



# KEYNOTE SPEECH

# WATER FORUM 2023

Sustainable Path to Water Security for the Philippines

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# The water crisis in the Philippines is driven by systemic management issues



**Weak and fragmented institutional set-up**

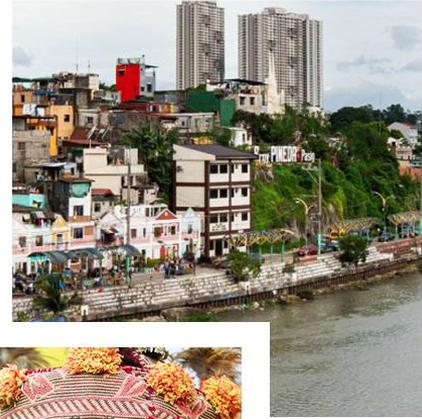


**Competing and changing priorities of water infrastructures**



**Lack of science-based decision support systems**

# The water crisis is a **social**, **economic**, and **climate** crisis



# Strategy Framework of PDP 2023-2028



## MATATAG, MAGINHAWA AT PANATAG NA BUHAY



### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION FOR A PROSPEROUS, INCLUSIVE, AND RESILIENT SOCIETY

#### DEVELOP AND PROTECT CAPABILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES



##### PROMOTE HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- BOOST HEALTH
- IMPROVE EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
- ESTABLISH LIVABLE COMMUNITIES



##### REDUCE VULNERABILITY AND PROTECT PURCHASING POWER

- ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND PROPER NUTRITION
- STRENGTHEN SOCIAL PROTECTION



##### INCREASE INCOME-EARNING ABILITY

- INCREASE EMPLOYABILITY
- EXPAND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- ACHIEVE SHARED LABOR MARKET GOVERNANCE

#### TRANSFORM PRODUCTION SECTORS TO GENERATE MORE QUALITY JOBS AND COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS



##### MODERNIZE AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-BUSINESS

- PROMOTE TRADE AND INVESTMENTS
- ADVANCE R&D, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION
- ENHANCE INTER-INDUSTRY LINKAGES
- PROMOTE COMPETITION AND IMPROVE REGULATORY EFFICIENCY



