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"Hosting the Loss and Damage Fund will help the Philippines gain fair access to financial resources for funding climate change adaptation and mitigation measures," Albay Rep. Jose Maria Clemente "Joey" S. Salceda said in a statement.

"Loss and damage are adverse impacts of climate change despite adaptation and mitigation measures," he said. "They are, in other words, the unavoidable losses due to the fault primarily of industrialized countries."

The Philippines was selected to host the Loss and Damage Fund board at a meeting in Incheon, South Korea on Tuesday, Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. said in an X post on Tuesday.

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Last month, the World Bank’s board approved a plan for the bank to act as interim host of the fund for four years.

Some countries, however, voiced concern that allowing the World Bank to host would give donors, including the United States that appoints the World Bank’s president, too much influence.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr announced his country’s election from a pool of seven contenders in a post on X on Tuesday.

Hosting the board, Marcos said, “reinforces our dedication to inclusivity and our leadership role in ensuring that the voices of those most affected by climate change shape the future of international climate policies”.

The Philippines must enact legislation before it can become host and Marcos did not say when it would take on its role.

An archipelago of more than 7,600 islands, the Philippines, which also has a seat on the fund’s board, is frequently hit by typhoons and other climate-change induced disasters.

As host, Manila could focus attention on the Asia-Pacific region, where many countries struggle with limited resources, hindering their ability to respond to the effects of climate change.

Who pays for loss and damage has been among the most intractable issues at U.N. climate talks, as developed countries blamed for producing the most emissions historically have been nervous about how much of the bill for redressing damage they might face.

COP27 in Egypt in 2022 however managed to establish a U.N. “loss and damage” fund dedicated to addressing irreparable climate-driven damage from drought, floods and rising sea levels, but did not decide on detail.

Lidy Nacpil, coordinator of the Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD), said it was up to the Philippines to demonstrate political leadership.

They should demand developed countries “fulfil their historical, legal, and moral obligation to provide reparations for climate devastation,” Nacpil said in a statement.

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Salceda, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, was elected first Asian co-chair by 180 nation-states to the UN Green Climate Fund, a predecessor of the LDF.

“Hosting the LDF will help the Philippines gain a fair access to financial resources for funding climate change adaptation and mitigation measures,” he said.

Salceda said that it will also “[give] us a platform to highlight the true scale of the problem and to call for proportionate action from the leading economies of the world — those who benefited from the emissions the most”.

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“Loss and damage are adverse impacts of climate change despite adaptation and mitigation measures. They are, in other words, the unavoidable losses due to the fault primarily of industrialized countries,” he said.

“And because it is both inevitable and attributable, the principle is that we should hold large industrialized countries accountable for loss and damage to climate-vulnerable communities,” Salceda said.

As first Asian co-chair of the UNFCCC Green Climate Fund, Salceda is recognized for leading the board to completing the eight prerequisites for operationalization during the Board meeting in Bali, Indonesia and for raising \$13 billion for the Green Climate Fund in the Initial Resource Mobilization in Oslo, Norway.

He was recognized for these accomplishments during the Conference of Parties (COP) 20 in Lima, Peru in 2014.

Salceda urged the Marcos administration to take an aggressive stance on loss and damage during climate talks in 2022, in the aftermath of typhoon Paeng. The Philippines won a seat in the LDF Board, in addition to hosting the body.

An initial \$700 million was pledged by donor countries to the LDF. Experts warn, however, that this is merely 0.2 percent of the total loss and damage that developing countries suffer from climate change every year.

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The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a statement on Wednesday in response to a report stating that the Philippines' dependence on coal already exceeded China and Indonesia, despite the current administration's push to grow renewables.

The agency said the local power sector's differences between the two countries lie in "demographic, economic and energy profiles."

It said that although coal continues to dominate the Philippines' electricity mix, its power generation and emissions from coal remained "minimal."

"While the Philippines relies heavily on coal-fired power generation, the absolute amount of generation and corresponding emissions are minimal as compared to those of China and Indonesia. Therefore, the Philippines, cannot be reasonably compared to these larger economies, which have different energy strategies and infrastructures adapted to their specific demographic and economic conditions," the DOE said.

