

# Philippines Climate Action Policy and Carbon Market Initiatives

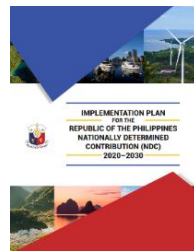


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# Presentation Outline:

- The Philippines NDC: Ongoing Updating Process
- Philippines Initiatives on Carbon Market and Article 6 Engagement
- Updates on the Implementation of JCM in the Philippines

# THE JOURNEY SINCE 2021: AN ONGOING ACTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



- Revisited policies and measures, scientific basis, priorities and opportunities
- Retained, enhanced, and complemented 2021 commitments
- Reflected on good practices, planning and implementation
- Strengthened commitments based on experience, feedback, lessons learned

# POSITIONING THE 2025 NDC COMMITMENTS



Reflective of **national circumstances**, anchored in the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities, and climate justice



Informed by an **inclusive whole-of-government** and **whole-of-society approach**



Anchored in a clear set of **science-and-evidence-based Policies and Measures** (PAMs)



**Raising ambition** through **strengthened mitigation commitments** and **localized action**



Based on the **most recent science**, and **enhanced economy-wide data and analysis**



Aligned with **Paris Agreement requirements**, including the outcomes of the **Global Stocktake**



Based on strong **partnerships, collaboration and cooperation**



Guided by social safeguards, and the principles of the **just transition framework**



Promoting **nature-based solutions, circular economy principles** and **SDGs**



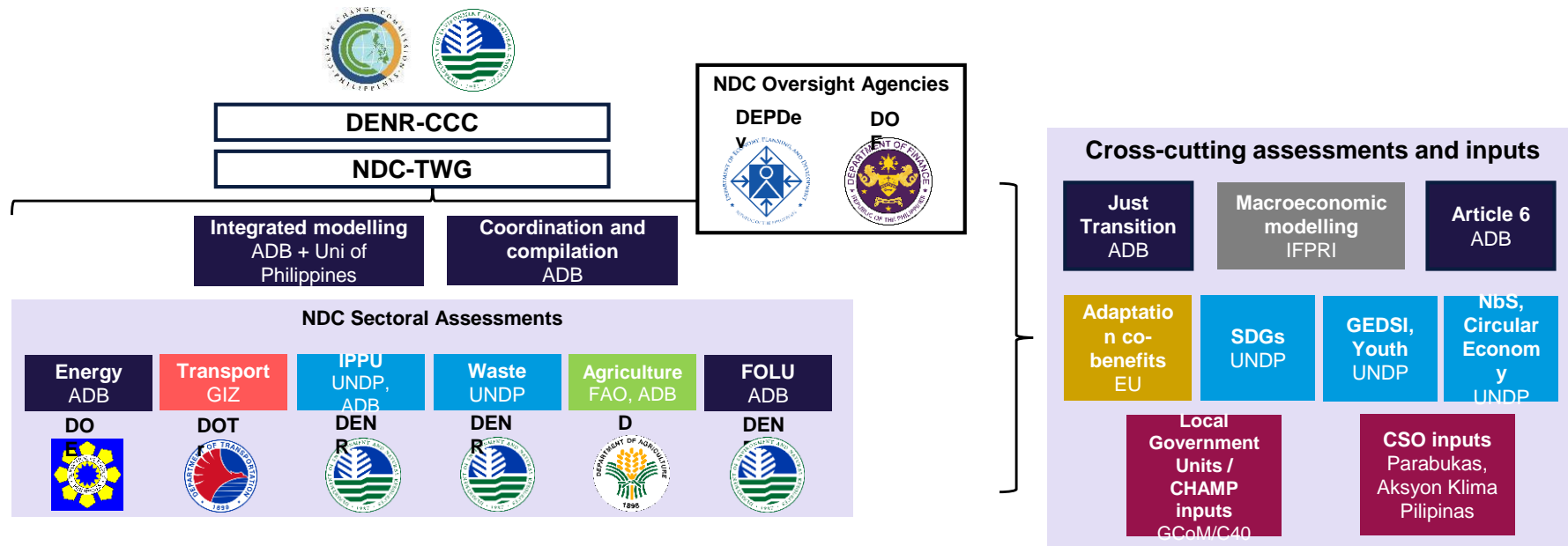
**Supporting transformative pathways** and **means of implementation**



