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Strengthening Evaluation in the Philippines
to Achieve Ambisyon Natin 2040

Opening Session:

Achieving Ambisyon Natin 2040 Through Evidence

Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia, National Economic and Development Authority

Dr. Ernesto M. Pernia is the current Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning and Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority. Besides being Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of the Philippines and a former fellow of the Institute for Development and Econometric Analysis, he has worked on projects on investment climate and productivity, economic growth and poverty reduction, education and health, human resource development, and regional economic cooperation.

Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno, Department of Budget and Management

Dr. Benjamin E. Diokno is the current Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management. He also holds a Master of Arts in Political Economy from the Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. in Economics from Syracuse University in New York. Prior to serving as Budget Secretary, Dr. Diokno has worked as an adviser and consultant to multilateral agencies such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, European Commission, and USAID. In his third tour of duty, he intends—among others—to get the Budget Reform Bill passed to ensure systems and other enabling mechanisms are in place to make every government program is worth every peso spent.

Keynote Session:

How Evaluation is Evolving in Response to the Global Goals

Dr. Indran A. Naidoo, UNDP IEO

*Dr. Indran Naidoo has been the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the United Nations Development Programme since 2012. He also currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG). Under his watch, the UNDP IEO has delivered 43 evaluation reports and has led a **significant expansion in terms of scope, coverage, and strategic salience of UNDP's evaluation function**. He holds a PhD in Evaluation from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.*

Mr. Arild Hauge, UNDP IEO

Mr. Arild Hauge is presently the Deputy Director of the IEO and also the Executive Coordinator of the UN Evaluation Group (UNEG). The span and scope of his expertise made him a co-recipient of the World Bank

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President's 2002 Team Excellence award for his contribution as M&E advisor for the groundbreaking Uganda Poverty Reduction Strategy Credit Program.

Panel Discussion:

Integrating Evaluation in Government Institutions and Policies

Director Tess Gregorio, Department of Budget and Management

Director Tess Gregorio is the Director of Bureau-F of the Department of Budget and Management, which, among others, undertakes the department's monitoring and evaluation function. The increasing demand for fiscal transparency and accountability, and the growing need to integrate performance information in the budget process for a more effective delivery of public goods and services paved the way for putting up mechanisms for M&E within the Department.

Ms. Celia M. Reyes, Philippine Institute for Development Studies

Dr. Celia Reyes currently the President of the Philippine Institute of Development Studies and is the first female member to hold the position. As a poverty research expert, she specializes in the use of econometrics to evaluate social protection programs. Dr. Reyes is also the network leader of the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), a local poverty monitoring tool she developed under the Micro-Impacts of Macroeconomic Adjustment Policies project. She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dir. Rhodora Alday, Department of Social Welfare and Development

As Director-IV of the Policy Development and Planning Bureau of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Ms. Rhodora Alday oversees the conduct of research and evaluation studies on the Department's programs and services. Recent evaluations she supervised include the Rapid Evaluation of Educational Assistance to Beneficiaries of Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) and the ongoing study on the DSWD Residential Care Facilities where she serves as the Evaluation Team Lead. She is a social work graduate with a development studies masters from the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague, Netherland.

Session:

National Evaluation Policy and Guidelines

Assistant Secretary Jonathan L. Uy, NEDA

Mr. Jonathan L. Uy is currently the Assistant Secretary of the National Economic and Development Authority. He has been the focal coordinator for the government's public investment decision-making through the Investment Coordinating Committee, or ICC, of the NEDA Board. He also oversees the proposed funding and implementation of government priority projects through Official Development Assistance and Public-Private-Partnerships. He holds a Master's Degree in Development Economics from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Plenary Session:

Building Evaluation Capacity: The Better Evaluation Experience

Prof. Patricia Rogers, Better Evaluation

Professor Patricia Rogers teaches Public Sector Evaluation from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and is the project director of Better Evaluation– a platform for improving evaluation in both practice and theory. She has worked in public sector evaluation and research for over 25 years, covering a wide range of program areas that include agriculture, community development, early childhood, health promotion, indigenous housing, and legal aid. She has been awarded, among others, with the American Evaluation Association's Myrdal Award for Evaluation Practice and the Australasian Evaluation Society's Caulley-Tulloch Prize for Pioneering Literature in Evaluation.

Prof. Greet Peersman, Better Evaluation

Professor Greet Peersman is the Deputy Director of Better Evaluation. She has served as the Senior Evaluation Advisor to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and the Deputy Director for M&E of the Global AIDS Program at the US Centers for Disease and Prevention. She is also an Associate Professor at the Australia New Zealand School of Governance. Her three decades of expertise in evaluation and evidence-based policies entail working with government departments, international and donor agencies across Africa, Asia, and Latin and South America to strengthen M&E systems as their tool for better programming for health and international development.

Panel Discussion:

Strengthening Evaluation Capacity

Mr. Martin Porter, UNICEF

Mr. Martin Porter has been the Chief of Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation in UNICEF Philippines since June 2015. As such, he has lent his expertise in PM&E by providing government agencies with technical assistance on strengthening and developing their capacity for results-based monitoring and evaluation. He has previously served in UNICEF headquarters where he worked in humanitarian planning and results-based monitoring, and was deployed to the Philippines for 3 months from 2013-2014 as part of the Typhoon Yolanda response.

