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Acronyms

AFOLU	Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use
BMUB	German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety
BUR	Biennial Update Report
CCC	Climate Change Commission
DA	Department of Agriculture
DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DOE	Department of Energy
DOTr	Department of Transportation
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
FBUR	First Biennial Update Report
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
GHGI	Greenhouse Gas Inventory
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
IKI	International Climate Initiative
IM	Information Matters
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
MRV	Measurement, Reporting, and Verification
NC	National Communication
NDC	Nationally Determined Contributions
NICCDIES	National Integrated Climate Change Database and Information Exchange System
PSA	Philippine Statistical Authority
TNC	Third National Communication
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change

Executive Summary

The Philippines is one of the eight (8) partner countries of the global project, “Information Matters (IM): Capacity Building for Enhanced Reporting and Facilitation of International Mutual Learning through Peer-to-Peer Exchange”, implemented by the Climate Change Commission (CCC) in the Philippines together with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB).

The IM project was active in the Philippines between September 2013 and August 2017 offering technical support to the CCC by addressing specific demands for capacity-building support to establish a sustainable Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV)-system and to prepare national climate change reports.

Based on capacity gaps and needs identified during a stock taking analysis and discussed at a kick-off workshop, a tailored roadmap for support has been developed in collaboration with the CCC. Support was provided to governmental institutions in charge of national monitoring and reporting of climate-relevant data on the following topics:

- MRV Domestic Settings
- Baselines Scenarios Settings
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- Producing Sectoral and National Climate Change Mitigation Baselines
- Biennial Update Report (BUR) Preparation
- Uncertainty and Sensitivity Analysis
- 2006 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Software for the Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Sector

In addition, the project assisted the design of a national IT system for climate change data

management (National Integrated Climate Change Database and Information Exchange System, NICCDIES) as part of its backstopping activities.

With the last project activity carried out in August 2017, a closing event was conducted on 31 August 2017. This event aimed to wrap up the activities of the IM project in the Philippines through looking back at the technical capacity needs identified in the gap analysis conducted in 2013 and summarizing how these were addressed through a variety of capacity building missions, focus group discussions, and technical backstopping activities conducted from September 2013 – August 2017.

The closing event was attended by representatives from the CCC, key agencies (Department of Environment and Natural resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippine Statistical Authority (PSA), and other development partners. A ceremonial handover of project knowledge outputs to the CCC was followed by presenting key agencies with certificates of appreciation for participating in the project implementation.

The CCC and key agencies expressed their sincerest gratitude for being part of the IM project. The tailored activities significantly contributed to capacity improvement of key agencies in Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHGI) and climate change reporting. Moreover, technical backstopping contributed to the development of the national IT system (NICCDIES). The tools and knowledge products will allow the partner institutions to sustain the knowledge and capacities beyond the projects timeline.

BMUB International Climate Initiative (IKI)

Since 2008, the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) has been financing climate and biodiversity projects in developing and newly industrializing countries, as well as in countries in transition. Based on a decision taken by the German parliament (Bundestag), a sum of at least 120 million Euros is available for use by the initiative annually. For the first few years, the IKI was financed through the auctioning of emission allowances, but it is now funded from BMUB budget. The Initiative places clear emphasis on climate change mitigation, adaptation to the impacts of climate change and the protection of biological diversity. These efforts provide various co-benefits, particularly the improvement of living conditions in partner countries.

The IKI focuses on four areas: mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, adapting to the impacts of climate change, conserving natural carbon sink with a focus on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+), as well as conserving biological diversity.

New projects are primarily selected through a two-stage procedure that takes place once a year. Priority is given to activities that support the creation of international climate protection architecture, transparency, and innovative and transferable solutions that have impacts beyond the individual project. The IKI cooperates closely with partner countries and supports consensus building for a comprehensive international climate agreement and the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

BMUB IKI Homepage
www.international-climate-initiative.com

Methodology and Approach

The main program was composed of three (3) parts: The first part focused on the presentation of Information Matters (IM) Global and summary of activities and achievements of IM in the Philippines. The second part was dedicated for the

ceremonial handover of project outputs to the Climate Change Commission (CCC) and awarding of certificate of appreciation to key government agencies. Finally, the third part was a reflection/feedback session from the key agencies.

