



# **NAP Champions Webinar**

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# Human cost of disasters

An overview of  
the last 20 years  
2000-2019

 Centre for Research on the  
Epidemiology of Disasters  
CREW

 UNDRR  
UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

## Philippines

Blessed with nature's wonder and bounty, but  
also highly vulnerable to the impacts  
of climate change.


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The Filipino spirit is tenacious  
in the face of tragedy and devastation

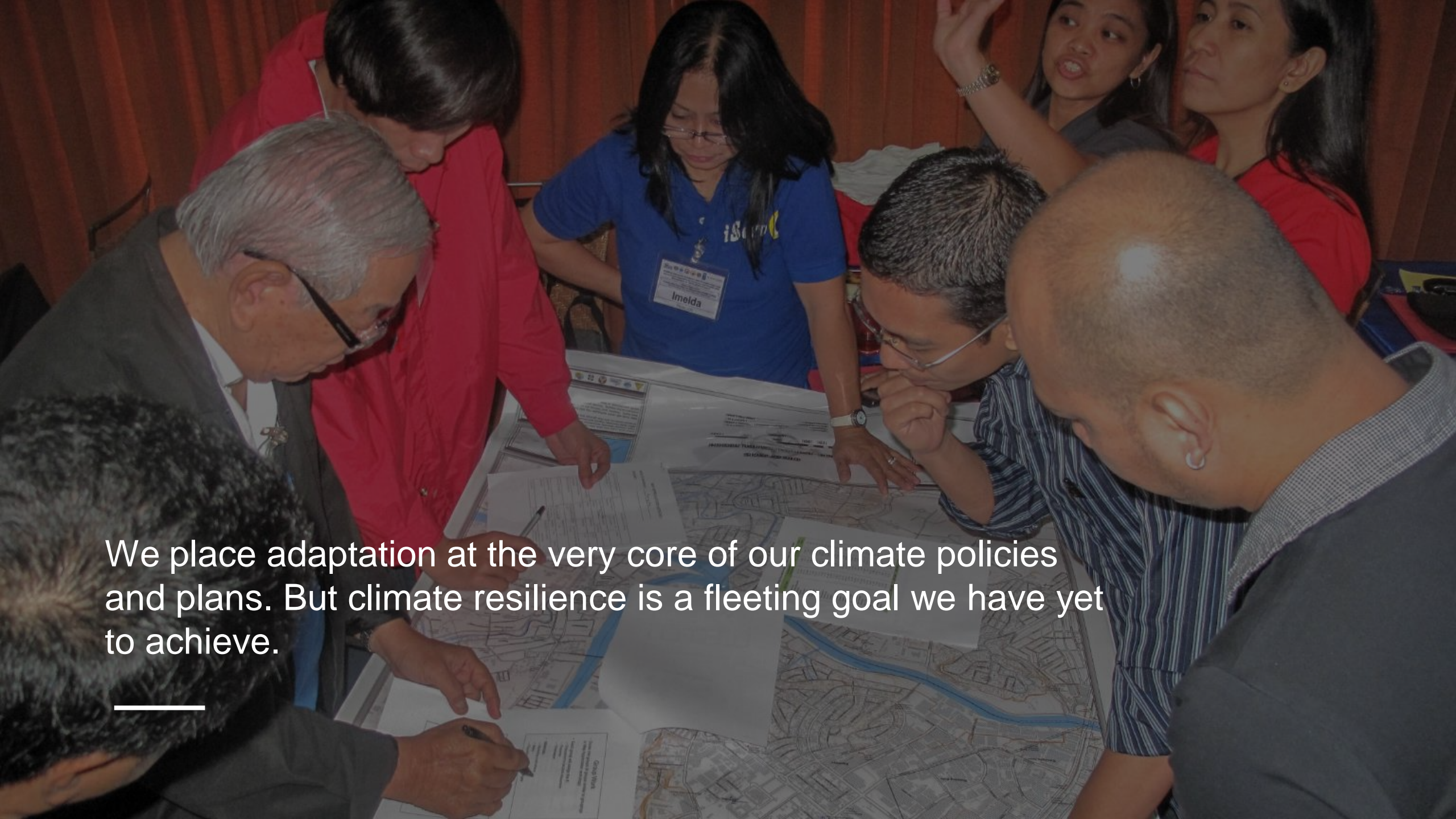
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A photograph of a woman with long dark hair tied in a ponytail, carrying a baby on her back. The baby is looking towards the camera. The background shows a crowded outdoor area with many people, possibly a market or a community gathering, under a large canopy. The image has a warm, slightly faded tone.

