

**HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE
DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (LEDAC) AND ITS SECRETARIAT
CY 2013**

1. In the last 15th Congress, the LEDAC Common Legislative Agenda (CLA) signed into law were as follows:
 - 1.1 *Republic Act (RA) 10149* or "*An Act to Promote Financial Viability and Fiscal Discipline in Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations and to Strengthen the Role of the State in its Governance and Management to make Them More Responsive to the Needs of Public Interest and for Other Purposes*" or GOCC Governance and Management Law (enacted on 6 June 2011 and took effect on June 29, 2011)
 - 1.2 *RA 10150* or "*An Act Extending the Implementation of the Lifeline Rate, Amending for the Purpose Section 73 of RA 9136, Otherwise known as the 'Electric Industry Reform Act of 2011' or Lifeline Rate Extension (one of the proposed amendments to EPIRA)*" (enacted on June 21, 2011 and took effect on July 11, 2011) (N.B. On further amendments to EPIRA, proposed bills are pending in the respective Committees of both Houses)
 - 1.3 *RA 10151* or "*An Act Allowing the Employment of Night Workers, Thereby Repealing Articles 130 and 131 of Presidential Decree 442, as amended, Otherwise Known as The Labor Code of the Philippines*" (enacted on 21 June 2011 and took effect on July 11, 2011)
 - 1.4 *RA 10153* or "*An Act Providing for the Synchronization of the Elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) with the National and Local Elections and for Other Purposes*" or the Law Synchronizing ARMM Regular Elections with the National Elections (enacted on 30 June 2011 and took effect on July 30, 2011)
 - 1.5 *RA 10157* or "*An Act Institutionalizing the Kindergarten Education into the Basic Education System and Appropriating Funds Therefor*" (a component of the K to 12 education program) (enacted on January 20, 2012 and took effect on February 14, 2012). *RA 10533*, or *An Act Enhancing the Philippine Basic Education System by Strengthening Its Curriculum and Increasing the Number of Years for Basic Education, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes* (enacted on May 15, 2013)
 - 1.6 *RA 10167* or "*An Act to Further Strengthen the Anti-Money Laundering Law, Amending for the Purpose Sections 10 and 11 of RA 9160, otherwise Known as the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2011, as amended, and for Other Purposes*" (enacted on 18 June 2012 and took effect on July 6, 2012). *RA 10168* or "*An Act Defining the Crime of Financing Terrorism, Providing Penalties Therefor and for Other Purposes*" (enacted on 6 June 2012 and took effect on July 6, 2012)
RA 10365 or "*An Act Further Strengthening the Anti-Money Laundering Act*" (enacted on February 15, 2013 and took effect on March 7, 2013)

- 1.7 RA 10173 or *"An Act Protecting Individual Personal Information and Communications System in the Government and the Private Sector, Creating for this Purpose a National Privacy Commission, and for Other Purposes"* or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (enacted on 15 August 2012 and took effect on September 8, 2012)
- 1.8 RA 10344 or *"An Act Penalizing the Unauthorized Taking, Stealing, Keeping or Tampering of Government Risk Reduction and Preparedness Equipment, Accessories and Similar Facilities"* or the Anti-Pilferage Act of Risk Reduction and Preparedness Equipment (enacted on December 4, 2012 and took effect on December 27, 2012)
- 1.9 RA 10349 or *"An Act Amending RA 7898, Establishing the Revised AFP Modernization Program and for Other Purposes"* (enacted on December 11, 2012 and took effect on December 29, 2012)
- 1.10 RA 10351 or *"An Act Restructuring the Excise Tax on Alcohol and Other Tobacco Products by Amending Sections 141,142,143,145,8,131, and 288 of RA 8424, otherwise Known as the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended by RA 9334, and for Other Purposes"* or *Restructuring the Excise Tax on Alcohol and Tobacco Products* (enacted on December 19, 2012 and took effect on January 5, 2013)
- 1.11 RA 10354 or *"An Act Providing for a National Policy on Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health"* (enacted on December 21, 2012 and took effect on January 17, 2013)
- 1.12 RA 10361 or *"An Act Instituting Policies for the Protection and Welfare of Domestic Workers"*(enacted on January 18, 2013 and took effect on February 9, 2013)
- 1.13 RA 10390 or *An Act Amending RA 7306, Entitled "An Act Providing for the Establishment of the People's Television Network, Incorporated, Defining Its Powers and Functions, Providing for Its Sources of Funding and for Other Purposes"* (enacted on March 14, 2013 and took effect on April 6, 2013)
- 1.14 RA 10531, or *An Act Strengthening the National Electrification Administration, Further Amending for the Purpose Presidential Decree No. 269, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the "National Electrification Administration Decree"* (enacted on May 7, 2013)
- 1.15 RA 10606. or *The National Health Insurance Act of 2013* (enacted on June 19, 2013)
- 1.16 RA 10612, or *An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Science and Technology (S&T) Scholarship Program and Strengthening the Teaching of Science and Mathematics in Secondary Schools and for Other Purposes.* (enacted on August 23, 2013)

