



MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY**
Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects and
Concurrent Director, Forest Management Bureau

THE BUREAU DIRECTORS
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau

FROM : **THE OIC, DIRECTOR**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **INPUTS TO THE THEMATIC AREAS OF 2022 HIGH-LEVEL
POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(HLPF)**

DATE : **JAN 26 2022**

This has reference to the attached letter from Director Nieva T. Natural of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), dated 24 January 2022, requesting for inputs to the Thematic Areas of 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

The HLPF is the main UN platform on sustainable development that is mandated to follow-up and review of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For 2022, HLPF theme is *“Building back better from coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”*, that will review the progress of SDGs 4(Quality Education), 5(Gender Equality), 14(Life Below Water), 15(Life on Land), and 17(Partnership for the Goals). The DENR is requested to provide inputs to the following for SDGs 14 and 15:

1. Progress, experiences, lessons learned, challenges and impacts for COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of SDGs 14 and 15 and its targets;
2. Activities/programs or policy regulations implemented related to SDGs 14 and 15 and its targets;
3. Recommended policies to strengthen implementations to ensure achievement of SDGs 14 and 15 and its corresponding targets.

In this regard, we are forwarding the attached template (Attachment 1) for your inputs. We would greatly appreciate receiving your inputs on or before the given deadline, **28 January 2022**, for consolidation and endorsement to NEDA. Kindly send your inputs to the Planning and Programming Division of this Office with e-mail address ppdppso@yahoo.com.

For your consideration, please.

for: 
GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

24 January 2022

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Deadline 28 Jan 2022.
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SUBJECT: Inputs to the Thematic Areas of 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

Dear Director Noble:

This refers to the attached letter from DFA-UNIO requesting for inputs on the thematic areas for the 2022 HLPF. The HLPF is the main UN platform on sustainable development that is mandated to follow-up and review of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As signatory to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the Philippines is an active participant of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). The 2022 HLPF, with the theme "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", will review the progress towards SDGs 4 (quality education), 5 (gender equality), 14 (life below water), 15 (life on land), and 17 (partnerships for the goals).

Given that SDGs 14 and 15 fall under your agency's purview, may we request for your inputs on the following:



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- a. Progress, experiences, lessons learned, challenges and impacts for COVID 19 pandemic on the implementation of these SDGs; and
- b. Activities/programs or policy regulations implemented related to these SDGs, and if there are recommended policies to strengthen implementations to ensure achievement of these goals and corresponding targets.

We would appreciate receiving your inputs on the attached template **on or before 28 January 2022**, for our consolidation and onward submission to the DFA. For queries or additional information, please coordinate with Ms. Carygine V. Isaac of the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Staff (ANRES) thru email address: anres-nrd@neda.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



NIEVA T. NATURAL
Director IV, NEDA-ANRES



**DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

18 January 2022

Sir:

The Department conveys Information Note No. 01 dated 13 January 2022 from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) circulating the letter from H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), President of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), addressed to H.E. Ms. Dominika Krois (Poland), President of the 49th Session of the Industrial Development Board (IDB), requesting IDB to provide input to the thematic review of the 2022 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

The HLPF 2022 will meet under the auspices of the ECOSOC on 5-7 and 11-15 July 2022, with the Ministerial Segment on 13-15 July 2021 at the UN Headquarters in New York with the theme "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

The HLPF 2022 will review progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 [quality education], 5 [gender equality], 14 [life below water], 15 [life on land] and 17 [partnerships for the Goals]. Related working documents on this can be accessed through the following links:

1. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#docs>; and
2. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#docs>.

The deadline by the ECOSOC for the submission of inputs is 01 March 2022, but the Secretariat would welcome early inputs on the structure and contents of the submission from the UNIDO IDB by 21 January 2022.

In this regard, the Department requests to receive your inputs on the subject matter, if any, by COB on 21 January 2021, for submission to the UNIDO through the PH Permanent Mission to the UN in Vienna.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


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INFORMATION NOTE

Input by the Industrial Development Board to the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development

On behalf of Her Excellency Ms. Dominika Krois (Poland), President of the Industrial Development Board, the Secretariat has the honour to circulate a letter from the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) dated 15 December 2021 inviting the Board, or its Bureau, to provide a focused input to the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) under the auspices of the ECOSOC under the overarching theme "*Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*".

The HLPF will discuss Sustainable Development Goals 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals.

As indicated in the letter, the deadline for the submission of inputs is 1 March 2022.

As part of its support to the Board in its submission, the Secretariat will present a draft structure of the input and related timeline in January 2022. The Secretariat would welcome early inputs on the structure and contents of the submission from the Board by Friday, 21 January 2022.

For further information, please contact Mr. Yao Shenhong, Director, Office of Strategic Planning, Coordination and Quality Monitoring, Office of the Director General, either by telephone: +43 1 26026 3018 or email: s.yao@unido.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kai Bethke".