**Adaptation is a matter  
of life and death.**

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We place adaptation at the very core of our climate policies and plans. But climate resilience is a fleeting goal we have yet to achieve.

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Philippines has consistently ranked high among countries vulnerable to climate impacts.



A photograph capturing the intensity of a tropical storm. The scene is dominated by a massive wall of white, churning water crashing onto a sandy beach. Palm trees are bent over by the wind, and a boat is partially submerged in the surf. In the foreground, a utility pole stands with a sign that includes the name 'P. D. NICASIO G. BARRIO'. The overall atmosphere is dark and stormy.

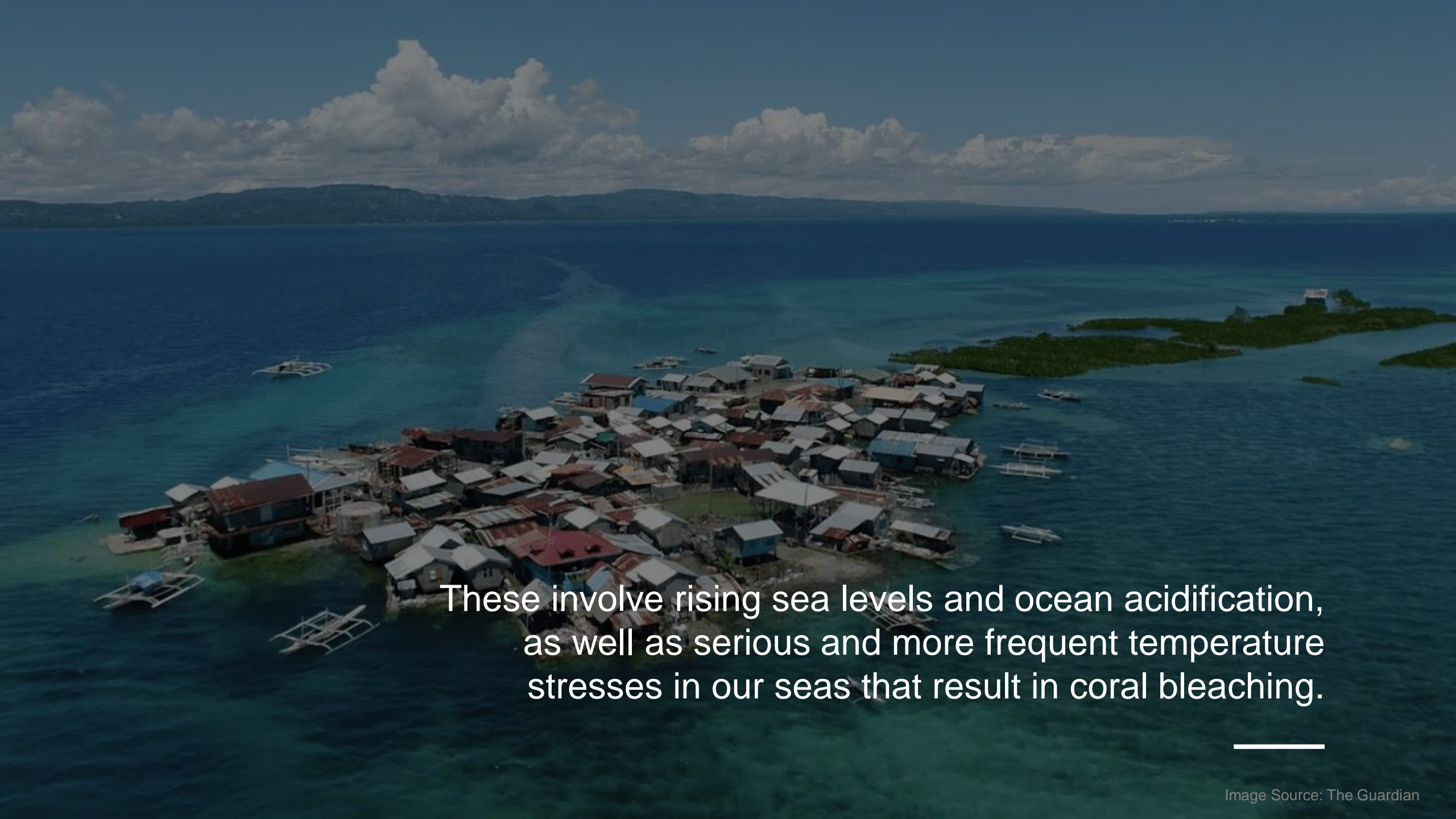
We are visited by an average of **twenty tropical storms** every year.





