLS Plenary Meeting where break-out sessions were conducted per cluster, aimed at re-prioritizing the legislative agenda of the clusters and formulate action plans for each measure. Significant inputs were provided for the Economic Development Cluster and Participatory Governance Cluster;
6. October 25, 2018 7th Plenary Meeting/Workshop of the Legislative Liaison System (LLS);

7. Regularly monitored the status of the CLA for the 17th Congress. Coordinated NEDA staff participation in the enactment of the bills included in the CLA. Concerned Sector Staffs were invited to the LEDAC TWG meeting held on August 9, 2018 so that they can participate in the discussion on issues and concerns of various legislative measures. Generated Inputs from concerned NEDA Offices/Staffs for preparation of the LEDAC Agenda Briefs; and
8. Worked closely with the NEDA Legislative Liaison Office to discuss issues and concerns on the bills included in the CLA.

On its mandate to provide administrative support to the Council and its Sub-Committees, the following were processed by the Secretariat:

Preparatory activities in line with the coordinative meetings held which covered the preparation and sending of notification and confirmation on the availability of the members of the ExCom and the TWG; sending of reports, attending to requests from the members for additional materials; preparation of agenda folders and discussion papers and other materials needed for the meeting (e.g, discussion flow, agenda briefs, reference documents); coordination and preparation of logistics with concerned offices.

During the meeting, all the logistical and technical requirements are attended to by the secretariat including the immediate preparation of the Summary of Agreements. Post meeting activities covers the preparation of the minutes of the meeting and all attendant documents such as the matters arising from the minutes and the Memorandum for the Chairman and the Members of the LEDAC containing the highlights of the meeting.

Attended to all financial, budgetary and auditing requirements of the LEDAC as follows:

1. Prepared and submitted the FY 2019 LEDAC Budget Proposal and attended the DBM FY 2019 Budget Forum held last January 17, 2018;
2. Prepared and submitted the LEDAC Physical Report of Operations for the 4th quarter of FY 2017 and 1st quarter of FY 2018;
3. Prepared the following requirements of COA: Comments to COA FY 2017 AOMs and Status Report of Operations for the 1st quarter 2018 Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) and LEDAC's Action Plan and Status of Implementation of FY 2017 AOMs;
4. Prepared all the necessary procurement documents for purchase of LEDAC supplies and materials and attended required NBAC/TWG meetings;

5. Prepared financial accountability reports; and
6. Prepared and submitted the FY 2019 LEDAC budgetary documents in the Senate and House of Representatives (HoR) and attended budget hearings held at the HoR on September 19, 2018 and at the Senate held on October 2, 2018 (committee hearing) and December 6, 2018 (plenary deliberation).

Thrusts and Directions for 2019

The LEDAC aims 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. It envisions to become an effective high-level advisory and consultative body to the President that ensures consistency in executive development planning and congressional budgeting by providing the mechanism for generating consensus among the different sectors of the economy.



In 2019, the LEDAC shall continue to:

- Provide consultative and advisory services to the President on vital issues affecting national economic development;
- Coordinate the formulation and adoption of CLA with special focus on concerns that will fast track the attainment of the Socioeconomic Agenda to ensure that it will push forward the identified legislative measures in the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022;
- Provide general administrative support services, including the improvement and operationalization of mechanisms, to ensure that the CLA reflect the consensus of both the legislative and the executive while taking into account the interest and welfare of all key sectors of society; and
- Strengthen the LEDAC ExCom, TWG, and its Secretariat through the institutionalization of its working structure, and thereby, strategically assist the Council in the performance of its mandated functions.