##### REVITALIZE INDUSTRY



##### REINVIGORATE SERVICES



#### PRACTICE GOOD GOVERNANCE AND IMPROVE BUREAUCRATIC EFFICIENCY



#### ENSURE MACROECONOMIC STABILITY AND EXPAND INCLUSIVE AND INNOVATIVE FINANCE



#### ENSURE PEACE AND SECURITY, AND ENHANCE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE



#### EXPAND AND UPGRADE INFRASTRUCTURE



#### ACCELERATE CLIMATE ACTION AND STRENGTHEN DISASTER RESILIENCE

# ENSURING WATER SECURITY

## I. Upgrading and expanding water infrastructure

**Philippine Water  
Supply and Sanitation  
Master Plan**



**National Water  
Security Road Map**



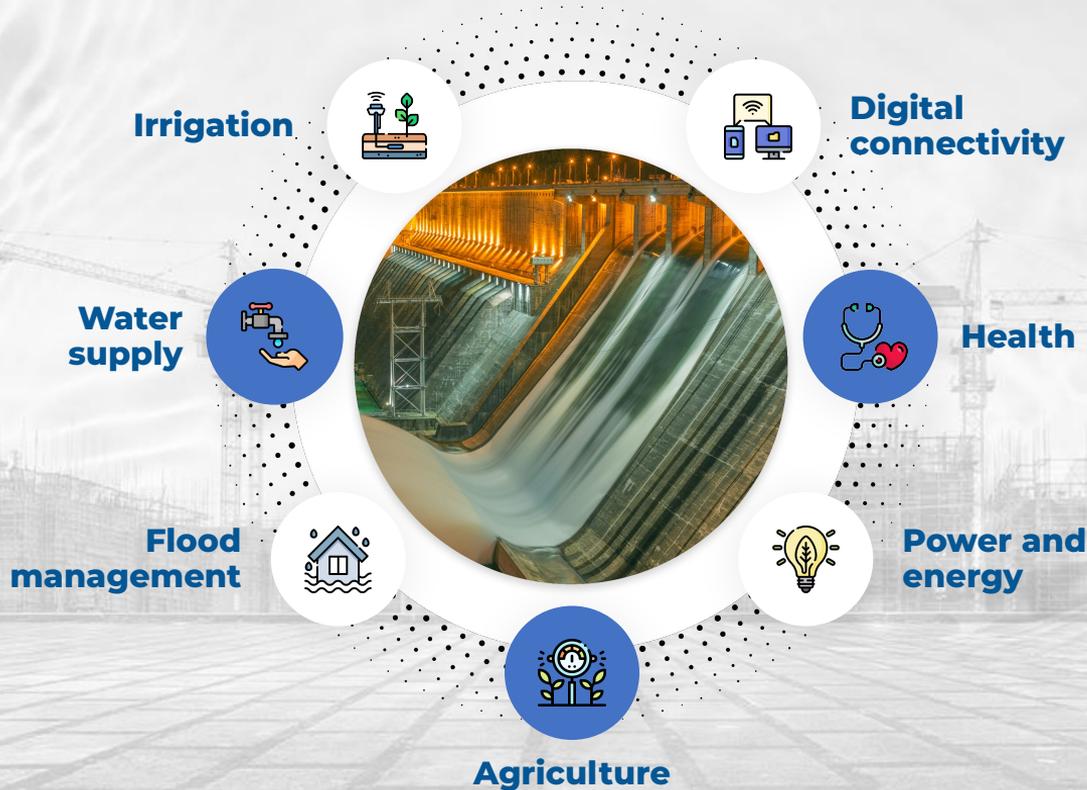
**National Irrigation  
Master Plan**



**Flood Master Plans  
for Metro Manila and  
major river basins**



# NEDA Board has approved 194 high-impact Infrastructure Flagship Projects



# We have built an enabling business and investment ecosystem for PPPs

Revised IRR of  
Build-Operate-  
Transfer Law



Revised ICC  
Guidelines



Public-Private  
Partnership Act



Revised NEDA  
Joint Venture  
Guidelines



# ENSURING WATER SECURITY

## II. Strengthening the implementation of integrated water resource management (IWRM) principles



Integrated management and harmonization of land and coastal resources with water resources including control of water-related hazards



Science-based decision support systems





## The creation of a **Department of Water Resources and Water Regulatory Commission** is a priority bill of the President

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Under the bill, which shall be known as the **National Water Resource Management Act**, the DWR will be the primary policy, planning, coordinating, implementing, monitoring, and administrative entity of the Executive Branch, responsible for the comprehensive and integrated development and management of the water resources of the Philippines.

It would also manage the optimal allocation of water resources among competing uses to achieve **universal access to safe, adequate and affordable water supply, sanitation and septage services.**



## The Administration has organized the **Water Resource Management Office** under the DENR

The WRMO's main functions include formulating and ensuring the implementation of the **Integrated Water Management Plan**, which will integrate various plans of different agencies.

# Expand access to water supply and sanitation financing

## Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS)

**Bulacan Bulk Water Supply Project** – PPP project to provide treated bulk water to the 24 municipalities and cities in Bulacan province to meet the increasing water demand, expand service coverage area, and increase the number of households being serviced.

**New Centennial Water Source Project – Kaliwa Dam Project** – (P12.20 billion project cost) ODA project funded by China Eximbank for the development of new water source through the construction of a dam and its facilities to meet the increasing demand of MWSS' service areas.

**Angat Water Transmission Improvement Project – Aqueduct 7** – (P7.42 billion project cost) ODA project funded by the Asian Development Bank for the continued re-engineering works for the entire Umiray-Angat raw water transmission system to ensure continuous and adequate flow of raw water.