Participants

Representatives from CCC led by Secretary Emmanuel De Guzman and key government agencies composed of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Agriculture (DA), Philippine Statistical Authority (PSA), and Department of Trade and Industry

(DTI) participated in the IM project summary workshop and closing event.

It was also joined in by other bilateral GIZ projects working active in the field of climate change, and development partners like USAID B-LEADERS.

Opening Remarks

The closing event formally started with the opening remarks by Ms. Sandee Recabar, Division Chief of Implementation and Oversight Division, Climate Change Office- CCC and Dr. Bjoern Surborg, Principal Adviser of Support CCCII project and OIC Country Director of GIZ.

On behalf of the CCC, **Ms. Sandee Recabar** welcomed the participants and extended her appreciation to them for being able to attend the closing event. Ms. Recabar was part of the project since inception. She shared that the deliberation of topics in terms of capacity building and technical backstopping was very memorable, because it led to a direction of how the country aimed the project to focus on. Originally, the project included four (4) capacity building activities and additional technical backstopping for reporting, however due to the well-considered requests from the agencies, seven (7) capacity building activities were in the end conducted through the IM project. Ms. Recabar gave emphasis that the project supported CCC in conceptualizing and crafting the architecture of the Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system for the country, called the National Integrated Climate Change Database Information and Exchange System (NICCDIES). In addition, the structuring of the workshops was customized to the need of the Philippines that has a combination of lectures and hands-on exercises to build the capacity of the agencies. She applauded Ms. Mary Martha Merilo and the rest of the IM project team for coming up with a module for the trainings conducted on MRV, Baselines, and Climate Relevant Data Management in the form of primers that can be used as reference by the agencies.

To that end, Ms. Recabar stressed out that despite of being a small project, IM has provided

significant support in building the capacities of key agencies in GHG inventory (GHGI) and climate change reporting. She highlighted that the real work will happen after the project, as CCC is currently finalizing the proposal for support to develop the Third National Communication (TNC) and First Biennial Update Report (FBUR) for submission to Global Environment Facility. With all the inputs and support provided, she is certain that the country will submit good quality reports to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat.

Dr. Bjoern Surborg expressed his gladness for being part of an event that celebrates the significant milestones of the project. He mentioned that the title “Information Matters” summarizes the field of work of the project very well: It is about data supporting the necessary work in terms of reporting to the UNFCCC and monitoring of climate agreements.

Dr. Surborg referred to the IM project as part of the climate portfolio of GIZ. The German government through GIZ is implementing more than €120 million of technical cooperation for capacity building to induce change and improvements on different areas, like peace and conflict management, urban development, micro insurance, and climate reporting.

On a higher scale, IM is part of the global program that provides an opportunity of bringing eight (8) countries together to learn from each other in terms of climate reporting to UNFCCC.

He expressed thanks to all involved in the project implementation and looked forward to the launching of NICCDIES in November.

Information Matters project: A Global Overview

Ms. Verena Schauss, Junior Advisor, GIZ, IM Global

Ms. Verena Schauss presented an overview of the project and updates. Under the support of BMUB, the IM project provides capacity-building and technical support to a number of selected partner countries to strengthen their in-country capacities for enhanced reporting under the UNFCCC. It has a special focus on the preparation of BURs and implementation of sustainable MRV systems. The project adopted a specific country-tailored approach, where the conceptualization underwent consultations with the partner countries, specific needs for the setup of MRV systems and the preparation of national GHG emission inventories are identified, prioritized and addressed through tailored in-country capacity-building workshops and trainings.

In phase I of the project, support was provided to four pilot countries: Chile, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Philippines, while the second phase included four (4) additional countries Colombia, Egypt, Georgia and Viet Nam (until February 2018) and an Ad-hoc facility to support further non-Annex 1 countries. Project activities include the following:

- a. Identification of specific needs and priorities of the MRV systems and GHG monitoring in the partner countries;
- b. Provision of tailor-made capacity-building trainings and backstopping as well as concepts for institutionalization; and
- c. Sharing of knowledge through peer-to-peer exchange and generation of knowledge products.