Anchored in the **Climate Change Act of 2009** and supported by strategic plans

A **shared responsibility** and a **shared opportunity for all**

# WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT AND WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY APPROACH



## Development Partners Coordination Group (DPCG)

# 2025 NDC POLICIES AND MEASURES



## ENERGY

8 Policies & Measures

**487.9 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e**  
(2025 – 2035)



## WASTE

11 Policies & Measures

**137.2 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e**  
(2025 – 2035)



## AGRICULTURE

4 Policies & Measures

**10.3 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e**  
(2025 – 2035)



## TRANSPORT

19 Policies & Measures

**203 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e**  
(2025 – 2035)



## IPPU

4 Policies & Measures

**19.3 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e**  
(2025 – 2035)



## FOLU

5 Policies & Measures

**698.2 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e**  
(2025 – 2035)

# Ongoing Initiatives: Blueprint for Carbon Policy Framework

## Objectives:

Promote green economic development and private sector engagement  
Signal market readiness for Article 6 cooperation

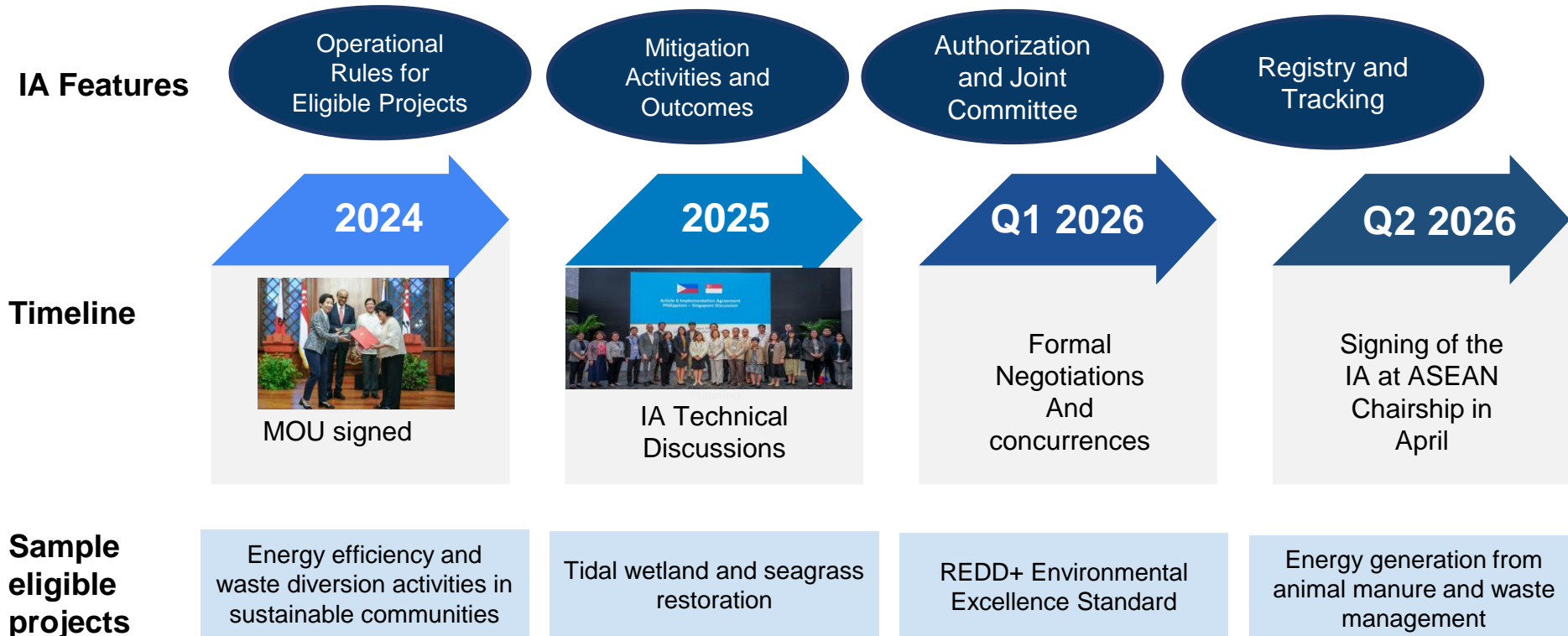