MISSION

The LEDAC serves as a mechanism for consensus-building among the executive and legislative branches and key stockholders on vital issues affecting the country's socioeconomic and development goals

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (Per RA 7640 and its IRR)

**LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL (LEDAC)**

Republic Act No. 7640

Chair: President

Members:

Vice President
Senate President
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Seven (7) members of the Cabinet
Three (3) members of the Senate
Three (3) members of the House of Representatives
Three (3) Sector Representatives (LGU, Youth and Private Sector)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(EXECOM)**

Chair: *(to be elected from among
the members)*

Members:

Office of the Executive Secretary
Office of the Senate President
Office of the Speaker of the
House
Head of NEDA-LEDAC
Secretariat

*Note: The principals may themselves
seat as members or designate senior
level officials to represent them*

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

Chair: Designated NEDA Supervising
Undersecretary for LEDAC

Members:

Presidential Management Staff (PMS)
Senate Economic Policy Office (SEPO)
Congressional Policy & Budget Research
Department (CPBRD)
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO)
Additional Members: Office of the Executive
Secretary; Office of the Senate President, Office
of the House Speaker; Office of the Cabinet
Secretary & Cabinet Secretariat

*Note: For the regular members, it shall be the principals of
PMS, SEPO, CPBRD and PLLO plus 1 senior level-official
and 1 technical staff.*

*For the additional members, they may opt to designate
a senior level-official plus 1 technical staff.*

LEDAC SECRETARIAT

Principal Secretariat:

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Support Staff:

Presidential Management Staff (PMS)
Senate Economic Policy Office (SEPO)
Congressional Policy & Budget Research Department (CPBRD)

ANNEX B

Status Updates on the other measures included in the LEDAC CLA by the end of 2018:

FOR ENROLLMENT			
1. Utilization of the Coconut Levy Fund Act		Bicameral Conference Committee Report Ratified on November 28, 2018	
2. Amendments to the Social Security Act (Rationalizing and Expanding the Powers and Duties of the Social Security Commission and the Social Security System)		Bicameral Conference Committee Report Ratified on November 28, 2018	
3. Amendments to the Agricultural Tariffication Act		Bicameral Conference Committee Report Ratified on November 28, 2018	
4. Enhanced Universal Health Care Act		Pending Bicameral Conference	
IN ADVANCE STAGE IN ONE OR BOTH CHAMBERS			
	Measure	Senate	House of Representatives
	Allowable/Recoverable System Loss Act	Approved on Third Reading (February 05, 2018 (SBN 1623), sent to the House of Representatives requesting concurrence (February 7, 2018)	Approved on Third Reading on 27 November 2017, transmitted to the Senate on September 29, 2017 and received by the Senate on November 29, 2017 (HB 1616)
	Rightsizing the National Government Act	Pending on Second Reading (Period of Interpellation) (SBN 1395)	Approved on Third Reading on July 26, 2017, transmitted to and received by the Senate on July 31, 2017 (HB 5707)

Security of Tenure Act (End of Endo/ Contractualization)	Pending Second Reading, (Period of Interpellation)	Approved on Third Reading on Jan. 29, 2018, transmitted to and received by the Senate on January 31, 2018 HB 6908 (CR 551)
Amendments to the Public Service Act		<p>Approved on Third Reading on 8 September 2017 transmitted to and received by the Senate on September 11, 2017 (HB 5828)</p> <p>Approved on Third Reading on 21 November 2017 transmitted to and received by the Senate on November 22, 2017 (HB 6558)</p> <p>Approved on Third Reading on 21 November 2017 transmitted to and received by the Senate on November 22, 2017 (HB 6557)</p>
National Land Use Act	Pending in the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance (July 31, 2017) (SBN 1522)	Approved on Third Reading on May 2, 2017, transmitted to and received by the Senate on May 9, 2017 (HB5240)
National Transport Act or the Traffic and Congestion Crisis Act (Emergency Powers to Address the Transport Traffic Crisis)	SB 1284 (CR 24) On Second Reading (Period of Interpellation-Sept. 13, 2017) (SBN 1284)	HB 6425 (CR 389) Approved on Third Reading on December 3, 2018
Budget Reform Act	Substituted by SBN-1761 under Committee Report No. 304 Pending Second Reading, Period of Sponsorship (3/21/2018)	Approved by the House on March 20, 2018, transmitted to and received by the Senate on March 22, 2018 (HB7302)