**51** of our local governments **declared a state of calamity** due to **droughts** and **dry spells** induced by **El Niño** and aggravated by **climate change**.

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These involve rising sea levels and ocean acidification, as well as serious and more frequent temperature stresses in our seas that result in coral bleaching.

# 47 coral bleaching reports





We keep in mind **the people, the environment, and the future of humanity and planet** we swore to protect.

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A landscape photograph of a golden field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The field is in the foreground, and there are trees and hills in the background. The sky is a mix of orange and blue.

**How can we achieve our goals?**

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A man in a grey suit and glasses is speaking at a podium. He is holding a microphone in his right hand and gesturing with his left hand towards a large screen behind him. The screen displays a grid of blue and green charts or data. The background is a dimly lit room with other people seated at tables.

## First

Let us unite behind science to know our specific climate risks and vulnerabilities, as a way to inform our actions and policies, most especially for our vulnerable populations on the ground.

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Empowering communities, our frontliners

Cascading climate science through partnerships with academia



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Through the Communities for Resilience or CORE Initiative, we provide direct trainings to our community local leaders and planners, conduct trainings of trainers, and establish regional consortiums as platforms for exchanging knowledge and best practices on local climate initiatives.

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Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP)—our community’s guide and toolkit to address local climate risks and vulnerabilities.

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Red Cross

# Local Climate Change Workshop for Municipality

January 22 - 24, 2018  
Ocean Bldg. - Marikina City, Manila, B

HAZARDS  
ELEMENTS AT RISK  
FIXING  
POPULATION  
SOCIAL  
WOMEN  
EPISODE  
LAND SLIDE  
*Building a  
Plan, Method  
Process*

LCCAPs must be science-based and risk-informed, consistent with national development plans.





## **Second**

Let us enable the environment for adaptation to work for us by building partnerships and fostering convergence



A woman with dark hair, wearing a blue and white dress and large earrings, is speaking at a podium. She is looking slightly to her left. There are two microphones in front of her. The background is blurred, showing other people in a room.

**The Philippine Climate Change Act of 2009**  
envisions resilient communities through the  
mainstreaming of climate action in the development  
strategies and tools by the government.