## Key Elements



The Blueprint outlines the initial design of the core elements of the Framework and reflects the collective insights, mandates, and priorities of relevant government agencies, based on an inter-agency and participatory process conducted between April to December 2025.

Status: **ONGOING CONSULTATIONS AND FOR ADOPTION THROUGH A CCC RESOLUTION.**

# Ongoing Initiatives: Philippine – Singapore Implementation Agreement [IA] - Cooperation aligned with Article 6.2





# Ongoing Initiatives: Energy Carbon Projects (DOE Circular 2025-09-018)

- This policy is a foundational instrument that aims to:
  - Mobilize investments in clean energy.
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Advance the country's climate and sustainable development goals.
- It will guide energy stakeholders in accessing carbon finance, ensure real, measurable, and verifiable emission reductions, and prepare the sector for future carbon market mechanisms.



# Ongoing Initiatives: Forest Carbon Projects

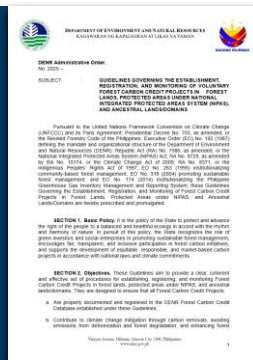
## DAO on Adoption of the Philippines' Roadmap to Readiness in the Voluntary Forest Carbon Market (2026-2030)



Provides a structured, time-bound roadmap to build capacity, systems, and market readiness for forest carbon credits.

Status: **FOR ISSUANCE.**

## Draft DAO on Guidelines Governing the Establishment, Registration, and Monitoring of Voluntary Forest Carbon Credit Projects