Citing data from the Global Energy Monitor Report as of January, the DOE said China and Indonesia have installed coal power plant capacity reaching 1,136.7 gigawatts (GW) and 51.6 GW, respectively. These figures were way higher than the Philippines' 12.1 GW, it noted.

On the gross generation mix from coal in 2021, the DOE said the three countries had a huge gap, with China leading with 5.41 million GW per hour (GWh) and Indonesia generating 189,683 GWh. The Philippines, meanwhile, generated a measly 65,052 GWh.

The Philippines' share in the global emissions from coal accounted for just 0.5 percent, still lower than China's 29.2 percent and Indonesia's 2.3 percent.

More coal plants

While the DOE continues to maintain a moratorium on the development of new coal plants, four facilities approved prior to the freeze are set to go online in the next few years, according to Energy Undersecretary Rowena Cristina Guevara.

Three units of the Mariveles coal plant are expected to be operational within the year, while the last two phases will come online in 2028.

The remaining two units under the Masinloc project, meanwhile, would be operational next year and in 2026.

Based on a list from the DOE, the other two plants are Palm Concepcion coal-fired power plant and Misamis Oriental 2 x 135 MW Circulating Fluidized Bed coal-fired thermal power plant, with their commercial operations slated by 2026 and 2027, respectively.

The DOE official said renewables would “overtake” coal plants by 2028 as the country would focus on offshore wind.

Several countries, including the Philippines, have committed to shifting to clean energy sources, gradually cutting their dependence on coal-fired power plants amid the latter’s impact on climate change.

The Philippines is eyeing to increase renewable energy’s share in the power mix to 35 percent by 2030 from the current 22 percent.

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"We are honored to have a seat on the board itself, ensuring that the Philippines will be a formidable voice in promoting and advancing global climate action – an issue of critical interest to the country," the President said.

In a media interview in Rizal yesterday, the Chief Executive said that the Philippines' election to the board would allow the country to influence the board's decisions on fund allocation.

"We will have a huge influence on our needs. We can express all of our views about the subject matter and we will have an influence... We will have a loud voice," the President stressed in Filipino.

Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga yesterday said the Philippines beat six other contenders.

She added that as host of the LDF Board, the Philippines would continue to concretely contribute to the fast and seamless operationalization of the board, ensuring that meetings are successfully held and supported.

In a separate statement, Finance Secretary Ralph Recto said the Philippines was chosen amid the country's strong commitment to and concrete climate actions on the ground.

"Hosting the LDF Board will unlock more opportunities for the Philippines to accelerate its access to climate finance and investments," Recto said.

"These are critical for future-proofing our economy and ensuring sustainable and inclusive growth for all Filipinos," he added.

Japan congratulated the Philippines yesterday for its election to host the LDF Board. “Congratulations on the Philippines’ election to host the Loss And Damage Fund! I look forward to the Philippines’ active role in combating climate change,” Japanese Ambassador Kazuya Endo wrote on X.

The LDF was an outcome of the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Egypt in 2022. It was designed to help vulnerable countries cope with loss and damage caused by climate change.

The Philippines obtained a seat in the LDF Board at the COP28 in Dubai last December, giving the country a say in the management of all available funding to address the impact of climate change.

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The decision, unanimously supported by the LDF Board, underscores the Philippines' role under President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. in advancing global climate action and reflects confidence in its commitment to address climate challenges constructively.

Being a nation frequently battered by climate-related disasters, the Philippines has been a staunch advocate for establishing robust mechanisms to mitigate and prevent losses and damages caused by climate change.

The LDF represents a crucial initiative aimed at mobilizing essential support for countries most vulnerable to climate impacts, enabling them to enhance resilience, recovery, and transformative adaptation.

The appointment of the Philippines as host of the LDF Board is integral to the coordinated global efforts required to establish effective financial mechanisms addressing climate-induced losses and damages.

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According to the CCC, the LDF is a relevant move in ensuring that countries that are most affected by climate change can recover from its effects.

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The Philippines was selected as the host in the LDF Board meeting on July 9.

Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bahamas, Barbados, Eswatini, Togo, and Kenya also vied to be the host country.

The Philippines is a member of the LDF Board under the Asia-Pacific region with two other countries – the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.



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