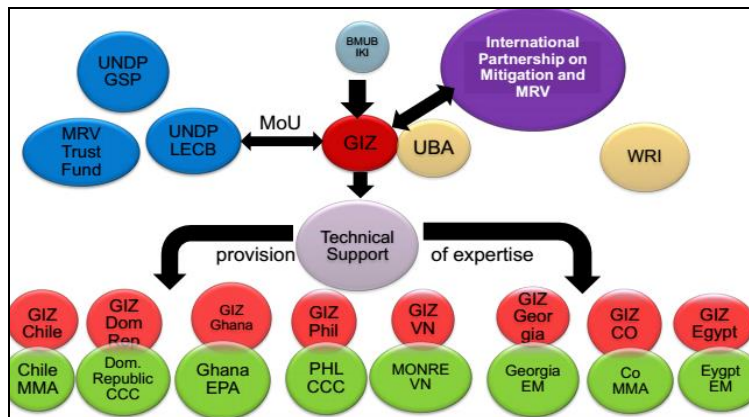


Figure 1. Project Framework

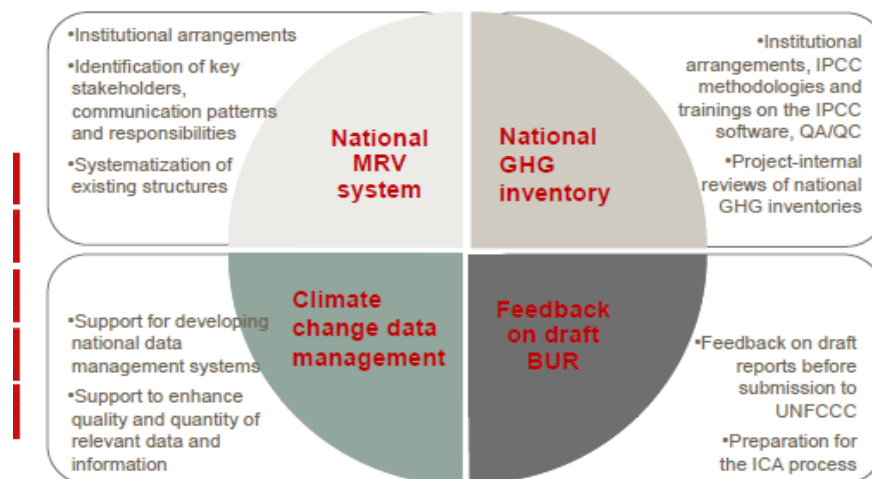


Figure 2. Areas of support under IM project

Moreover, numerous knowledge products that incorporate experiences and lessons learned were developed and published under the project. Published knowledge products include a) an updated version of the Stock Taking tool, b) an updated version of the BUR template, c) a Good

practice Study on GHGIs in the Waste Sector d) a BUR Process Guidance Tool, and e) a guide for Preparing for the ICA Process: required efforts and capacities needed.

Table 1. Knowledge Products under IM project

Knowledge Product	Objective	Method	Output
Stock Taking Tool 2.0	Assess the countries' current situation including strengths and gaps on MRV and overall mitigation landscape	Analytical tool that assists countries in identifying and prioritizing actions to develop national MRV systems	List of prioritized actions
BUR template 2.0	Assist countries in the preparation of transparent and ambitious BURs based on their national circumstances	Template providing a proposed structure/layout and guiding questions for information to be presented following (1) minimum requirements and (2) good practice/enhanced reporting	BUR in line with the UNFCCC requirements: Updated template reviewed with inputs from UNFCCC, UNDP, UNEP, WRI and experience/feedback from countries

Knowledge Product	Objective	Method	Output
			The template does not constitute an official UNFCCC document
BUR Process Guidance Tool	Assist countries in the overall process of preparing their BURs, undergoing the ICA process while enhancing their MRV systems	Interactive six step process defining main actions, identifying steps to be taken and allowing a rough time estimation for the overall process, depending on the countries' circumstances	List of necessary steps to be taken including an estimation of the time required to implement those steps
Preparing for the ICA Process	Assist countries in preparing for and undergoing the International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) process	Identification of necessary preparatory steps at national level and of capacities needed	Guiding document with explanations and proposed preparatory activities
Practice Study on GHG Inventories in the Waste Sector	Assist countries in improving their GHG inventories in the waste sector	Good Practice study highlighting key issues to for developing GHG estimates in the waste sector and following the IPCC Guidelines	Technical information on elements to consider when developing GHG inventory estimates for the waste sector

Before wrapping up her presentation, Ms. Schauss expressed gratitude for a fruitful cooperation and for an interesting experience of learning from the country. She thanked the government agencies for their active participation and expressed admiration

of their motivation in building their capacity in climate reporting. Lastly, she thanked the GIZ Support CCCII project for coordination support and complementation of work in the past four (4) years.

