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COMMISSION ON AUDIT
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MEMORANDUM

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TO : All Assistant Commissioners, Directors, Officers-in-Charge, Supervising Auditors, Audit Team Leaders, Audit Team Members, and Other Concerned Personnel

SUBJECT : Website Link on Sustainable Development Goals of the Commission on Audit

The United Nations (UN) has launched the 2030 Agenda¹ on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2016-2030 which contains 17 goals, 169 targets and 232 unique global indicators.² The Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity; and seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom, with all countries and stakeholders acting in collaborative partnership to implement the plan.

Of the 232 unique indicators, the Philippine Government is monitoring a total of 156 indicators³ which are aligned with the national government's development agenda under the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, and the long-term vision for a strongly rooted, comfortable and secure life for all.⁴ Every three years,⁵ the Philippine Government submits the progress of implementation of the SDGs through the Voluntary National Review (VNR) Reports to the UN's High Level Political Forum (HLPF).

The Commission on Audit (COA) is an independent constitutional body with a mission to ensure accountability for public resources, promote transparency, and help improve government operations, in partnership with stakeholders, for the benefit of the Filipino people. The COA is an enabling partner of government in ensuring a better life for every Filipino through transparent and effective governance, and public accountability.

Moreover, the COA, as the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of the Philippine Government, is an active member of different international audit organizations, such as the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Supreme Audit Institutions (ASEANSAI). SAI Philippines has participated in different capacity development, knowledge sharing initiatives and best practices of these international organizations, i.e. SAI Leadership and Stakeholder Meeting of INTOSAI Development Institute (IDI) and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), Audit of Preparedness for the Implementation of SDGs of the IDI, 12th ASOSAI Research Project on

¹ A/RES/70/1 dated October 21, 2019 entitled: Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

² There are 241 global indicators but nine of them are duplicate indicators, hence, 232 unique global indicators.

³ Table 2 of the 2019 voluntary National Review Report of the Philippines to be reported to the High Level Political Forum of the UN indicated 156 indicators (103 global indicators, 28 supplementary and 25 proxy indicators); the official data in the website of the Philippine Statistics Authority of 155 indicators have to be updated

⁴ *Ambisyon Natin 2040: metatag, maginhawa at panatag na buhay*

⁵ 2016 and 2019 VNRs submitted to High Level Political Forum

Preparedness for the Implementation of SDGs of the IDI, 12th ASOSAI Research Project on Audit of Implementation of SDGs, among others.


Crosscutting Priority 2 of the INTOSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2022 states the contribution of SAIs to the follow-up and review for the SDGs within the context of each nation's specific sustainable development efforts and SAIs' individual mandates. This crosscutting priority is in support of the mandate of Goal 16 of the SDGs that the member states of these organizations should ensure effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.

At the national level, the COA has committed to perform audits on the implementation of the programs for SDGs in order to fulfill its mission in ensuring public accountability, transparency and effective governance; and to contribute to the follow-up and review of SDGs within the context of the Philippine Government's sustainable development efforts. The audit results are expected to provide independent oversight aimed at contributing inputs to address the challenges in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and reporting of progress on the implementation of the SDGs through the VNRs.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the COA has accumulated and foresees the accumulation of voluminous documents, records or reports, as well as multifarious engagements or initiatives from different stakeholders within the 15-year implementation of the SDGs. Thus, there is a need to provide an official website link for all internal SDGs-related involvement of COA as an audit agency and as SAI Philippines for external engagements with international audit organizations, UN bodies, development partners and other stakeholders.

The website link shall be officially called as **"SAI Philippines SDGs Website"** whose link can be accessed from the main page of the COA Website, which is being maintained by the Information Technology Office (ITO), *Annex A hereof* for initial content. All COA officials and staff who have previous or current involvement in any SDGs-related activities or initiatives in their official capacity are encouraged to submit their documents, records, reports, engagements or initiatives to the ITO for processing, updating and improvement of website's contents.

For guidance of all concerned.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

COA and the Audit of Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals

The Commission on Audit (COA) is the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of the Philippine Government. As an independent constitutional body, COA performs a critical role in promoting transparency, effective governance and enforcing public accountability as its mission, with a vision of being a trustworthy, respected and independent audit institution as an enabling partner of government in ensuring a better life for every Filipino.

The COA is a member of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Supreme Audit Institutions (ASBANSAI). The member states of these organizations have audit mandates under Goal 16 of the SDGs to ensure effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels. As SAI Philippines, the COA has a parallel reporting on audit results on the implementation of programs for SDGs.

In line with the guidance and cross-cutting priority of INTOSAI, the COA has committed to perform audits on the SDGs in order to provide contributions to the follow-up and review of SDGs within the context of Philippine Government's sustainable development efforts and SAI Philippines audit mandate. The audit results are expected to provide independent oversight aimed at contributing inputs to address the challenges in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and reporting of progress on the SDGs by the Philippine Government through the Voluntary National Review (VNR). Aside from generating value and benefit of making the work of COA more relevant, the audits shall contribute to the transparency and accountability in SDG implementation.

Since 2016, the COA has started its awareness campaign on the SDGs through participation in the international conferences of INTOSAI and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCISW). In 2017, the COA invited the top officials of various government agencies to conduct awareness briefings among its officials and auditors of their respective programs pertaining to the implementation of SDGs. These programs are considered in the Strategic Audit Planning and in prioritizing programs for performance, financial and compliance audits. Thereafter, COA officials and representatives have been participating in various local and international programs, fora, workshops, consultations, conferences and research projects relating to SDGs.

At the initial state of implementation of the SDGs, the COA participated in the program of the INTOSAI Development Initiative (DI) and Knowledge Sharing Committee (KSC) on cooperative performance audit of preparedness of the government for implementation of SDGs. More than 70 SAIs across the INTOSAI regions participated in this undertaking. The audit had been concluded recently and the report was already posted in the COA Website. SAI Philippines reporting to the INTOSAI on the audit of implementation of the SDGs is parallel to the periodic Philippine Government VNR Report being submitted to the High Level Political Forum of the UN.

Currently, the COA is participating in the 12th ASOSAI Research Project entitled: Audit on implementation of SDGs (Leveraging digital or big data to achieve SDGs). A Kick-Off Meeting was held in February 2019.

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FINAL LIST OF PROPOSED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS

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- GOAL 2 – ZERO HUNGER
- GOAL 3 – GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
- GOAL 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION
- GOAL 5 – GENDER EQUALITY
- GOAL 6 – CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
- GOAL 7 – AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
- GOAL 8 – DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
- GOAL 9 – INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- GOAL 10 – REDUCED INEQUALITIES
- GOAL 11 – SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
- GOAL 12 – RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
- GOAL 13 – CLIMATE ACTION
- GOAL 14 – LIFE BELOW WATER
- GOAL 15 – LIFE ON LAND
- GOAL 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
- GOAL 17 – PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

1 NO POVERTY

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING





4 QUALITY EDUCATION

5 GENDER EQUALITY

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY


8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH


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- (a) SAI Leadership and Stakeholder Meeting of IDI and UNDESA (2)
- (b) 2019 National Women's Month (2)
- (c) 2017 SDGs Briefings of Government Agencies (1)

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