



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
NATIONAL TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT
(NTF-ELCAC Secretariat)

MEMORANDUM

TO : 17 CABINET OFFICERS FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SECURITY (CORDS)

CORDS ADVISERS

HEADS, 12 NATIONAL CLUSTERS

HEADS, TWG & SECRETARIAT
17 Joint Regional Task Forces

FROM : VICE-CHAIRMAN, NTF-ELCAC

SUBJECT : NTF-RTF-ELCAC SUMMING UP F.Y. 2018 - 2021 AND WAYS FORWARD FOR 2022 AND BEYOND

DATE : 12 JANUARY 2022

1. Reference:
 - a. Executive Order No. 70, series of 2018;
 - b. Joint Memorandum Circular No.1. series of 2019;
 - c. National Clusters Implementing Plans (IMPLANS); and
 - d. Operational Guidelines for the 12 National Clusters.
2. Anent above references, the NTF-ELCAC will hold a series of assessment meetings (Summing Up 2018 - 2021 and Ways Forward for 2022 and beyond for each of the 17 Joint Regional Task Forces (JRTFs)) to be participated by the 17 CORDS, Heads, National Clusters, CORDS Advisers, Chairperson, RPOC & RDC, Heads, RIC, JRTF TWG & Secretariat Members, Directorates of the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat, Desk Officers, and selected consultants of the NTF-ELCAC. The activity will be held from around January to March 2022, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM via ZOOM Video tele conferencing.
3. The objectives of the activity are the following:
 - a. To apprise the CORDS and National Cluster leadership on the updates on the significant accomplishments since the establishment of the EO70 framework each of its regional cluster;
 - b. To realign and harmonize the effort of the 12 Clusters at national and regional level;
 - c. To identify gaps in the implementation of the Plans;

- d. To formulate Catch-up plans to address the identified gaps and/or challenges, and lay down the restated targets/goals of each JRTFs, particular on its regional cluster, to attain its objectives until June 2022;and
 - e. Agree on Ways Forward towards institutionalization of the NTF-ELCAC efforts beyond the Duterte Administration.
4. The Summing Up will be focusing on the organizational and operational aspects of the 17 JRTFs and its 12 regional clusters in line with the NP-ELCAC and its respective IMPLANs. The following were made to guide the JRTFs' regional clusters' targets or ways forward to be met by the end of June 2022:

- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPOWERMENT:** Empowerment of local governance with Local Chief Executives on top of spearheading the peace and development undertakings in their localities namely securing all 2021 BDP projects that are ongoing implementation, soliciting support to declare the CTG as Persona Non Grata. Completing the establishment of city/municipal/barangay task forces, conduct of EO 70 orientation at the sub-regional level, and commit resources to implement 2022 BDP.

- **BASIC SERVICES:** Giving focus to unhampered delivery of services in the countryside of access to proper educational system, health services, access to water, power, and housing, etc. Identification of an 'anchor program' is a must to strengthen the convergence mechanism/WOG Approach at the sub-regional levels (province, city and municipality).

- **INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:** Making sure that road nets will reach far flung barangays & sitios, farm products can be delivered to town centers, bridges built to provide safety to communities, and access to government programs in the countryside for livelihood. Likewise, government's ownership of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) should be felt by the beneficiaries to prevent the CTG from hijacking the CARP and the rural development program developed to solidify the local and national convergence mechanism in responding to the needs of the communities.

- **POVERTY REDUCTION, LIVELIHOOD & EMPLOYMENT:** Coordinative actions among agencies and local government units that poverty reduction, spearheaded by NEDA, is the guiding framework. Employment opportunities must be created with or without the pandemic and livelihood program within the communities. Community-based enterprise should also be harnessed as resilient organizations and the registration of People's Organizations expedited.

- **SECTORAL UNIFICATION, CAPACITY BUILDING, EMPOWERMENT, AND MOBILIZATION:** People's unification, capacity building, empowerment, and mobilization as they represent the voice and conscience of our country's governance. It's the people who are makers of our history. The peoples and sectoral needs will be given utmost importance; hence, the Barangay Development Program (BDP) is the approximation of their urgent needs over and above the normal projects implemented by agencies of government. Multisectoral assemblies (PROMUSPA) must also be undertaken in 81 provinces for government to answer adequately the evolving sectoral challenges at the grassroots level. The National Multi-Sectoral Peace Assembly

(NAMUSPA) must be convened to present the consolidated sectoral policy agenda to the government.

- **INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT:** Engaging international arena to make sure that the true sentiments of every Filipino and the image of the country are not distorted and misrepresented. Also, avoid the fund generation of interest and terror groups to bring-in funds to the country on the disguise of peace & development funds but intended principally for armed revolution.