Information Matters Philippines: Summary of Activities and Achievements on Climate Reporting in the Philippines National Communication (NC) and BUR State of Play

Ms. Sandee Recabar, Chief of Implementation Oversight Division, Climate Change Office - Climate Change Commission (CCO-CCC)

Before the implementation of the project, the Philippines used to engage consultants in the course of developing and finalizing the main sections of the past NCs. Further, the country faced many challenges, which included a weak data archiving system causing a difficult access to

required data and a weak link between GHGIs and mitigation analyses. The agencies also struggled with the tools to use for mitigation analyses.

The Philippine position prioritized adaptation, where mitigation was not yet given much focus.

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As such, capacity building on mitigation was not prioritized then. An identification of needs to improve national reporting was spearheaded by the CCC with the following result: data availability and quality, institutionalised arrangements, tools and methodologies needed, capacity building of stakeholders, and implementation framework for domestic MRV, GHGI, mitigation actions and means of implementation. With these in mind, the design of the activities under the CCC and with support of the development partners, IM included, were identified and prioritized, in consultation with the national government agencies, to ensure timely implementation of activities, complementation of support, and alignment with government priorities.

The implementation of IM project aims to address key challenges in terms of reporting to the UNFCCC, to lessen dependence on the use of international consultants in developing main sections of climate reports, hence strengthening in-country capacity. The identification of capacity building activities under the IM project underwent numerous consultations with line agencies and relevant stakeholders guided by government directives and policies. As presented in the timeline below, the IM project kicked off in 2013 and was continuously implemented to support the country in enhancing its reporting through implementation of tailor-fit capacity building activities.

