



**LEGISLATIVE – EXECUTIVE
DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**
Accomplishment Report F.Y. 2020

Introduction

The Philippines faced many socioeconomic challenges due to the Coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic in 2020. The pandemic has caused devastating effects to the economy and our healthcare system which interrupted decades of socioeconomic progress in the country.

To help mitigate the adverse socioeconomic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the administration hastened its pandemic response through legislation and implementation of its recovery policies, plans, and programs.

The Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC), in fulfillment of its mandate to serve as the consultative body on programs and policies essential to the realization of the goals of the economy, focused on ensuring that the President's legislative agenda are enacted into law.

The LEDAC Accomplishment Report presents LEDAC's contribution to the efforts of the executive and legislative to bring the economy towards recovery and help the millions of Filipinos amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

Activities of the LEDAC in 2020

The LEDAC Technical Working Group (LEDAC-TWG) is chaired by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and is composed of senior officials from the following offices:

1. Presidential Management Staff (PMS),
2. Office of the Executive Secretary (OES),
3. The Cabinet Secretariat,
4. Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO),
5. Office of the Senate President (OSP),
6. Office of the House Speaker (OHS),
7. Senate Economic and Planning Office (SEPO), and
8. Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department (CPBRD).

Amidst the pandemic, the LEDAC Secretariat and LEDAC-TWG continued to serve as a mechanism for consultation and consensus-building to tackle and address vital concerns of priority legislative measures.

In 2020, the LEDAC-TWG conducted 3 meetings:

Table 1. Summary of LEDAC-TWG meetings

30 January 2020	26 November 2020	17 December 2020
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Expansion of the LEDAC Common Legislative Agenda (LEDAC-CLA) for the 18th Congress based on Senate President Sotto's requests2. Approval of the publication of the LEDAC legacy book	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discussion of the harmonization of the LEDAC-CLA based on the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office's (PLLO) reprioritized Presidential Legislative Priorities (PLP)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval by the LEDAC-TWG of the harmonized LEDAC-CLA for the 18th Congress

In line with its mandate, the LEDAC Secretariat provided technical and administrative support to the LEDAC and the TWG. The following activities were conducted in 2020:

1. Monitoring of the legislative measures in the LEDAC-CLA through coordination with both houses of congress, PLLO, ODESLA, and other agencies;
2. Convening of the LEDAC-TWG on 30 January, 26 November, and 17 December 2020;
3. Submission of the following reports:
 - a. Summary of agreements and action points for the 3 LEDAC-TWG meetings;
 - b. Matrices on the following topics:
 - i. Indicative List of LEDAC-CLA for the 18th Congress
 - ii. Legislative measures creating new departments
 - iii. Legislative measures filed and enacted during the 15th and 16th Congress on the Creation of New Departments
 - iv. Status of legislative measures in the President's State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2019 filed in congress
 - v. PLLO list of SONA priority bills
 - c. Agenda brief and mechanics of the proposed focus group discussion (FGD) on unfunded laws; and
 - d. Status of priority legislative measures of the Economic Development Cluster (EDC).

LEDAC – Common Legislative Agenda for the 18th Congress

To effectively respond to the Covid-19 pandemic, the LEDAC approved the Harmonized LEDAC – CLA for the 18th Congress.

On 26 November 2020, the LEDAC-TWG pursued the harmonization of the LEDAC-CLA based on the following prioritization benchmarks:

1. Indicative LEDAC-CLA for the 18th Congress;
2. The expanded Presidential Legislative Agenda/Priorities (PLA/PLP);
3. Common Legislative Priorities of Congress (CLPC);
4. Priority legislative measures in the President's SONA for 2019 and 2020;
5. Legislative measures certified as urgent by the President; and
6. The list of urgent priority bills of the economic managers.

On 17 December 2020, the LEDAC-TWG approved the Harmonized LEDAC-CLA for the 18th Congress consisting of 27 measures:

Table 2. Harmonized LEDAC-CLA for the 18 th Congress	
1	Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act (CREATE)
2	National Land Use Act (NaLUA)
3	Department of Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act (DMWOFA)
4	Reviving the Death Penalty by Lethal Injection for Crimes specified under the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002
5	Unified System of Separation, Retirement, and Pension of the Military and Uniformed Personnel Act
6	Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act (Coco Levy Act)
7	Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer Act (FIST)
8	Amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA)
9	Department of Disaster Resilience Act
10	Rural Agricultural and Fisheries Development Financing System Act (AGRI-AGRA)
11	Modernization of the Bureau of Fire Protection Act (BFP)
12	Magna Carta of Barangay Health Workers Act
13	Real Property Valuation Reform Bill
14	Amendments to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act (RTLA)
15	Internet Transactions Act
16	Boracay Island Development Authority (BIDA)
17	National Housing Development Act
18	Amendment/Repeal to RA 10192, or the Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016
19	Medical Reserve Corps Act
20	Creation of a Disease Prevention and Control Authority Act
21	Bureau of Immigration Modernization Act
22	Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act
23	General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021
24	Amendments to the Public Service Act (PSA)
25	Passive Income Tax and Financial Intermediary Tax Reform (PIFITA)
26	Amendments to the Foreign Investments Act (FIA)
27	Government Financial Institutions Unified Initiatives to Distressed Enterprises for Economic Recovery Act (GUIDE)

Achievements

The General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 was enacted into law as Republic Act No. 11518 on 28 December 2020. The remaining measures in the Harmonized LEDAC-CLA for the 18th Congress made significant progress in both houses of congress, with the PIFITA as the only measure that has not yet been filed in the Senate.

Thrusts for 2021

The LEDAC is committed to continue to push for the passage of the President's priority legislative agenda by advising the President on vital issues affecting national economic development.

The primary objective of the LEDAC in 2021 is the passage of the legislative measures in the Harmonized LEDAC-CLA for the 18th Congress. The LEDAC Secretariat envisions to achieve this by:

1. Continuing the active monitoring of the progress of legislative measures in the Harmonized LEDAC-CLA for the 18th Congress in both of houses of congress; and
2. Institutionalizing the LEDAC working structure to help strengthen the capacity of the LEDAC and its sub-committees.

With the Harmonized LEDAC-CLA for the 18th Congress, the LEDAC envisions a focused effort to help enact into law priority legislative measures in 2021, especially the legislative measures that will help alleviate the adverse effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and support economic recovery.

Annex A: Composition of the LEDAC

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