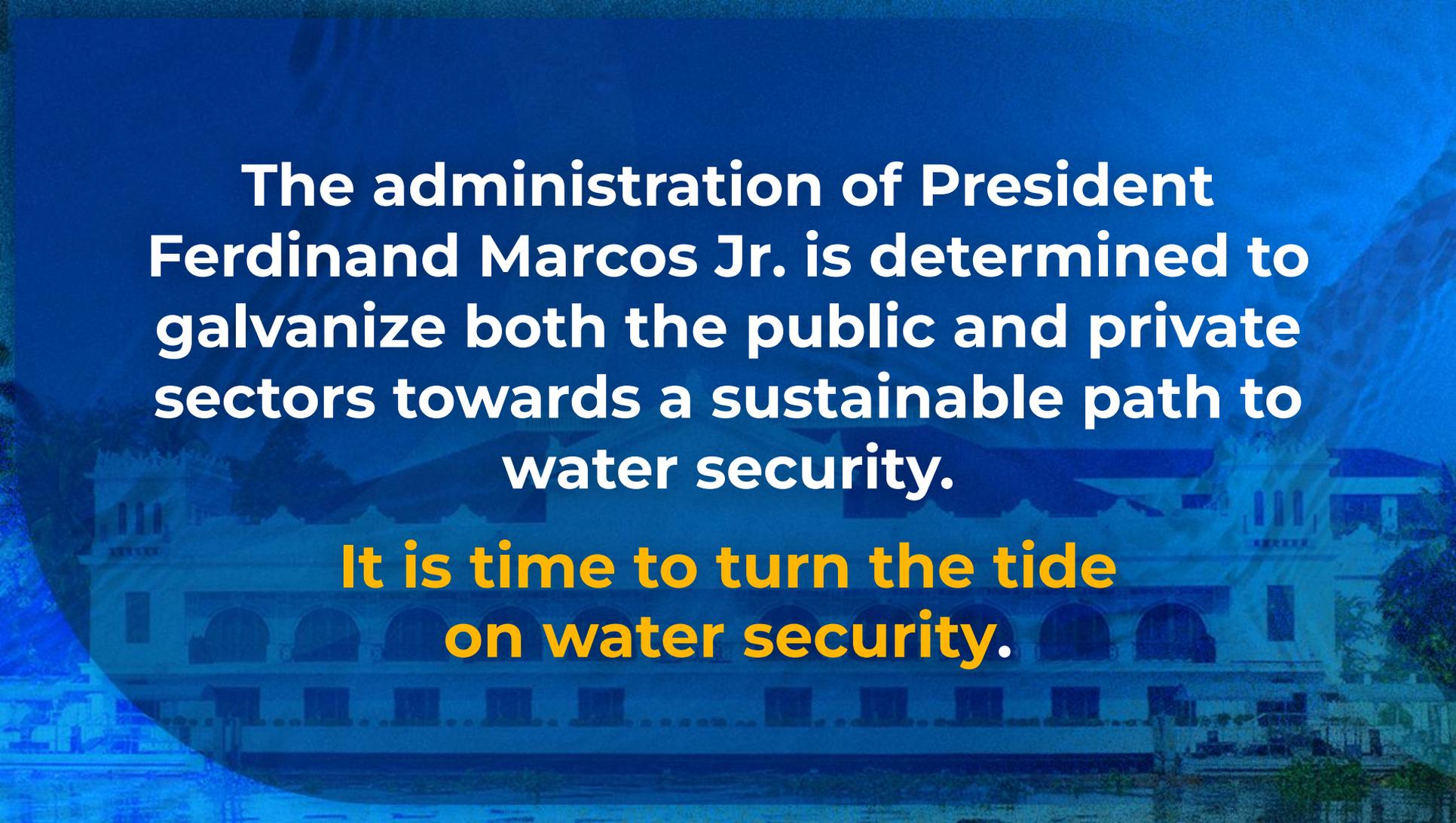
## Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA)

**Water District Development Sector Project (\$60 million)** - ODA project funded by the Asian Development Bank for lending to 11 local water districts to finance the extension and rehabilitation of water supply systems and the construction of new sanitation facilities.

Others include projects funded through subsidies from the National Government, such as, those areas affected by the Marawi siege and typhoon Yolanda.



**Invest in climate-resilient water infrastructures and technologies**



**The administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is determined to galvanize both the public and private sectors towards a sustainable path to water security.**

**It is time to turn the tide on water security.**



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