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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
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SUBJECT : **INVITATION: VIRTUAL PHILIPPINE LAUNCH OF THE
2020 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT (JANUARY 22,
2021) VIA ZOOM**

DATE : **JAN 15 2021**

May we refer the email dated 11 January 2021, from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Philippines, regarding the invitation for the virtual Philippine launch of the 2020 Human Development Report on Friday, 22 January 2021 via Zoom.

Should you wish to participate, you may register at:
https://undp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0ldjhFbOS92vDwObs9OzCg.

For your information, please.


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INVITATION: Philippine Launch of the 2020 Human Development Report

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The United Nations Development Programme
in the Philippines invites you to the

#HDR2020PH



**2020 Human Development Report
Launch in the Philippines**

22 JANUARY 2021, 10:00am PHT

The novel coronavirus has exposed the deep flaws in our societies – taking root wherever it has landed and exacerbating inequalities everywhere – but unless we relax our grip on nature, it will not be the last crisis we face.

As we enter an entirely new geological epoch where humans are shaping the planet – **the Anthropocene or the Age of Humans** – it is time for all countries, rich and poor, to redesign paths for human progress by fully accounting for the dangerous pressures we put on the planet.

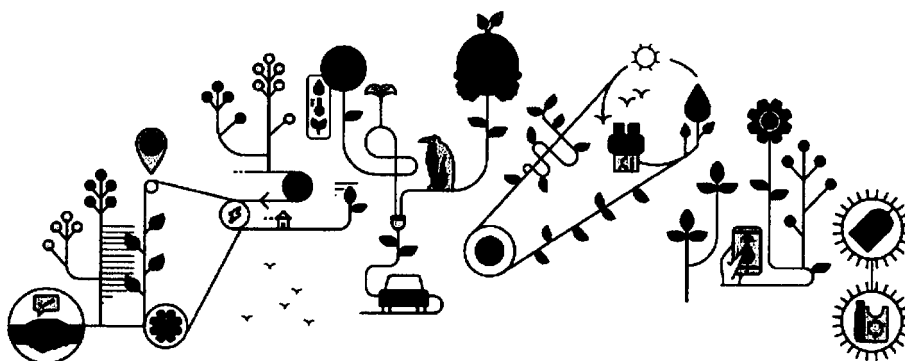
To illustrate this, the 30th anniversary edition of UNDP's Human Development Report, "**The Next Frontier: Human Development and the Anthropocene**," introduces an

experimental new lens to its annual *Human Development Index (HDI)* and looks at how humanity can navigate this new age, unpacking the relationships between people and the planet and where we go from here to transform pathways for human progress.

JOIN US for the **virtual** Philippine launch of the 2020 Human Development Report on **Friday, 22 January 2021 via ZOOM!**



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PROGRAM

Welcome Message

Dr. Selva Ramachandran, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme in the Philippines

Opening Remarks

Acting Secretary Karl Chua (*recorded message*), National Economic and Development Authority

Program run-down by program host

- What is the Anthropocene?
- Natural Disasters and Human Development

Presentation of HDR 2020 highlights and findings

Introduction: Dr. Selva Ramachandran, UNDP Resident Representative

Main presentation: Yemesrach Workie, UNDP Senior Policy Advisor

MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator:

- Dr. Antonio Gabriel La Viña, Acting Executive Director of Manila Observatory

Invited Panelists:

- **UNDP:** Yemesrach Workie, Senior Policy Advisor
- **Private Sector:** Ma. Alegria Sibal Limjoco, President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) *(TBD)*
- **Academe:** Dr. Emmanuel De Dios, Philippine Human Development Network *(TBD)*
- **Government:** Undersecretary Rosemary Edillon, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- **NGO/IP:** Dave De Vera, Executive Director, Philippine Association for Intercultural Development (PAFID) *(TBD)*
- **NGO/Conservation:** Atty. Jose Andres Canivel, Executive Director, Forest Foundation Philippines *(TBD)*
- **Youth:** Keisha Mayuga, Founder, Life Cycles PH

Q&A Portion

Synthesis

Panel Moderator and Yemesrach Workie

Closing

Program host: Charlene Balaan, UNDP

The 2020 Human Development Report launch in the Philippines aims to share the report widely to key stakeholders and decisions makers in the government, private sector, civil society, and the academe, and to initiate a collective discourse on how the country can move forward in this new age and with the "New Normal."

As the country recovers from the pandemic, we are presented with an opportunity to reevaluate our pathways to development and to take into account that human development cannot come at the expense of the planet.

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