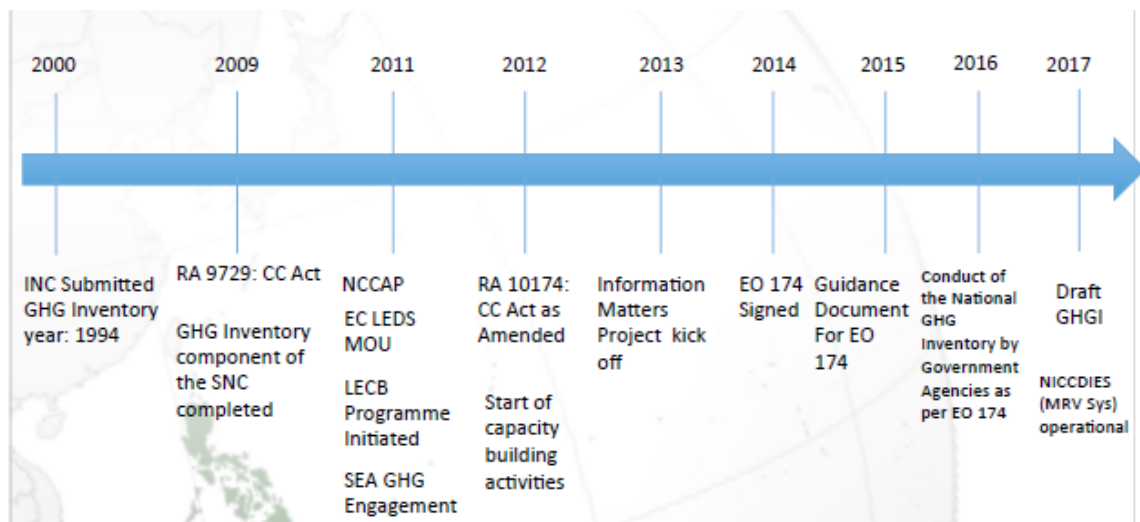


Figure 3. Timeline of Initiatives for GHGI development in the Philippines

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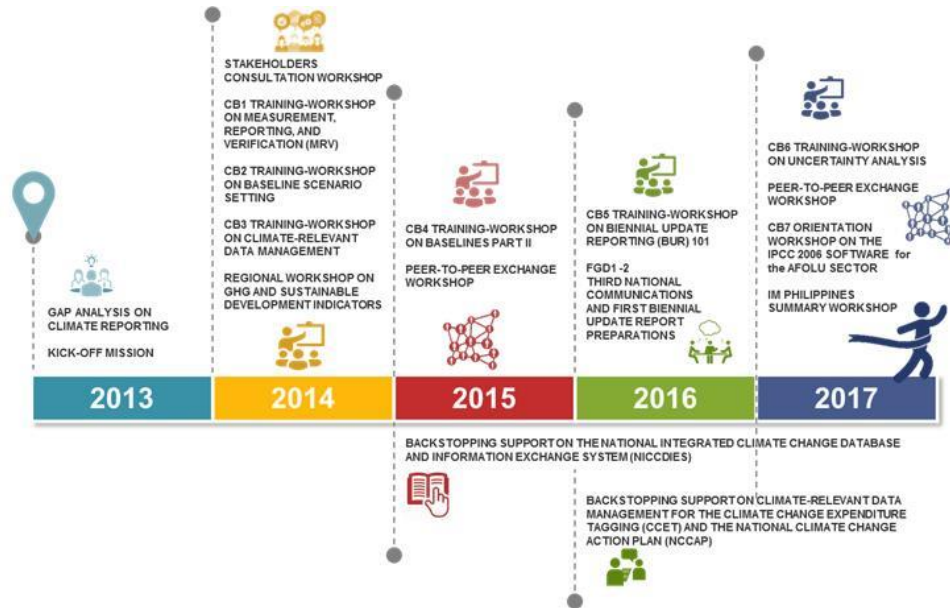


Figure 4. Timeline and Activities of IM project

The capacity building activities include trainings on domestic MRV architecture, development of baselines, climate relevant data management, the development of BURs, uncertainty analysis, and 2006 IPCC Guidelines and Software for AFOLU Sector. Each training was a combination of lectures and hands-on exercises, post assessment exam/quiz and discussion on ways forward with timelines to mainstream into actual plans and programs of the government. Although up to four (4) capacity building activities were initially planned to be carried out in the Philippines the project was able to support seven (7), which was appreciated by the sectoral agencies.

Further, the project supported focus group discussions on BUR/NC preparations, which helped the agencies to plan and prepare for the chapters of the TNC and FBUR.

The Asian Regional Workshop on GHG and non-GHG indicators helped identifying possible linkages between adaptation and mitigation, which is a priority of the country. The technical backstopping support for climate data management system and MRV supported the

development of the NICCDIES and furthermore linked the Climate Change Expenditure Tracking.

Figure 5 demonstrates how the trainings are matched with the chapters of BUR development. To date, there are already policies that support BUR preparation as seen in Figure 6. To that end, Ms. Recabar reminded the agencies to submit their respective draft of GHGI by end of September.

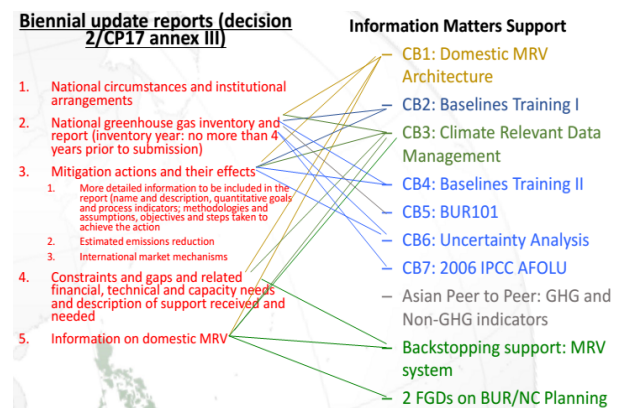


Figure 5. Matching of IM Capacity Building with BUR Chapters

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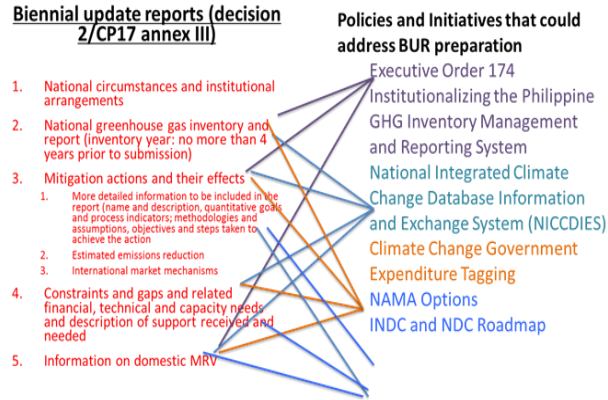


