

Neda pushes for road map to fulfil international commitments under Agenda 2030

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The National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) is pushing for the creation of a sustainable development road map to ensure the country meet its international commitments under Agenda 2030.

In a news statement on Monday, Neda Undersecretary for Policy and Planning Rosemarie G. Edillon said the roadmap will also help the Duterte administration track its progress in reaching its own targets set under the Philippine Development Plan (PDP).

The PDP has incorporated the Zero to 10 Agenda of the President, as well as the pillars of AmBisyon Natin 2040, the long-term vision and road map of the Philippines. It has also been aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“The government aims to bring development planning to the next level by considering the interplay of economy, society and environment,” Edillon said.

The road map, she added, will enable the country to maximize the current economic momentum to push its development further toward enabling Filipinos to attain a *matatag, maginhawa at panatag na buhay*.

She said the road map, including the proposed institutional arrangements, will be presented to the Neda Board.

The Neda has recently convened the heads of its regional offices and technical staff to formulate a sustainable development road map for the Philippines that streamlines both national and regional development plans (RDPs).

In the workshop, participants looked into the details of the SDGs and compared the goals, targets and indicators with those of the 2017-2022 PDP and the RDPs.

Participants also noted the need to ensure that the monitoring and evaluation system for the international commitments and the national and regional plans will be efficient.

They agreed to carefully study and recommend appropriate institutional arrangements to ensure continuity and sustainability of initiatives, considering that the 2030 Agenda and AmBisyon Natin 2040 span more than one political administration.

On October 24, 2016, President Duterte directed the Neda through Memorandum Circular No. 12, Series of 2016, to formulate the country’s medium-term development plan based on the Zero to 10 Socioeconomic Agenda, the AmBisyon Natin 2040, and the 2030 Agenda.