

# THE MANILA DECLARATION

on the Advancement of  
Sustainable Sanitation  
and Wastewater Management  
in the Philippines

Signed at the  
Philippine Sanitation Summit  
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# Signing of Manila Declaration



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# Background

## Goal

- ❖ Accelerating the development and implementation of effectual programs of sustainable sanitation and wastewater management

# Background

Government Commitment to improving SWW management conditions articulated in:

- ❖ Philippine Sanitation Code
- ❖ Clean Water Act
- ❖ National Environmental Health Action Plan
- ❖ Rio Declaration on Sustainable Development
- ❖ UN Millenium Development Goals
  - Target 10 of Goal 7: *To halve by 2015 the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation*

# Challenge

- ❖ Suffering and death, especially children under age of 5
- ❖ Health burdens on families and healthcare system
- ❖ Losses to economic sectors dependent on clean water and water resources, like fishing and tourism
- ❖ Environmental degradation of natural water resources above and below ground
- ❖ Threatened sustainability of drinking water supply

# Challenge

- ❖ High access rates to basic sanitation, BUT -
  - ❖ The poor living in slums, remote rural areas, coastal areas still vulnerable
  - ❖ Wastewater from toilets not necessarily properly treated before disposal
- ❖ Resulting to alarming persistence of sanitation- and wastewater- related risks in the country

# Challenge

- ❖ **Halfway to 2015 MDG target and 2 years from passage of CWA, but:**
  - ❖ **Progress in SWW management and improvements in outcomes not yet apparent**
  - ❖ **Implementation of key aspects of CWA not pursued**
    - ❖ **Development of National Sewerage and Septage Management Plan**
    - ❖ **Designation of Water Quality Management Areas**
    - ❖ **Identification of non-attainment areas**
    - ❖ **Establishment of Water Quality Management Fund**

# Challenge

- ❖ **Miniscule public investment over the last 30 years in:**
  - ❖ **Community and municipal sanitation**
  - ❖ **Wastewater facilities**
- ❖ **Estimated investments required:  
Php40 billion**

# Challenge

- ❖ **Weak sector planning and management due to:**
  - ❖ **Poorly resourced institutions**
  - ❖ **Insufficient data and surveillance systems**
  - ❖ **Weak coordination**

# Challenge

- ❖ Institutional uncertainty and variability in the leadership, personalities and agenda
- ❖ In both national and local levels

# Commitments

## ALL SECTORS

- ❖ Commit and cooperate to advance

Sustainable SWW management which are critical priorities in –

- ❖ President's 10-Point Priority Agenda
- ❖ Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (2005 – 2010)
- ❖ Other legislations

# Commitments

## NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- ❖ Commit to provide funding and resources
- ❖ Clean Water Act of 2004 requires:
  - ❖ Households and establishments to connect to sewerage systems in urban areas
  - ❖ National and local government to implement sewerage or septage management schemes in the next 5 years

# Commitments

## NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- ❖ Commit to enduring and joint leadership between DOH and DENR

- ❖ Cooperation from

NWRB	NEDA
DPWH	DILG
MWSS	DepEd
LWUA	LLDA

- ❖ Coordinated by IACEH

- ❖ Periodic feedback to wider public stakeholders

# Commitments

## ❖ LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- ❖ Primarily responsible for meeting health and environmental objectives in their respective jurisdictions
- ❖ Commit to:
  - ❖ Improved sector planning and governance
  - ❖ Rational allocation of cost of service between the public and private sectors and communities and users
  - ❖ Appropriate regulation and enforcement

# Commitments

- ❖ **PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SANITATION PRACTITIONERS AND PARTNERSHIPS**
  - ❖ Practitioners dedicated to supporting the development and promotion of sustainable solutions in the Philippines
  - ❖ Other project- and program-based partnerships between government and international agencies
- ❖ **Commit to:**
  - ❖ Intermediation between national and local governments
  - ❖ Technical support
  - ❖ Advocacy
  - ❖ Resource mobilization

# Principles of Solution and Program Development

- ❖ Consider these contexts of an area and community
  - ❖ Environmental
  - ❖ Social
  - ❖ Economic
- ❖ Seek and provide appropriate options for a wide range of needs and abilities
- ❖ Involve full knowledge and participation of stakeholders

# Principles of Solution and Program Development

- ❖ LGUs to have a plan outlining the phasing of SWW development to rationalize future investments
- ❖ National and Local Governments with participation from private sector to find ways to progressively improve systems

# Principles of Solution and Program Development

- ❖ **Community- and municipal-wide SWW management systems to be undertaken with due regard to:**
    - ❖ **Financial**
    - ❖ **Institutional**
    - ❖ **Technical**
    - ❖ **Environmental viability**
- of the service, system and service provider**

# Principles of Solution and Program Development

- ❖ **Promotion of:**
  - ❖ **Use of affordably, environmentally sound sustainable sanitation options**
  - ❖ **Pollution prevention approaches, like**
    - ❖ **Re-use and recycling of wastewater, urine and excreta**

# Principles of Solution and Program Development

- ❖ Hygiene and behavior change programs to complement SWW programs
- ❖ Raising public awareness
- ❖ Increasing participation of individuals and entities in SWW management issues and programs
- ❖ Fostering partnerships

# Principles of Solution and Program Development

## ❖ National government

- ❖ To actively coordinate national efforts in hygiene, SWW management for coherence and complementation over a long-term period

- ❖ to provide

- ❖ Enduring leadership

- ❖ Commitment

- ❖ Incentives

to support local government implementation of such programs

# Call to Partnership

- ❖ **The Summit calls on all parties:**
  - ❖ to pursue and facilitate the development and implementation of effectual and sustainable national and local sanitation and hygiene programs
  - ❖ to join hands in the formation of concrete partnerships for advancing the Philippines' sanitation and wastewater management agenda

# Call to Partnership

- ❖ **IACEH to organize and coordinate partnership action**
  - ❖ **Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health (IACEH)**
  - ❖ **Created under EO 498 of 1991**
  - ❖ **Chair: DOH**
  - ❖ **Co-Chair: DENR**

## Issues to be considered

- ❖ Reach those at the margins of service and remain without access to hygiene and sanitation services
- ❖ Develop and fund the **National Sewerage and Septage Management Plan** and pursue appropriate and lasting investment programs following such plan

## Issues to be considered (cont.)

- ❖ Accelerate implementation of **CWA**
  - ❖ Designation of non-attainment areas
  - ❖ Organization of WQMAs
  - ❖ Establishment of WQ Management Fund

## Issues to be considered (cont.)

- ❖ Improve and find current **data and surveillance systems**
- ❖ Review and update these to reflect current threats and opportunities and to develop practical strategies of implementation:
  - ❖ PD 856, IRR of Sanitation Code and Building and Plumbing Code

## Issues to be considered (cont.)

- ❖ Recommend actions and provide guidance on
  - ❖ Improving compliance to existing environmental and sanitation-related regulations, or
  - ❖ Revising strategies to improve achievement of their policy objectives

## Issues to be considered (cont.)

- ❖ Matters relating to continuing or formalizing the partnerships around specific program activities, particularly those arising from the discussions in the Summit

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