

The Philippines:
*On the Road
to Habitat III*

Some Updates

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The Philippine processes for Habitat III

□ April 2014 –

- Organizational Meeting in the Philippines
- creation of the National Habitat III Steering Committee and Sub-Committees
- Engagement of consultancy services for Habitat III report preparations

□ April-May 2014 –

- Action Planning
- Initial data gathering and analysis
- Initial preparation of Sub-Committee thematic reports
- Initial presentation/critiquing of thematic reports before the National Habitat Steering Committee
- Refinement of Sub-Committee Reports

The Philippine processes for Habitat III

- **June 2014** – Presentation of Sub-Committee Thematic Reports to stakeholders
 - **03 June 2014** – **Mindanao Sub-national Consultation Workshop** (Cagayan de Oro City)
 - **05 June 2014** – **Visayas Sub-national Consultation Workshop** (Cebu City)
 - **11 June 2014** – Luzon and **National Consultation Workshop** (Manila)
 - Refinement of Sub-Committee Thematic Reports

The Philippine processes for Habitat III

- **24 June 2014** – Expert Group Meeting cum round-table discussions
 - Presentation of sub-committee thematic reports consolidated into a draft country report
 - Experts brainstorming on Philippine priorities, issues and challenges for a new urban agenda

The Philippine processes for Habitat III

- **July 2014–May 2015** – The draft national report has been subjected to several rounds of further research, critiquing, revision, refinement...
 - Enriching the substantial content of the draft
 - Filling in data gaps
 - Validating/refining contentious statements
 - Note: The reports were subjected to technical refinements by sub-committee members, and to separate and joint in-house reviews by HUDCC and UN-Habitat Philippines

The Philippine processes for Habitat III

- **25-26 November 2014** – participation at the **Asia-Pacific Expert Group Meeting** for Habitat III in Jakarta, Indonesia...
 - Philippines presented “Philippine Urban Planning and Housing Issues”
 - Sharing of notes on issues common among Asia-Pacific countries highlighted the importance of integrating regional issues
 - Sharing of notes enriched knowledge of options on how to best prepare respective country reports
 - Emphasis: The **process** is as important as the **output**.

The Philippine processes for Habitat III

- **10 March 2015** – 2nd round of Experts Group Meeting and round-table discussions
 - Presentation and critiquing of the updated version of the draft national report
 - Further discussions and refinement of the Philippines New Urban Agenda

- **April 2015** – 2nd Preparatory Committee meeting in New York

The Philippine processes for Habitat III

October 2015 –

- participation in the Asia-Pacific Urban Forum
- participation in the Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Committee Meeting and round-table discussions

The National Habitat III Steering Committee

Chair: Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC)

Members:

- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Commission on Population (POPCOM)
- Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)
- Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
- Key Shelter Agencies (HDMF, NHMFC, NHA, HGC and SHFC)
- Homeless Peoples' Federation (HPF)
- League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP)
- Private Sector (OSHDP, CREBA, SHDA)
- Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
- School of Urban and Regional Planning (UP-SURP)
- Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC)
- Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat Phil.)

Habitat III Sub-Committees and Lead Agencies

- Urban Demographic Issues (POPCOM)**
- Land and Urban Planning (HLURB)**
- Environment and Urbanization (DENR)**
- Urban Governance and Legislation (DILG)**
- Urban Economy (NEDA)**
- Housing / Basic Services (HUDCC)**

Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

I. Urban Demographic Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

□ Lead: **POPCOM** – Population Commission

□ Members:

- **PCW** – Philippine Commission on Women
- **NYC** – National Youth Commission
- **DSWD** – Department of Social Work and Development
- **PSA** – Philippine Statistical Authority
- **LCP** – League of Cities of the Philippines
- **MMDA** – Metro Manila Development Authority
- **CREBA** – Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations, Inc.
- **UN-Habitat**

Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

II. Land and Urban Planning: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

- ❑ **Lead: HLURB**—Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board
- ❑ **Members:**
 - **MMDA**—Metro Manila Development Authority
 - **DILG**—Department of the Interior and Local Government
 - **DENR**—Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 - **DAR**—Department of Agrarian Reform
 - **DA**—Department of Agriculture
 - **DOE**—Department of Energy
 - **NHA**—National Housing Authority
 - **POPCOM**—Population Commission
 - **DPWH**—Department of Public Works and Highways
 - **DOTC**—Department of Transportation and Communications
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Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

II. Land and Urban Planning: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

- ❑ **Lead: HLURB**—Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board
- ❑ **Members (continued):**
 - **CCC**—Climate Change Commission
 - **NCC**—National Computer Center
 - **DTI**—Department of Trade and Industry
 - **DOT**—Department of Tourism
 - **NCIP**—National Commission for the Indigenous Peoples
 - **PCUP**—Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor
 - **OSDHP**—Organization of Socialized Housing Developers of the Philippines
 - **CREBA**—Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations
 - **SHDA**—Subdivision and Housing Developers' Associations

Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

III. Environment and Urbanization: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

☐ **Lead: DENR**—Dept of Environment and Natural Resources

☐ **Members:**

- **CCC**—Climate Change Commission
- **DILG**—Department of the Interior and Local Government
- **DOE**—Department of Energy
- **DOTC**—Department of Transportation and Communications
- **MMDA**—Metro Manila Development Authority
- **DPWH**—Department of Public Works and Highways
- **LCP**—League of Cities of the Philippines
- **DOST**—Department of Science and Technology
- **HLURB**—Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board
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Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

IV. Urban Governance and Legislation: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

❑ Lead: **DILG**—Dep't of the Interior and Local Government

❑ Members:

- **MMDA**—Metro Manila Development Authority
- **CHR**—Commission on Human Rights
- **DSWD**—Department of Social Welfare and Development
- **DOLE**—Department of Labor and Employment
- **DOT**—Department of Tourism
- **PCUP**—Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor
- **NHA**—National Housing Authority
- (more...)

Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

IV. Urban Governance and Legislation: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

Lead: DILG

Members (...continued):

- **SALIGAN**—Sentro ng Alternatibong Lingap Panligal
- **CREBA**—Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations
- **SENATE** Committee on Housing
- **HOUSE** Committee on Housing
- **POPCOM**—Population Commission
- **PLLO**—Presidential Legislative Liaison Office
- **UN-Habitat**

Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

V. Urban Economy: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

Lead: NEDA

Members:

- **DTI**—Department of Trade and Industry
- **DOLE**—Department of Labor and Employment
- **TESDA**—Technical Education & Skills Development Authority
- **DOF**—Department of Finance
- **PSA**—Philippine Statistical Authority
- **DILG**—Department of the Interior and Local Government
- **MMDA**—Metro Manila Development Authority
- (more...)

Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

V. Urban Economy: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

☐ Lead: NEDA

☐ Members (...continued):

- HUDCC—Housing and Urban Dev't Coordinating Council
- Key shelter agencies:
 - CREBA—Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations
 - ULAP—Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines
 - SHDA—Subdivision and Housing Developers Association
 - OSHDP—Organization of Socialized Housing Developers of the Philippines
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Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

VI. Housing and Basic Services: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

□ Lead: HUDCC—Housing & Urban Dev't Coordinating Council

□ Members:

- Key shelter agencies --
- **DOH**—Department of Health
- **DILG**—Department of the Interior and Local Government
- **DSWD**—Department of Social Welfare and Development
- **DENR**—Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- **LCP**—League of Cities of the Philippines
- (more...)

Habitat III Sub-Committees and Member Agencies

VI. Housing and Basic Services: Issues and Challenges for a New Urban Agenda

☐ Lead: HUDCC—Housing & Urban Dev't Coordinating Council

☐ Members (...continued):

- DOE—Department of Energy
- HPFI—Housing Peoples' Foundation, Inc.
- DPWH—Department of Public Works and Highways
- MWSS—Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Systems
- NDRRMC—National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center
- UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat support in the Philippine processes

- Sharing of UN-Habitat's knowledge products and related materials as inputs to the Habitat III preparations
- Guidance to the organization of the National Habitat III Steering Committee and Sub-Committees
- Provision of technical consultants for the report preparation process
- Participation in sub-committee workshops and Steering Committee meetings
- Backstopping support for HUDCC & other agencies in the conduct of sub-national and national consultation workshops, and the expert group meetings
- Technical review of sub-committee thematic reports and several versions of the draft national report
- Hosting of consultation-workshops and EGMs

Parallel Initiatives

In parallel and in complementation to the Habitat III processes, the following have been happening since 2014:

- Consultations on Localizing the **Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals**
 - With cities and local authorities
 - With urban poor and informal settler families
 - With civil society
- Updating and enhancement of the Philippines' **National Urban Development and Housing Framework (NUDHF)**

Philippines: the *new bright spot* in Asia

- Robust economic performance
 - among Asia's best performing economies
 - Mostly driven by the urban sector, particularly by the industry and services sector
- Economic dominance of Metro Manila is reduced.
 - Dispersal of economic activities to adjacent cities
 - ➔ expanding urban agglomeration
 - Accelerated growth of urban centers in Visayas and Mindanao

Challenges...

1. Rapidly increasing population

- Currently 12th in the world, 7th in Asia
 - Almost half of pop'n are less than 25 years old
 - Half of the unemployed are the young people.
- Agenda
 - Invest in education and skills development of the young
 - Capacitate LGUs (technical, financial, administrative) to ensure sustainable urban development and delivery of urban services

Challenges...

2. Philippines as **most disaster-prone**

- Urban centers are increasingly vulnerable to natural disasters (cyclones, floods, earthquakes)
- Agenda
 - Scale-up CCI/DRR initiatives; foster CC resiliency
 - Continue innovative knowledge management
 - Promote green growth
 - Curb greenhouse gas emissions
 - Adopt low-carbon economic activities and lifestyles

Challenges...

3. Philippines is **archipelagic**

- Requires multi-modal approach to address mobility
- Enhance mass transit in urban centers

• Agenda

- Improve mobility of increasing population, goods, services
- Reduce pollution
- Enhance economic competitiveness
- Promote **social inclusion**

The Philippine Urban Agenda

- **An URBAN LIFE WITH DIGNITY**
 - ...for **EVERY FILIPINO**—
 - ...to live in Philippine cities that are:
 - » Economically competitive
 - » Resilient
 - » Connected
 - » Socially inclusive

Thank you...

Let's keep in touch...

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