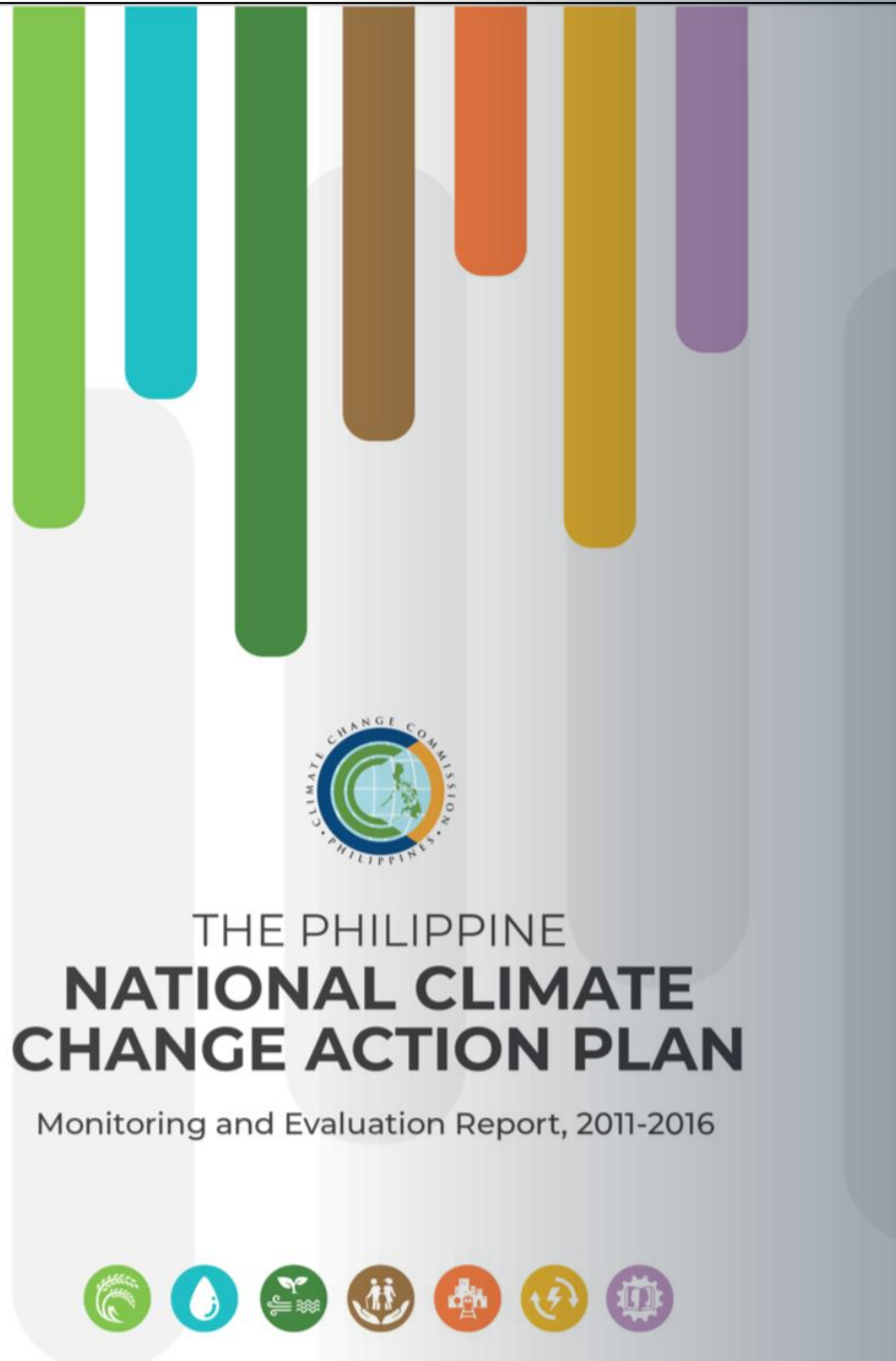
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The **Climate Change Commission**: our country's lead policymaking body on climate change, which led the formulation of our **National Climate Change Adaptation Plan (NCCAP)** that outlines our country's long-term adaptation and mitigation priorities.