- **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT:** Truth telling as a morale guide to establish and expose the real threat to peace, tranquility and development of every citizenry and the country as a whole. Continue to provide support/assistance to Department/Agencies to deepen understanding of the CTG threat groups for concerned Departments/Agencies to provide focus and deliberate interventions to its concerned sectors. There is also a need to intensify intelligence operations, sharing and networking to prevent the CTG resource generation activities at the domestic and international levels. Usage of the NIC-approved Common Lines and Terms when Referring to threat Groups (CLTRTG) by the Clusters, JRTFs, STGs and NTF member-agencies should be encouraged.

- **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:** Information sharing that affect our daily lives must reach the entire citizenry. Giving the right and complete information about the different government programs and the challenges we are facing such as pandemic, security threat, radicalization of the youth and students, terror threat of country, etc. so our people can make sound directions and decisions. We need to have a well-informed citizenry through the tri-media and social media so that public opinion is not shaped by black propaganda or fake news.

- a. Create more avenues for engaging the public to educate them on the various programs, projects and activities of government departments and agencies to fully benefit and enjoy these pro-people interventions.
- b. Observe the executive, CSC and COMELEC issuances/guidance in relation to partisan politics.
- c. Monitor and address, by exposing and isolating CTG partisan activities, especially local campaigns at the LGU level.
- d. Enhance the strategic communication plan (ComPlan) to suit the current political landscape, particularly the upcoming elections in May 2022.
- e. Lead in the preparation and implementation of PPAs in relation to the "Red-Letter and Blue-Letter Dates."
- f. Complete identification of Spokespersons of the 12 National Clusters, 17 Joint Regional Task Forces and Department/Agency members of the NTF-ELCAC.

- **PEACE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT:** Protecting the rights of every individual and the entire citizenry

through sustain security operations on peace, law enforcement & development undertaken by the AFP, PNP, PCG and NBI.

- a. Liberate/Free the communities from any CTG threat towards a working and responsive local governance on the ground.
 - b. Sustained military operations for the dismantling/degradation of CTG Guerilla Fronts and Regional Party Committees.
 - c. Focus military operations in neutralizing CTG personalities, with significant support/assistance from the communities.
 - d. Implement a Whole-of-Government/Nation Approach, through the support of the various regional line agencies and the significant role of the LGUs, to counter the CTG Urban and Rural Operations (RAWA Interplay).
 - e. Protect and secure critical infrastructure projects and 2021 BDP projects.
 - f. Comprehensive assessment of the status/existence of the CTG Regional Party Committees and its programs.
- **LEGAL COOPERATION:** Enforcing the laws and undertake legal offensive as a guiding principle to put communities safe from harm and exploitation. The entire government justice system in partnership with local government and agencies of government is at work to protect the human rights of every individual.
 - a. Legal offensive against the CTG is adequately supported to ensure conviction of CTG personalities and its front organization.
 - b. Create a special legal team to facilitate the case buildup and filing of cases against CTG leaders based in the Netherlands, particularly Jose Ma. Sison.
 - c. Petition for Disqualification of Bayan Muna and Act-Teacher party list groups filed in the COMELEC.
 - d. Consolidate CTG cases for possible filing of IHL cases, in close coordination with the Inter Agency Committee on AO35.
 - e. Continuing capacity-building and training activities for prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in the realm of building-up and filing of solid cases and deepening their knowledge on the ATA 2020, IHL and other related laws.
 - f. Passage of legislative measures to protect and secure the country and citizens from man-made calamities (threat groups) as well as laws that would fully support the human development and dignity of the citizenry, especially the marginalize and vulnerable sectors of the society.
 - g. Possible legal intervention to win back CTG mass-based personalities who were captured or currently in detention.
 - **LOCAL PEACE ENGAGEMENT:** Peace engagements to be locally supervised by Local Chief Executives to ascertain that the real owner of peace framework is the community themselves and not any foreign ideologies introduced in country especially inside the ancestral domains which is a private community property.

- a. LCEs fully grasped its significant role in the conduct of localized peace talks.
- b. Community-based dialogue and consultations embedded in local governance as a “bottoms-up” process to hear out the voice of the local populace.
- c. National Government and Regional Line Agencies resources are readily available to the needs of the LGEs in the conduct of localized peace talks.

- **E-CLIP AND AMNESTY PROGRAM:** Reconciliation and restoration for Former Rebels (FRs) to go back to the folds of the law & back to the mainstream of our society. The declaration of Amnesty is one of the major thrusts.

- a. Former Rebels (FRs) fully mainstreamed into the society and transformed into productive citizens for nation building.
- b. Government fully delivered/expedited its commitment/assistance to the FRs and its families.
- c. FRs reintegrated/accepted in their respective communities.
- d. National Amnesty Commission (NAC) is fully functioning to cater to the needs of Former Rebels availing of the program.
- e. Inventory of unvalidated FRs by the JAPIC.

