



# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FORUM 2023

*Unlocking Climate Resilience  
and Low-Carbon Investment  
Opportunities for the Private Sector*

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*“We must do what we can to help heal the earth. In the Philippines, we are pushing for a circular economy, reducing carbon emissions, taxing single-use plastics, and getting tough on mining to protect our environment. It is our way of leaving a cleaner, greener Philippines for the future generations.”*



# Inter-Agency Technical Working Group for Sustainable Finance

Tasked to carry out a comprehensive review of the sustainable finance landscape in the Philippines, identify gaps in the market, and develop plans and recommendations to further the sustainable finance agenda



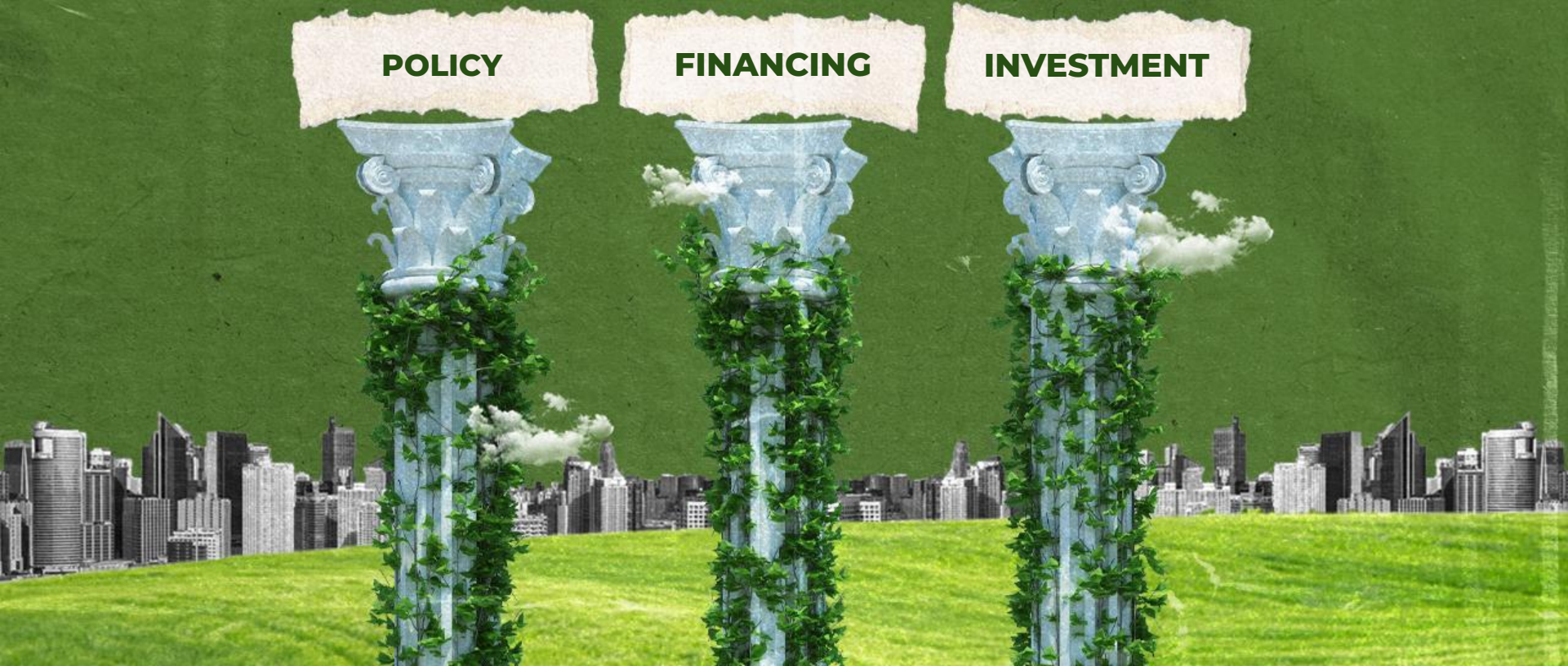


# SUSTAINABLE FINANCE ROADMAP

**POLICY**

**FINANCING**

**INVESTMENT**



# To address the policy gap, the following are the strategic plans for implementation:

1

Integrating sustainability considerations into macroeconomic policies and regulations;

2

Strengthening coordinating efforts within the financial ecosystem;

3

Embedding sustainability into the risk management of the banking, insurance, and asset management sectors;

4

Encouraging sustainability and climate-related disclosures;

5

Conducting capacity building; and

6

Joining international initiatives on sustainable finance.





To **address the financing gap**, the following are the strategic plans for implementation:

- 1 Promoting Sustainable Financial Products;
- 2 Improving the Sustainable Finance definition and creation of a principles-based taxonomy; and
- 3 Tracking Sustainable Finance flows



# Climate Finance Data Platform

Designed to complement and work in synergy with the Sustainable Finance Taxonomy Guidelines to provide **clarity**, promote **transparency**, and enhance **efficiency** in the sustainable finance ecosystem





# To **effectively develop a sustainable pipeline**, the following are the strategic plans for implementation:

- 1 Driving sustainable investments;
- 2 Financing Low Carbon Energy;
- 3 Establishing a sustainable pipeline database, both for public and private sector projects; and
- 4 Progress monitoring and regular updating, including linking sustainable pipelines to SDGs, PDP, and NDC targets.



# Sustainable Finance Framework

Ensures the transparency and disclosure of the use of proceeds, as well as the expected environmental and social impact of eligible green and social projects, in keeping with international best practices



# Summary of Sustainability Transactions

Currency	Issue Date	Tenor (yrs)	Coupon rate	Amount (USD)
USD	June 17, 2023	25	5.50	1,250.0
JPY	April 22, 2022	20	1.83	
JPY	April 22, 2022	10	1.22	
JPY	April 22, 2022	7	0.95	550.0
JPY	April 22, 2022	5	0.76	
USD	October 13, 2022	25	5.95	750.0
USD	March 29, 2022	25	4.20	1,000.0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3,550.0</b>

*\*ESG tranches highlighted in green*






## **Second Party Opinion provider Moody's (Vifeo Eiris) Affirmation**

The Sustainable Finance Framework and Eligible Expenditures are aligned with the core components of the ICMA's **Green Bond Principles 2021** and **Social Bond Principles 2021** of the as well as the LMA's **Green Loan Principles 2021** and **Social Loan Principles 2021**.

**The Philippines achieved an overall rating ESG Performance of “Robust” with a breakdown of the score as follows:**

**Environment:** Robust  
**Social:** Limited  
**Governance:** Advanced



# DOF is working to foster a fiscal incentives regime that rewards innovation and prioritizes climate-related investments

CREATE Act



Excise tax on single-use plastics



Motor Vehicle User's Charge



Renewable Energy Act of 2008



Carbon taxation and pricing





# Climate adaptation projects approved under the **People's Survival Fund** fall under several thematic areas



**River and watershed ecosystem management**



**Flood management**



**Ecological farming**



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**Disaster risk reduction**

# Sustainability calls for whole-of-nation action

## **Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022**

The law holds companies responsible for allocating resources to support the collection, recovery, transportation, processing, recycling, and disposal of plastic packaging wastes in environmentally-sound ways.

## **Excise Tax on Single-Use Plastics**

This environmental tax is expected to curb single-use plastic bags consumption by almost 25% while generating around PHP 6.5 billion in revenues in the first year of implementation.





**We are covering every front and laying the groundwork for enabling a just transition where every sector, every community, and every individual can thrive.**







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