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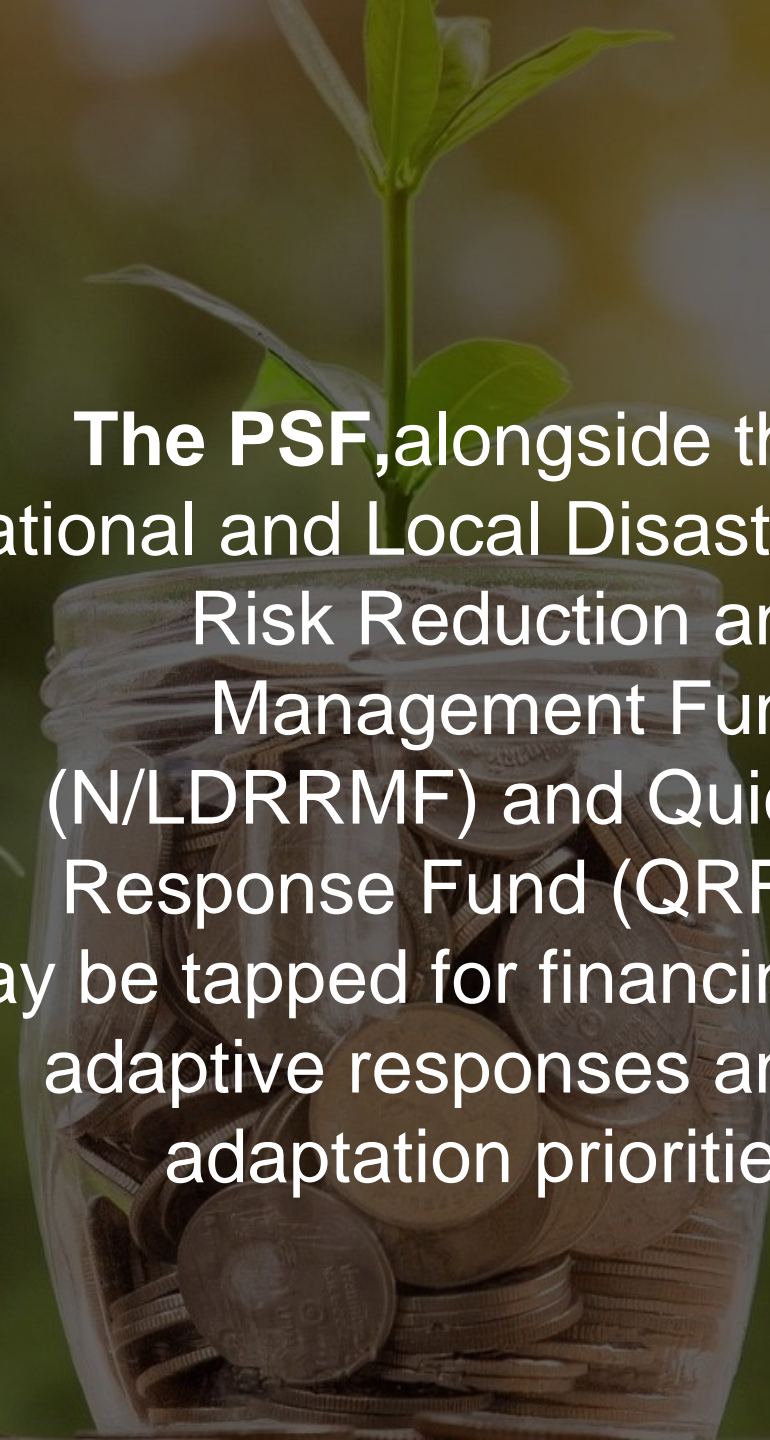
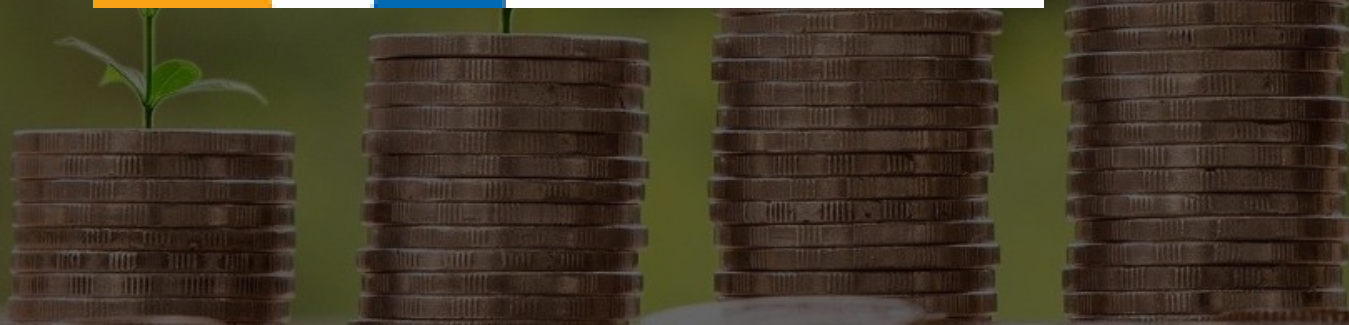



The NCCAP will be our basis for the development of our National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

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**The PSF, alongside the National and Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (N/LDRRMF) and Quick Response Fund (QRF), may be tapped for financing adaptive responses and adaptation priorities.**



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small, vibrant green seedling with two leaves and a small bud, growing out of a small amount of dark soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The overall tone is positive and hopeful, representing growth and sustainability.