Figure 6. Policies to address BUR Preparation







Overview of Information Matters Knowledge Products

Ms. Mary Martha Merilo, Junior Adviser, GIZ IM Philippines

Prior to the handover of the knowledge products to the CCC and the agencies, **Ms. Mary Martha Merilo** provided an overview about these documents. The knowledge products were developed with the objective of sustaining the knowledge and capacities built through the project in the various participating agencies and come in

various forms: a gap analysis report, workshop documentation reports, technical backstopping reports, primers, templates, and guidance documents. All the presentations, handouts, exercises, and spreadsheets used in the capacity building workshops were distributed through flash drives and will also be made available in softcopy.

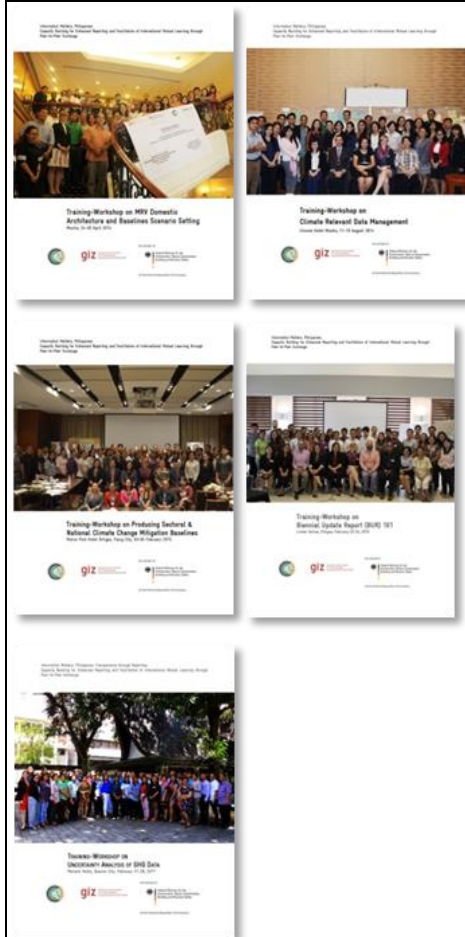
Table 2. List of knowledge products to be handed over by the project to CCC

		<p>The Primer on MRV aims to provide guidance to national government agencies in assessing the progress and impacts of climate change mitigation actions and support in reducing GHG emissions.</p>
		<p>The Primer on Baselines Scenario Setting seeks to provide relevant sectors guidance in formulating and setting national and sectoral baselines in line with the country's initiatives to design and monitor its climate change mitigation actions and policies.</p>
		<p>The Primer on climate-relevant data management aims to guide relevant sectors and stakeholders in the collection, management, processing, and storage of data related to climate change.</p>

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The documentation reports on the project’s Kick-off Workshop and Stakeholder Consultation and Planning elaborate on the implementation context of the project in the Philippines as well as the processes involved in the identification of priority areas for capacity building and backstopping related to capacity and technical gaps in climate reporting.



The Documentation Reports on the 7th Capacity Building Workshops conducted through the project (7th documentation report forthcoming) serve as reference for the sectoral agencies on the concepts, tools, and methodologies introduced, applied and discussed in the workshops.

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 <p>Asian Regional Workshop on GHG and Non-GHG Indicators</p>	<p>The Documentation Report on the Asian Regional Workshop on GHG and non-GHG indicators conducted in 2014 provides information on the exchanges among country participants in tracking the results of mitigation actions on both GHG reduction and sustainable development targets.</p>
 <p>Concept Note</p> <p>Concept Note Amendment</p>	<p>The Concept Notes discuss the results of the Gap Analysis on MRV and Climate Reporting in the Philippines. The Gap Analysis assessed the level of capacity of lead and sectoral agencies related to conducting GHG inventories, tracking progress of mitigation actions as well as support needs and support received, including institutional, technical, and capacity gaps.</p>
 <p>Information Matters</p> <p>Summary report of the first phase of the project July 2014</p>	<p>The Summary Report of the first phase of the project implementation provides an overview of lessons learned on BUR preparation and development among country partners of the project, which serve as a reference for country partners to learn from each other's experiences.</p>

Handover of Information Matters Knowledge Products and Awarding of Certificate of Appreciation

During a ceremonial handover, the CCC received all knowledge products developed under the frame of the IM project. The documents were handed over by Dr. Bjoern Surborg and Ms. Verena Schauss of GIZ and received by Secretary Emmanuel De Guzman and Ms. Sandee Recabar of the CCC.