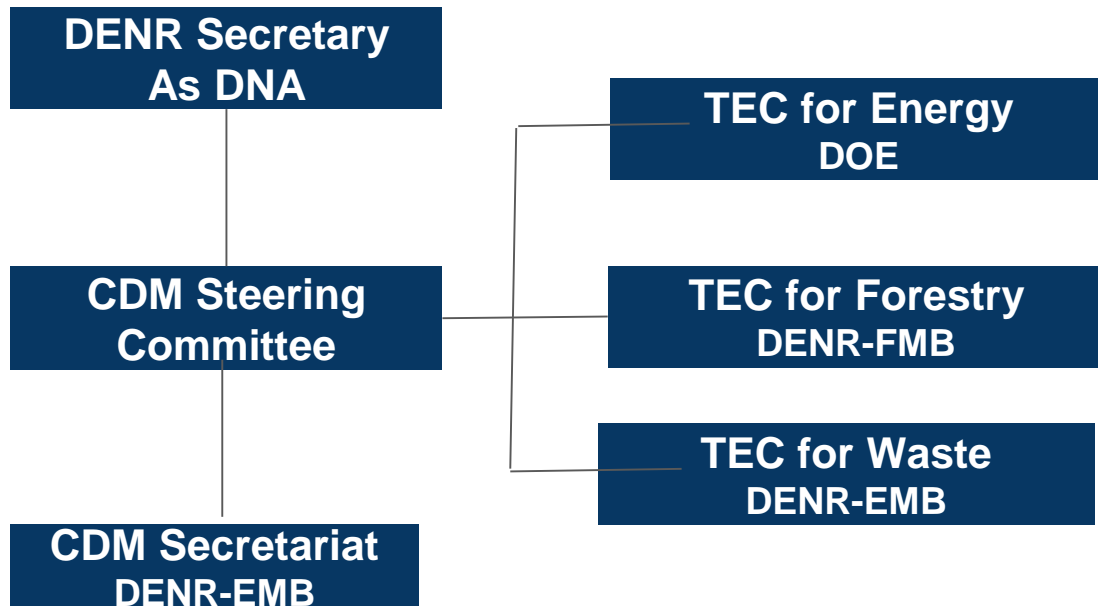


Ensures that all forest carbon credit projects in the Philippines are formally registered and implemented with the required safeguards.

Status: **FOR ISSUANCE.**

# Implementation of the Clean Development Mechanism

## Organizational Structure



Status: Ongoing transition to Article 6

## By the numbers

**77**  
Registered  
Projects

**3 Million**  
Issued  
Credits

**7**  
CDM Projects  
Transition to  
Art 6.4

# Implementation of the Joint Crediting Mechanism

## 2017 MOC with Japan



## 4 Approved JCM Methodologies

Methodology No.	Title	Latest version	Status	Date of approval
<a href="#">PH_AM004</a>	Methane Emission Reduction by Water Management in Rice Paddy Fields	Ver1.0	Valid	03 Feb 25
<a href="#">PH_AM003</a>	Installation of biomass power plant	Ver1.0	Valid	09 Apr 23
<a href="#">PH_AM002</a>	Installation of Solar PV System	Ver1.0	Valid	02 Feb 20
<a href="#">PH_AM001</a>	Electricity generation by installation of run-of-river hydro power generation system(s) in the Philippines	Ver1.0	Valid	02 Feb 20

## 5 Projects Registered

## About 30 Pipeline Projects

## PHL Members



Status: Ongoing alignment with Article 6

# 2nd Joint Committee Meeting held on November 6, 2025

- adopted the revised JCM rules and guidelines.
- adopted the JCM guidelines for REDD-plus and Afforestation/Reforestation.
- no objection to the Project Idea Note (PIN) "ARR project in Negros Occidental through the planting of native species (PH\_PIN001)"
- exemption for the PIN process of the 22 projects supported by MOEJ.

Date of meeting: 6 November 2025

Place of meeting: online

**Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism  
between the Republic of the Philippines and Japan  
Second Meeting**

**Meeting Report**

**Agenda item 1. Opening remarks**

Mr. Jonas R. LEONES, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Co-Chair of the Philippine side, opened the second meeting of the Joint Committee (JC) of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and gave opening remarks.

Mr. Naobumi YOKOTA, Minister, Embassy of Japan in the Philippines, the Co-Chair of the Japanese side, gave opening remarks.

**Agenda item 2. Adoption of Agenda**

The JC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

**Agenda item 3. Rules and guidelines**

**Agenda item 3.1 Approval of JCM Rules and Guidelines**

The JC considered and adopted the revised JCM rules and guidelines in Annex1 and the JC requested the secretariat to develop the forms.

**Agenda item 3.2 Approval of JCM Guidelines for REDD-plus and Afforestation/Reforestation**

The JC considered and adopted the JCM guidelines for REDD-plus and Afforestation/Reforestation in Annex2 and the JC requested the secretariat to develop the forms.

**Agenda item 4. Project Idea Note (PIN)**

**Agenda item 4.1 Project Idea Note (PIN) of a planned JCM project**

The JC considered the Project Idea Note (PIN) for the following proposed project and decided no objection to the PIN.

- ARR project in Negros Occidental through the planting of native species (PH\_PIN001)

# Thank you.