In March 2020, the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral (Central Bank of the Philippines) approved the “Sustainable Finance Framework” for all financial institutions



The framework seeks to safeguard the financial system from the evolving material hazards of physical climate risk and transition risk, including stranded assets.

An aerial photograph of a densely populated urban area, likely Manila, Philippines. The city is characterized by a high concentration of multi-story buildings and skyscrapers. A large body of water, possibly a bay or harbor, is visible on the left side of the image, with several ships and boats. The sky is overcast and grey. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

In 2019, the Philippines listed over US\$2 Billion of green bonds, the third largest issuer in Southeast Asia after Singapore and Indonesia.

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To make adaptation work for us will require both the public and private sectors to bring about the needed investments to enable genuine resilience to our communities.



## **Third**

Let us pursue global and regional cooperation to bolster the call for limiting the average global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, as urged by the Paris Agreement.


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We need to ensure that these targets  
are in line with the climate goal of the  
Paris Agreement.

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A photograph of a dense forest with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), a global alliance of developing countries including the Philippines, which fought for the inclusion of the 1.5 degrees Celsius goal

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A large crowd of young people is gathered in Times Square, New York City, for a climate protest. They are holding a large black banner with the words "CLIMATE EMERGENCY" written in white, bold, capital letters. Many of the protesters are holding up signs with various messages, including "WAKE UP AMERICA", "I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD WITH NO PLANET", and "CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL". The background is filled with tall buildings and large billboards, including one for Coca-Cola and another for CoverGirl. The scene is set in a busy urban environment with a clear sky.

**We should not stop at demanding for greater action from those that have caused this climate crisis.**

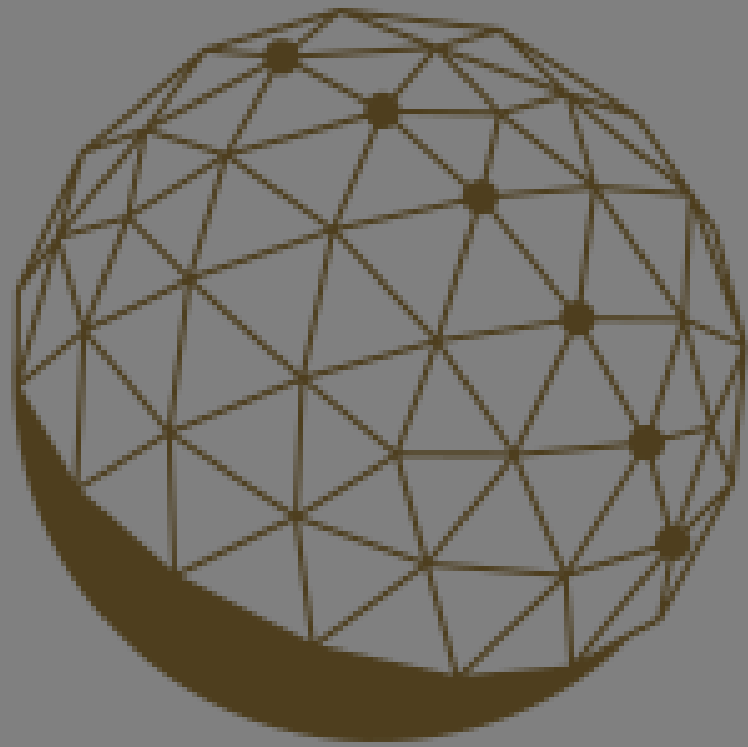
A person wearing a traditional conical hat is bent over, working in a lush green rice paddy field. The field is filled with young rice plants. In the background, another person is visible working in the distance. The landscape is hazy, with rolling hills and mountains under a soft, overcast sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of traditional agriculture and rural life.

We have to build on existing global and regional initiatives on adaptation.