Federalism (Revision of the Constitution)	<p>SR 586 (Sen. Aquino IV) SR 580 (Sen. Lacson) RBH-S 1 (Sen. Drilon) RBH-S 2 (Sen. Recto)- withdrawn on 02/28/2017 SJR 1 (Sens. Gordon & Sotto III) SB 128 (Sen. Zubiri) – withdrawn on 01/15/2018 In the Senate, all Resolutions filed only proposes amendments to, or revision of, the Constitution but no mention of adopting/shifting to a Federal Form of Government.</p> <p>Pending in the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes</p>	<p>RBH 15 (CR 881): Proposing The Revision of The 1987 Constitution of The Republic of the Philippines (SGMA, et.al.) Approved on Third Reading</p> <p>HCR 09 (CR 110) Adopted by the House of Representatives on January 16, 2018</p> <p>HR 2056: Constituent Assembly, The Senate and the House shall vote separately – period of interpellation</p> <p>RBH 15 (CR 881): Proposing the Revision of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines – recommitted to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments (October 10, 2018)</p>
Delineation of the Specific Forest Limits Act	<p>Pending in the Environment Committee (SBNs 35, 741 and 861 - Committee hearing is yet to be conducted)</p>	<p>HB07496 Approved by the House in May 28, 2018; transmitted to and received by the Senate on May 29, 2018</p>
PENDING IN COMMITTEES		
Measure	Senate	House of Representatives
Amendments to the Government Procurement Reform Act	<p>Pending in the Committee (July 8, 2018) SBN 1921</p>	<p>Under deliberation by the Mother Committee</p> <p>(HB 1143, HB 921, HB 3363, HB 3488, HB 3420)</p>
Amendments to the Anti-Cyber Crime Act	<p>Pending in the Committees on</p>	<p>Pending in the Committee on Information and</p>

		Science and Technology; Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; and Justice and Human Rights	Communications Technology (HBNs 01378, 02096, 06184, 06342, 06765)
	Amendments to the Build-Operate-and-Transfer (BOT) Law	Pending in the Public Works Committee (SBNs 66, 228, and 951 – Committee hearing is yet to be conducted)	Pending in the Public Works and Highways Committee (Under TWG deliberation) (HBNs 163, 348, 778, 1346, 1944, 2727, 5270 & 5805)
	Land Administration Reform Act	Pending in the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (SBNs 791, 408 and 256)	Pending in the Committee on Government Reorganization (HBNs 01173, 04266, 07158)
	People's Broadcasting Corporation Charter	SBN 913 Pending in the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media (Admin draft bill)	HB02143 Pending in the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization (Admin draft bill)
	Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill	Pending in the Committee on Agrarian Reform	Pending in the Committee on Agrarian Reform (HB00555)

Functions of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council

(Section 3, RA 7640)

The Council shall serve as a consultative and advisory body to the President as the head of the national economic and planning agency for further consultations and advice on certain programs and policies essential to the realization of the goals of the national economy with the following functions:

- a) determine and recommend socioeconomic development goals in pursuance of established policies which shall guide the formulation and implementation of the national development plan;
- b) provide policy advice to the President on vital issues affecting the socioeconomic development of the country;
- c) direct the study of measures to ensure that the regional development plans and programs are integrated into the national development plan;
- d) receive, and in appropriate cases, require reports on, and study measures to improve, the implementation of official development assistance from multilateral and bilateral entities;
- e) assess effectiveness of implementation of the national development plan;
- f) integrate environmental concepts, principles and practices into the national development plan for a balanced and cohesive approach to national development;
- g) review the relationship of the legislative agenda to the national development plan to ensure the integration of both;
- h) study and recommend to the President and to Congress sources of revenue as well as measures to reduce unnecessary expenditures to the end that the resources of the Government will be used to the optimum.

The LEDAC Secretariat

National Economic and Development Authority

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