

Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

A. Membership

How will we know that we are accepted as members of the Chamber?	All accepted members will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• receive an official acceptance letter;• attend briefing session;• sign and attend pledging session; and• receive a certificate of membership.
How many members does the Stakeholder's Chamber have?	42 members , comprised of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ten each Thematic Working Group (TWG); and• Two media partners.
How many representatives per organization?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One permanent representative• Two alternate representatives
Who is authorized as permanent representative?	The permanent representative should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• assigned or recognized by Executives; and• have decision-making capacity to represent the organization's position on sustainability issues that will be discussed at the Chamber meetings.
Validity of Membership	One year subject to annual assessment
What is the basis for renewal?	Renewal is subject to performance evaluation at the end of the year based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• attendance at organizational and/or TWG meetings; and• contributions to the Chambers' agenda.
What are the Technical Working Groups?	The member organizations will be divided into four (4) Thematic Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social• Environmental

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic; and • Peace Security & Governance <p>The members are pre-assigned for the first year based on selection panel's assessment of documents submitted and can be re-assigned upon renewal of membership.</p>
What is the minimum output for the TWG?	One policy recommendation per TWG.
Can the Stakeholders' Chamber members contribute to other Working Groups?	The members shall establish communities of practice and sharing of knowledge. Inputs to your TWG are a priority and participation on other TWGs is encouraged to foster camaraderie as we work toward our common goal of sustainable development.
How can we assist the TWG or the sector with which we are contributing?	The SDGs are interconnected and cross-cutting in nature, even if you are assigned to another TWG, you may still have an impact on other targets and indicators in each goal.

B. Meetings

Who can attend the meetings?	<p>For online meetings, both the permanent and alternate representatives may attend.</p> <p>For face-to-face meetings, the number of attendees shall be based on the capacity of the venue and any other health protocols that must be followed.</p> <p>For hybrid meetings, the number of attendees physically present shall be one representative per organization or as allowed following public health standards with the rest having access via Zoom.</p>
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<p>How frequently do the members of the Stakeholders' Chamber meet?</p>	<p>One meeting per quarter Meetings and consultations may be scheduled based on the urgency and importance of sustainability agenda to be discussed. Working groups are recommended to engage on sustainability discussions based on their availability.</p>
<p>Is there a fix schedule for the meetings?</p>	<p>The SC-SDG Secretariat will notify members in advance of any Chamber-related activities. This 2022,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q2 – March (Stakeholders' Chamber Briefing) • Q3 – April (Pledging Session and VNR Consultations) • Q3 – August (Organizational meeting) • Q4 – November (Organizational meeting) <p>Or as agreed by the members with coordination to the Secretariat.</p>
<p>How will decisions be made at Stakeholders Chamber meetings?</p>	<p>The current Chair is Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) The Chair will facilitate the meeting and discuss topics according to the agreed-upon agenda.</p>
<p>Who will coordinate the official meetings?</p>	<p>The SC-SDG Secretariat who acts as the secretariat of the Chamber will send out the agenda prior to the meeting so that members can prepare for the discussion beforehand.</p>
<p>What is the quorum for the meetings and voting for issues or concerns?</p>	<p>Quorum per every meeting is 50% plus one of the membership (or 22 organizations). Consensus will be used to make decisions for issues or concerns.</p>

C. Pledging Session

Is the pledging session online or in-person?	Hybrid on April 7, 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person for the Organization Representatives who will sign the document; and • Online for the other representatives.
Is the permanent representative required to attend the pledging session? What if not available?	The permanent representative is encouraged to attend the pledge of commitment ceremony. If the permanent representative is not available, one of the alternate representatives can be physically present.

D. Roles and Responsibilities

What are the expected roles and responsibilities of the Stakeholders' Chamber?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate partnership projects between non-government stakeholders and the government (through the Sub-committee on SDGs) 2. Map and analyze stakeholders of SDGs and encourage organizations to identify “how they are helping” and “how they can help” in the achievement of the SDGs. 3. Assist in funneling non-government actions towards SDG-relevant initiatives through pledging sessions by non-government actors. By holding pledging sessions, members can articulate how they can contribute to Agenda 2030 achievement. 4. Setting and communicating clear engagement objectives, and creating an engagement design and plan; 5. Hold quarterly meetings to discuss the
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	<p>current progress of stakeholder engagement and their implementation of SDGs, respond to feedback and, review and refine the design as well as implementation strategies. While it is recommended to hold a quarterly meeting, special meetings may be called when necessary.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Provide a forum for an exchange of experiences and best practices on the implementation of the SDGs across sectors and at local, regional, and national level. 7. Support the government not only through SDG implementation but by <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. creating public awareness and ownership of the SDGs, 2. holding learning sessions to government and non-government actors and; 3. recommending policies and plans on sustainable development. 8. Consolidate inputs and feedback from different stakeholders through reports, program, and partnership recommendations and position statements for the consideration of the Sub-Committee on the SDGs.
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E. Others

<p>What will be the contribution of the members to the 2022 Voluntary National Review?</p>	<p>Members have the opportunity to participate in the Voluntary National Review consultations held in the last week of April.</p> <p>Members are requested to submit their best practices on SDG implementation with high-quality photos for possible inclusion in the report.</p>
<p>Will the non-members be able to contribute as well?</p>	<p>Non-members of the Chamber can still contribute to the VNR by: i) providing comments to the draft VNR, to be posted in the NEDA SDG website; and ii) submitting their SDG best practices.</p>
<p>Can we be featured in the NEDA SDG Website?</p>	<p>Approved information that will not be in the 2022 VNR will be featured in the NEDA SDG Website. Including logos and links to the website of the members.</p>