1.17 *RA 10625*, otherwise known as *The Philippine Statistical System Act of 2013* (enacted on September 12, 2013)

2. One (1) LEDAC Executive Committee (Execom) meeting held on May 20, 2013 to discuss the remaining CLA for legislative action during the 15th Congress including the passage of NEDA's Philippine Statistical System bill. Present in the meeting were the Execom members, as follows: Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa, Jr., Senate Majority Leader Vicente Sotto III, representing Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., Secretary Arsenio M. Balisacan (NEDA-LEDAC Secretariat); and Secretary Manuel Mamba (PLLO).

Three (3) LEDAC Execom TWG meetings held on May 15, June 10, and August 1, 2013 (executive branch) to review the status of the CLA and to come up with strategies to facilitate their enactment. The following were also discussed/processed: (a) strategies on the remaining 15th Congress' CLA for legislative action; (b) indicative list of proposed priority legislative measures for the 16th Congress; and (c) other matters to strengthen Legislative Liaison System coordination.

Series of LEDAC Secretariat meetings involving the NEDA-LEDAC Secretariat, OP-PLLO, CABSEC, OP-ODESLA, and OES.

3. Provided technical support and liaison services in the passage of Philippine Statistical System Act of 2013 using the LEDAC Executive Committee as venue in arriving consensus to pass the said bill. This included the following efforts: (a) coordinated the NEDA-proposed amendment on the bill; (b) coordinated the Certification of the bill as URGENT legislative measure; (c) drafted correspondence and provided proactive networking with concerned offices and personalities in the Senate and House of Representatives, PLLO, ODESLA, and OES; and (d) prepared the agenda and highlights of the meeting.

The 2nd Reading approval of PSA bill was RECALLED in the Senate to incorporate the very important NEDA-proposed amendment despite the fact that there were only two (2) remaining session days in the calendar of the 15th Congress.

4. On July 15, 2013, the LEDAC Secretariat coordinated/facilitated and provided technical/secretariat support in the conduct of full CABINET Cluster workshop to come up with prioritization of bills to be proposed as the President's Legislative Agenda and eventually LEDAC CLA. This included the following efforts: (a) drafted the criteria for prioritization of bills; (b) presented the criteria for prioritization of bills during the Cabinet/LLS cluster meetings; (c) preparation and distribution of communication and agenda folders; (d) preparation/reproduction of bills; (e) participated in preparatory meetings with ODESLA, OES, PLLO, CABSEC; and (f) prepared the highlights of the full CABINET cluster workshop.
5. On September 5-7, 2013, the LEDAC Secretariat co-organized/coordinated/facilitated and provided technical/secretariat support in the conduct of 2nd LLS Workshop (Legislative Advocacy Skills and Development Seminar/Workshop), which was participated by about 80 national government agencies comprising the LLS (more or less 250 participants). This included the following efforts: (a) participated in series of meetings with CHR, PLLO, and UNDP; (b) participated in the drafting of process

design, program and other related activities; (c) prepared the speech and presentation material of Secretary Balisacan, as well as the presentation material of DDG Mijares; (d) procured the needed supplies and training kits; (e) provided inputs in the documentation of LLS workshop; and (d) participated and provided inputs in the post-assessment planning with the core group involving the CHR-LEDAC Secretariat-PLLO-UNDP.

6. On November 15, 2013, the LEDAC Secretariat organized/facilitated the conduct of Symposium/Orientation on Legislative Process and Advocacy, which was participated by about 70 NEDA sector staff and representatives of its attached agencies. This included the following efforts: (a) prepared the process design, program; (b) line-up and invitation of prominent and expert speakers/resource persons; (b) procurement of activity materials and orientation kits; and (d) drafted the messages of DDG Mijares and Dir. Reyes, as well as the presentation material of ADG Tanate.
7. Developed the LEDAC website in coordination with and technical support of ICTS.
8. Coordinated the appointment of new LEDAC members for the 16th Congress. This included the following efforts: prepared correspondence to and coordinated with the offices of the Senate President and Speaker of the House; came up with a list of private sector representative nominees; provided a briefing on LEDAC with PCCI Chairman, Atty. Varela, private sector representative appointed by the President.
9. Successfully lobbied with DBM and Congress the approval of 2014 LEDAC Secretariat budget (per GAA 2014) with at least 48% increase (new allotment for procurement of new service vehicle and desktop PCs, and increase in PS to fully implement the 4th tranche of SSL3).