Kai Bethke

Director

Department of External Relations

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The President
of the
Economic and Social Council

15 December 2021

Excellency,

Through you, I write to invite the Industrial Development Board (IDB) to provide an input to the thematic review of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2022. The HLPF will meet under the auspices of ECOSOC from 5-7 and 11-15 July 2022 at UN Headquarters in New York, with a Ministerial Segment from 13-15 July.

The HLPF is the central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. The General Assembly in resolution 70/1 called for the HLPF to conduct thematic reviews of progress on the SDGs, including cross-cutting issues. These are mandated to be supported by reviews by the “ECOSOC functional commissions and other inter-governmental bodies and forums which should reflect the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them”.

The Assembly in resolution 75/290 B reiterated that “In the conduct of the thematic reviews, the high-level political forum could consider the inputs to the high-level political forum from intergovernmental bodies and forums, including relevant multi-stakeholder forums, and, as appropriate, the findings, research, data and recommendations from the United Nations system.”

I would like to inform you that the 2021 HLPF received a total of 68 inputs from functional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums. I would like to thank all those who informed the thematic review at the 2021 HLPF through their contribution. These inputs, together with the synthesis provided by the Secretariat, can be found at the HLPF website: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/inputs/>; <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2021#docs>.

The General Assembly also in resolution 75/290 B defined the theme of the 2022 HLPF to be “*Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”.

The HLPF in 2022 will review progress toward SDGs 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. The Forum will take into account the different and particular impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across these SDGs and the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals.

H.E. Ms. Dominika Krois
President, 49th session
Industrial Development Board (IDB)

I therefore invite you to provide substantive inputs to the 2022 HLPF on its review of the above SDGs and the theme. Your contribution could showcase the views, findings, research, data and policy recommendations from your intergovernmental bodies on specific aspects of an SDG-driven response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the SDGs under review.

The following template could be considered in providing inputs, while taking into account your intergovernmental body's mandate and views:

- (a) Progress, experience, lessons learned, challenges and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of SDGs 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17 from the vantage point of your intergovernmental body, bearing in mind the three dimensions of sustainable development and the interlinkages across the SDGs and targets, including policy implications of their synergies and trade-offs;
- (b) Assessment of the situation regarding the principle of "leaving no one behind" against the background of the COVID-19 pandemic and for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, within the respective areas addressed by your intergovernmental body;
- (c) Actions and policy recommendations in areas requiring urgent attention in relation to the implementation of the SDGs under review;
- (d) Policy recommendations, commitments and cooperation measures for promoting a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery from the pandemic while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
- (e) Key messages for inclusion into the Ministerial Declaration of the 2022 HLPF.

It is essential that your intergovernmental body contribute to the HLPF thematic reviews, even if its main area of work is not under in-depth consideration this year, given the interlinkages across the SDGs.

The inputs of intergovernmental bodies to the HLPF should be as focused as possible. They may also be submitted in various formats (analytical documents prepared by the bureau, summary of a panel discussion, agreed conclusions or other agreed document etc...).

I would kindly ask you to send your contribution **no later than 1 March 2022** to the HLPF Secretariat (e-mail: wang24@un.org, vaturi@un.org; copy perez7@un.org, panghulanv@un.org). Inputs received before the deadline will be included in the official synthesis report and submitted to the HLPF. All inputs will be made available online at the HLPF website.

I look forward to your contributions to the 2022 HLPF.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Collen Vixen Kelapile
President of ECOSOC

Attachment 1

Inputs to the Thematic Areas of 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

SDG14	Progress, experiences, lessons learned, challenges and impacts for COVID 19 pandemic on the implementation of SDGs 14 (Life below water) and its targets	Activities/programs or policy regulations implemented related to SDGs 14 and its targets	Recommended policies to strengthen implementations to ensure achievement of SDG14 and its corresponding targets
<p>14.1 By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution.</p>			
<p>14.2 By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans.</p>			
<p>14.3 Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels.</p>			

<p>14.4 By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics.</p>			
<p>14.5 By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information.</p>			
<p>14.6 By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade</p>			

<p>Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation.</p>			
<p>14.7 By 2030, increase the economic benefits to small island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism</p>			
<p>14.8 Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries.</p>			
<p>14.b Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets.</p>			
<p>14.c Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their</p>			

resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of “The future we want”			
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SDG15	Progress, experiences, lessons learned, challenges and impacts for COVID 19 pandemic on the implementation of 15 (life on land) and its targets	Activities/programs or policy regulations implemented related to SDGs 15 and its targets	Recommended policies to strengthen implementations to ensure achievement of SDG 15 and corresponding targets
15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements			
15.2 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable			

management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally			
15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world			
15.4 By 2030, ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development			
15.5 Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species			
15.6 Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources			

and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed			
15.7 Take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna and address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products			
15.8 By 2020, introduce measures to prevent the introduction and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems and control or eradicate the priority species			
15.9 By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts			
15.a Mobilize and significantly increase financial resources from all sources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems			
15.b Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest			

<p>management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation</p>			
<p>15.c Enhance global support for efforts to combat poaching and trafficking of protected species, including by increasing the capacity of local communities to pursue sustainable livelihood opportunities</p>			