This was followed by the awarding of certificates of appreciation to key government agencies (DA, DENR, PSA, DOE, DOTr, DTI), led by Secretary Emmanuel De Guzman and Dr. Bjoern Surborg.



Ceremonial Handover of IM project Outputs to CCC, from left to right, Dr. Bjoern Surborg, Sec. Emmanuel de Guzman, Ms. Sandee Recabar, and Ms. Verena Schauss— Photo Credit: Kevin Macandili, Philippine CCC

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Awarding of Certificate of Appreciation led by Sec. Emmanuel De Guzman and Dr. Bjoern Surborg

Reflections and Feedback from Key Agencies

Below the reflections and feedback from representatives of departments involved in the implementation of IM project are summarised.

1. **Mr. Albert Magalang, DENR**

Mr. Magalang expressed his sincerest thanks to GIZ and the IM project team. He mentioned that IM has been instrumental to DENR given that the department is covering 3 out of 5 sectors. The project has provided proper guidance on operationalizing the IPCC guidelines in the reporting system. It also gave emphasis on transparency in terms of a robust system in order to come up with a reliable report.

As a next step and with the knowledge and capacities gained from the project, Mr. Magalang suggested that agencies should look into the evolving transparency framework in the Paris Agreement, while the country is still finalizing the modalities for the implementation of the Paris Agreement. He hoped for more projects that would enhance the capacities of the country in climate reporting.

2. **Mr. Lemar Jimenez, Jr., DOTr**

Mr. Jimenez expressed appreciation on the capacity building activities, given that these paved the way for the set-up of an environment office in DOTr and the mainstreaming of activities like data collection for GHGI and in contribution of mitigation measures.

3. **Ms. Maria Corazon Japson, DOTr**

Ms. Japson emphasized that all capacity building activities were useful for her unit, which is dedicated to climate change related matters. She also mentioned that the capacities gained would be very useful and timely as DOTr is currently

preparing for the mitigation options under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Lastly, a GHGI team is being formed and reviewed by the legal department of DOTr.

4. **Director Jesus Tamang, Jr., DOE**

Dir. Tamang highlighted that the department benefited a lot from the project: First, the staff were able to understand the climate change issues and its impacts to the country. Second, the system of program monitoring has strengthened in terms of being able to identify the link or contributions of these programs to adaptation and mitigation actions of the country, which allow undertaking proper adjustments, if needed. Third, the involvement of other agencies in the project facilitated better appreciation of data required for reporting to UNFCCC.

Lastly, Dir. Tamang proudly shared that DOE is currently working on a more integrated monitoring system.

Additional Feedback from the attendees:

- Looking forward to the applicability of the data in and the marrying of data with the adaptation and mitigation initiatives being done by DA.
- Quizzes after the workshop motivate participants to really listen and learn. The prizes make it more fun and exciting.
- Very helpful in terms of the step-by-step process of accomplishing the UNFCCC requirements; quizzes and prizes are love (♥♥IM).
- Anticipating further partnerships in the future focused more on each sector.
- The capacity building workshops provided in-depth appreciation on the importance of quality of data sets, which shall provide concrete basis in the preparation of climate reports.
- Our appreciation to the GIZ IM project for all the capacity building activities provided to us: PSA GHGI Team.
- We have learned a lot from the project and we hope we can apply all the learnings. Thanks!
- To IM project team and partners, you did a great job! Maraming Salamat!

Closing Remarks

Secretary Emmanuel de Guzman, CCC

On behalf of the CCC, **Secretary Emmanuel de Guzman** expressed his sincerest appreciation on the significant contributions of the IM project. He thanked BMUB, GIZ, and partner agencies for the tremendous support that led to a fruitful journey.