Ms. Mai Valera-Co, UNDP

Ms. Mai Valera-Co is presently the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer of UNDP. Her professional experience with UNDP, and formerly with government agencies, NGOs, and academic institutions, has been focused on supporting the design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects through M&E research and capacity building. She holds an MSc in Public Health (Health Economics) from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine under a UK Chevening Scholarship, an MA in Development Economics from the University of the Philippines.

Mr. Jose Roi Avena, UNFPA

*Mr. Jose Roi Avena is the M&E Adviser of the United Nations Population Fund. Prior to this, he served as an M&E consultant for anti-poverty and social empowerment initiatives, such as the Rural Micro Enterprise Promotion Program of the Department of Trade and Industry, and the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan- Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services Project jointly implemented by the DSWD and the World Bank. He holds a Masters' **Degree** in Business Administration from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business.*

Nasreena Sampaco-Baddiri, Innovations for Poverty Action

Ms. Nasreena Sampaco-Baddiri is the Country Director of Innovations for Poverty Action-Philippines. She holds an MA degree in Development Studies from the University of Manchester as well as a Masters in International Studies from the University of the Philippines. In 2013, she was chosen as one of DevEx Manila's 40 under 40 International Development Leaders, and in 2014, was also named one of the United Kingdom's Education Ambassadors to the Philippines.

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Keynote Session:

Politics and Evidence: Do They Go Together in Statecraft?

Rep. Joey Salceda, House of Representatives

Rep. Joey Salceda is the congressman of the Second Congressional District of Albay. He is currently Vice Chairperson of four House Committees, including Economic Affairs and Local Government. He pioneered the establishment of the Climate Change Academy, the first in the country. For his efforts on disaster risk management and climate change adaptation, Rep. Salceda was acknowledged as the First Senior Global Champion on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR). He has also been a member of the Board of the Green Climate Fund, the finance arm of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention.

Panel Discussion:

The Role of Congress and Citizens in Monitoring & Evaluation

Mr. Ronald Golding, Senate of the Philippines

*Mr. Ronald Golding is the incumbent Director General of the Senate Economic Planning Office. Among others, he is instrumental in the **presentation of the PIDS Assessment of the government's Bottom-Up Budgeting initiative in the Senate.***

Mr. Romulo M. Miral Jr., House of Representatives

Mr. Romulo Miral Jr. is the Deputy Secretary General of the Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department. Prior to his work in the Lower House, he has done consultancy work for projects under USAID, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, AusAid, GTZ, and other development agencies. Currently, he lectures at UP National Center for Public Administration and Governance for graduate students. He took his PhD in Economics at the Australian National University.

Mr. Redempto Parafina, Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and Pacific

Mr. Redempto Parafina is the Executive Director of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific. With over fourteen years of experience in advancing innovations in citizen participation in governance, he is consulted on the technical application of social accountability in various fields and sectors, such as education, health, public procurement, information and communications technology, and children and the youth, among others. He is also a Senior Associate at the Ateneo de Manila University's School of Government.

Plenary Session

Building National Evaluation Capacities in Asia Pacific

Mr. Riccardo Polastro, UNICEF

Mr. Riccardo Polastro is the Regional Evaluation Adviser for East Asia and the Pacific at UNICEF. His work on humanitarian affairs and development aid work spans two decades of carrying out policy and operational evaluations in 75 countries, and for initiatives funded by the United Nations, as well as other NGOs, donor agencies and private firms.

Plenary Presentation:

Strengthening the Culture of Evaluation and Community of Practice: The New Zealand Experience

Ms. Matilde Tayawa Figuracion, Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Society

*Ms. Matilde Tayawa Figuracion is backed by 25 years of experience in evaluation across the public sector, not only in the Philippines but also in New Zealand. As the current Principal Evaluator of the **New Zealand's** Ministry of Education, she has made a mark as among the most trusted advisor and thought leaders in public sector evaluation in the Pacific. She has also gained ground in the global M&E practice, sitting last year as Program Co-Chair of **American Evaluation Association's Topical Interest Group on Integrating Technology into Evaluation** at the AEA Conference in Washington DC.*

Mr. Aniceto Orbeta, Jr. PIDS

Mr. Aniceto Orbeta Jr. is a Senior Research Fellow at the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, where he specializes in demographic economics, social sector issues, applied economic modeling, information and communication technologies. He took his PhD in Economics in the University of the Philippines and had his postdoctoral studies in Harvard University. He served as consultant to the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, International Labor Organization, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation; and as principal investigator for the Innovations for Poverty Action.

Prof. Joseph Capuno, University of the Philippines School of Economics

Professor Joseph Capuno is an associate professor at the University of the Philippines, School of Economics. He has worked with the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the GIZ, USAID, AusAID, the Vietnam

Ministry of Health and our Department of Health for initiatives on public economics, development economics, and health economics.

Mr. Ricky Lozari, Pilipinas Monitoring & Evaluation Society

Mr. Ricky Lozari is a practitioner, trainer and advocate of Results-Based Management and Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation. He has been in the M&E field for over 16 years and has worked for various bilateral, multilateral and government organizations in the areas of program and impact evaluation, and M&E systems development and implementation. He is a PhD Candidate in Economics at the Ateneo de Manila where he is expected to graduate next month. He is the M&E, Learning, Quality and Innovation Advisor of the Australia Awards and Alumni Engagement Program – Philippines. He is a founding director and the current President of the Pilipinas Monitoring and Evaluation Society.