ACTIVITY BRIEF

Workshop to Exchange Views and Ideas on GHG Inventory Data Collection and Data Management

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BACKGROUND

The Philippines has made a strong commitment to transitioning the country towards a climate-resilient and low carbon economy through its national climate change policies and initiatives. The Climate Change Commission (CCC), as mandated by RA 9729 to coordinate climate change activities in the country, pursues the achievement of this outcome by formulating strategies for mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and building capacity and know-how of local level decision makers to engage in climate change mitigation actions.

By virtue of their multi-sectoral and area-based mandates, sub-national governments (ie regional, provincial, and local) are considered important actors in the country's shift to a low-carbon economy. Integrating low-carbon development planning at sub-national levels result to mitigation actions that are customized to local contexts and needs, thus reflecting local cooperation in the design and implementation of national responses to climate change. Additionally, local government leadership are envisioned to play contributory roles in reducing carbon emissions by embedding climate mitigation actions in the formulation, planning and implementation of their Local Climate change Action Plans (LCCAPs).

Since 2012, the CCC has been implementing capacity building initiatives for local government units (LGUs) to strengthen climate change mitigation at the community level. One of its activities is the training of LGUs in gathering, managing and quantifying data and information about the level of GHG emissions within their respective jurisdictions.

Building on the momentum created by these past efforts, the VLED will support the CCC to implement coaching and mentoring sessions for LGUs to help them develop their GHG inventories and management plan in view of the revised LCCAP guidelines. Through this support to CCC, the Philippine League of Local Environment and Natural Resources Officers, Inc. (PLLENRO) will be engaged to share good practices on data gathering & collaboration for LEDS development.

GOOD PRACTICE EXCHANGE

As a first activity for the capacity building support, a half-day Good Practice Exchange on GHG inventory data gathering and management will be conducted for the participating LGUs. Resource persons from the PLLENRO will facilitate a discussion-based, table-top rapid assessment to identify and evaluate the need for and availability of local GHG-emissions-related data and the establishment of a data management system that allows integration of emissions data, and provides access to information by a range of national government agencies.

The PLLENRO will also share its experiences in collecting GHG data; conducting GHG inventories; implementing local climate actions; and the importance of the GHG inventory process as a planning tool to help LGUs assess their emissions, identify emission sources, set reduction targets, prioritize mitigation actions, and track performance.

Where good practices are identified, the LGUs shall be encouraged to select, develop, and improve upon the approach, measure, or system that they learned from the exchange and adapt and use such if deemed "best-fit" or suitable according to their circumstances/contexts. Such adoption of good practice shall be documented through the conduct of an interview in a follow-up activity during the GHG Inventory Training.

GHG and V-LED

UN-Habitat continues to support government efforts in responding to challenges of climate change.

Un-Habitat, in partnership with Adelphi Research GmbH, is implementing the project "Vertical Integration and Learning for Low Emission Development (V-LED)" from the last quarter of 2015 until 2018. V-LED Project is supported by the International Climate Initiative of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (IKI-BMUB). V-LED is geared toward supporting government partners to implement climate resilient and low emission development actions through improved multi-level governance and knowledge management.

V-LED aims to:
1. Strengthen vertical policy coordination and networking among national and sub-national levels through Dialogue events;

2. Effectively integrate national low emission development (LED) local development plans through enhancement of guides and training modules on LCCAP; and

3. Strengthen implementing capacities of national and selected LGU representatives on climate resilient development policies through targeted training measures and good practice exchange series.

V-LED Project Steering Committee (PSC) is composed of the CCC as political partner, with the LGA, DILG-BLGD, NEDA, HLURB and HUDCC as project partners.

OBJECTIVES

This workshop aims to:

1) Provide an overview of the LGU inventory data needed in preparation for the GHG Inventory Training

2) Encourage and if possible facilitate the creation of a GHG Inventory Team composed of trained personnel capable of competently measuring, reporting and verifying GHG emissions

3) Provide a platform for participants to learn from useful and practice-based insights on GHG Inventory data collection and data management

PROGRAMME

Schedule	Topic	
10:00-10:15 AM	Objectives and Introduction Message - Mandate of UN-Habitat, About V-LED Project	Aimee Evangelista CCC Rea Uy-Epistola UN-Habitat
10:15 – 11:30 AM	Data Needs Assessment for Entity- and Community-Level GHG Inventory	Danillo Villas PLLENRO
11:30-12:30 PM	Good Practice Exchange - Drawing learnings from replicable experiences on how to simplify data collection and internal processes.	Raquel Naciongayo PLLENRO
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Action Planning: Identification of strategies for data collection and development of timetable	Danillo Villas PLLENRO
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Next Steps	Theresa Lim CCC