The project put a lot of hard work and passion to steer the country in the right direction, hence a national IT system called NICCDIES will be established soon. This is timely given that the Commission is spearheading the transition to green economy as well as the finalization of the NDC, which is targeted to be presented at the National Climate Change Consciousness Week in November.

Sec. De Guzman gave stress that the country is honoured having been part of this global project and looks forward to more meaningful cooperation and continued support to the climate actions and initiatives of the country.

Annex

Program Concept Note and Agenda



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CONCEPT NOTE

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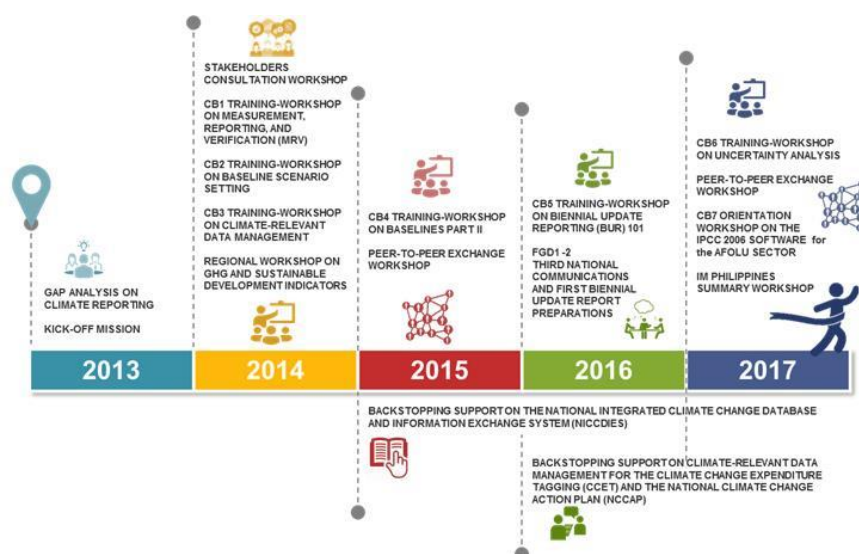
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- uncertainty and sensitivity analysis,
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IM Phase I and II Activities (September 2013 – August 2017)

Objectives

The closing event aims to wrap up the activities of the Information Matters Project in the Philippines through looking back at the technical capacity needs identified in the gap analysis conducted in 2013 and summarizing how these were addressed through a summary of capacities and lessons learned from the capacity building missions, focus group discussions, and technical backstopping activities conducted from September 2013 – August 2017.

At the end of the half-day activity, the participants would have integrated their learnings on the road to improving sectoral and national systems on generating, processing, analysing, and reporting climate-relevant data towards preparing national and international climate reports.

Format and Participants

The delivery of the activity will be in the form of input presentations with workshop exercises set to enrich discussions per topic. Participants will be government agencies who have participated in the Information Matters capacity-building missions (i.e. DENR, DOE, DOTr, DTI, DOST, NEDA, DA, PSA, MMDA, DBM, UP-NCTS) as well as development partners (e.g. UNDP LECB, USAID B-LEADERS).

TIME	ACTIVITY
12:00 – 13:00	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME LUNCH
13:00 – 13:30	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>Asec. Romell Antonio Cuenca Deputy Executive Director Climate Change Office – Climate Change Commission</p> <p>Dr. Björn Surborg Principal Advisor, SupportCCC II Project, GIZ</p>
13:30 – 13:45	<p>INFORMATION MATTERS: GLOBAL Background and Activities</p> <p>Ms. Verena Schauss Junior Advisor, GIZ, IM Global</p>
13:45 – 14:15	<p>INFORMATION MATTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES Summary of Activities & Achievements Climate Reporting in the Philippines NC and BUR State of Play</p> <p>Ms. Sandee Recabar Division Chief, Implementation Oversight Division, Climate Change Office – Climate Change Commission</p>
14:15 – 14:45	OPEN FORUM AND FEEDBACK FROM AGENCIES
14:45 – 15:00	COFFEE BREAK
15:00 – 15:30	CEREMONIAL HANDOVER OF INFORMATION MATTERS KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS
15:30 – 15:45	HANDOVER OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO KEY AGENCIES
15:45 – 16:00	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>Sec. Emmanuel de Guzman Acting Secretary and Executive Director, Climate Change Commission</p>
16:00	NETWORKING COCKTAILS

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