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These are the areas that have the greatest potential to bring about transformational change and accelerate adaptation to climate change



# GLOBAL COMMISSION ON ADAPTATION



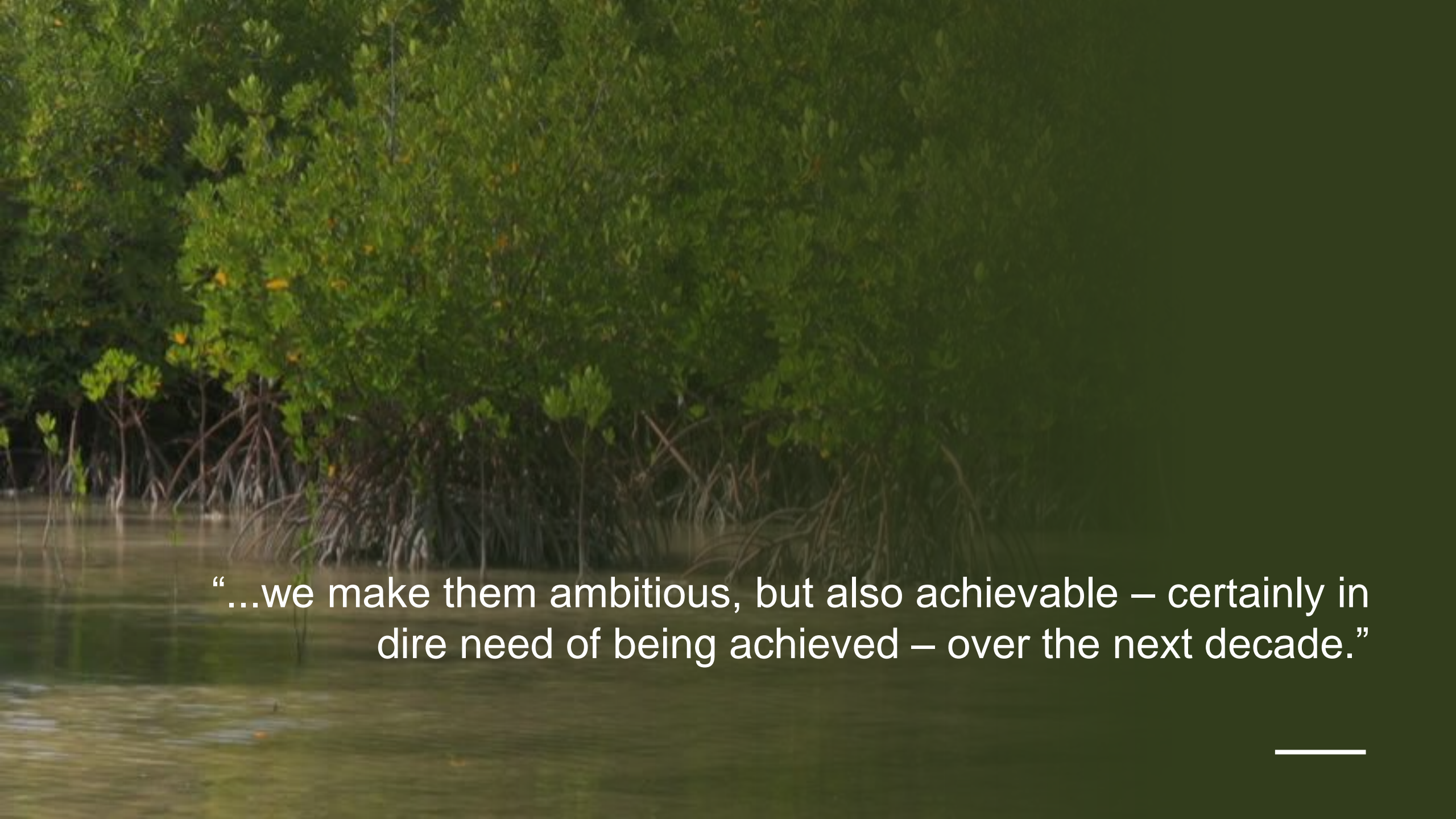
“Even with the best of intentions, change does not happen spontaneously. It must be conceived and directed. Global and national leaders need to urgently address the challenge of adapting to a warming planet with serious and sustained action.”

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“...to redraw the boundaries of possibility for the climate-resilient world we must create together.”





“...we make them ambitious, but also achievable – certainly in dire need of being achieved – over the next decade.”

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| #1.5°C TO SURVIVE  
TO THRIVE



**THANK  
YOU!**