5. Of these, we would like to request your presence together with your key members to the NTF-RTF-ELCAC Summing Up F.Y. 2018 - 2021 and Ways Forward for 2022 and beyond. May we also request the following:

- The Heads of the Regional Clusters to kindly prepare a PowerPoint presentation and briefing script with the format of contents found in Annex “C”
- The Heads of the TWG-RTFs to present their assessment of the 2018-2021 JRFT activities, including their impact to the security and socio-economic situation in the region, as well as ways forward of the JRFT; and
- The Heads of RTF-Secretariat to provide a copy of the presentations, list of invites and confirmed attendees, 2 days prior to your respective schedule at operationsdirector@ntfelcac.org .

6. If you have other inquiries on this matter, feel free to contact us through our Director for Operations, NTF-ELCAC Secretariat, COL PHILIP M FAGEL (MNSA) PA, at +639562272435, or through your respective Desk Officers.

7. For guidance and compliance.

FOR THE VICE-CHAIRMAN:


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Encls:
Annex “A” – Proposed Program Flow;
Annex “B” – Proposed Schedule; and
Annex “C” – Proposed Presentation Content

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ANNEX “A” PROPOSED PROGRAM FLOW

(Note: If you wish to change parts of the program, you may advise your respective DOs; subject for approval of the NTF-ELCAC.)

TIME	ACTIVITY	OPR
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration	Host
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Preliminaries (Prayer & National Anthem)	Host
9:10 AM – 9:15 AM	Roll Call of Attendees	Host
9:15 AM – 9:25 AM	Opening Message	CORDS
9:25 AM – 9:35 AM	Greetings from Chairperson, RPOC & RDC (5-minute each)	Chair, RPOC Chair, RDC
9:35 AM – 9:50 AM	Area Situation Update	SAKM
<i>POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIO-CULTURAL TRACK</i>		
9:50 AM – 10:10 AM	LGE	Cluster Rep
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	BS	Cluster Rep
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	IRM	Cluster Rep
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	PRLE	Cluster Rep
11:10 AM – 11:30 AM	IE	Cluster Rep
11:30 AM – 11:50 AM	SUCBEM	Cluster Rep
11:50 AM – 12:20 PM	Discussion	RTF-ELCAC Rep
12:20 pm – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
<i>PEACE ENGAGEMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND MILITARY TRACK</i>		
1:00 PM – 1:20 PM	SAKM	Cluster Rep
1:20 PM – 1:50 PM	STRATCOM	Cluster Rep
1:50 PM – 2:10 PM	PLEDS	Cluster Rep
2:10 PM – 2:30 PM	LC	Cluster Rep
2:30 PM – 2:50 PM	LPE	Cluster Rep
2:50 PM – 3:10 PM	EAP	Cluster Rep
3:10 PM – 3:20 PM	BDP Updates	RTF-ELCAC Rep
3:20 PM – 3:50 PM	Overall Assessment & Analysis	RTF-TWG
3:50 PM – 4:20 PM	Discussion	RTF-ELCAC Rep
4:20 PM – 4:50 PM	Consolidated Way Forward/Targets & Recommendations	Executive Director, NTF- ELCAC Secretariat
4:50 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Message from the Vice- Chairman, NTF-ELCAC	Sec. Hermogenes C. Esperon Jr.

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ANNEX “B” PROPOSED SCHEDULE

(Note: If you wish to change your schedule, you may advise your respective DOs for a re-schedule; subject for approval of the NTF-ELCAC.)

JANUARY 2022

24 (Monday) JRTF CAR	26 (Wednesday) JRTF 1	28 (Friday) JRTF 2
31 (Monday) JRTF 3		

FEBRUARY 2022

	2 (Wednesday) JRTF 4A	4 (Friday) JRTF 4B
7 (Monday) JRTF NCR	9 (Wednesday) JRTF 5	11 (Friday) JRTF 6
14 (Monday) JRTF 7	16 (Wednesday) JRTF 8	18 (Friday) JRTF 9
21 (Monday) JRTF 10	23 (Wednesday) JRTF 11	25 (Friday) JRTF 12
28 (Monday) JRTF 13		

MARCH 2022

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ANNEX “C” PROPOSED PRESENTATION CONTENT

(Note: If you wish to add/change the contents, you may advise your respective DOs for a revision; subject for approval of the NTF-ELCAC.)

1. Organizational Structure/Staffing Updates;
2. Significant Accomplishments and Best Practices;
3. Updates on the STGs; (if applicable)
4. Analysis and Assessment;
5. Challenges;
6. Ways Forward/ Targets; and
7. Recommendations.

Detailed Guide:

3 Min Opening Message (live delivery via Zoom) which include the following points

*Organizational structure

*Briefer on the convergence of the RTF member agencies in context of each cluster efforts

10 Min AVP (recorded delivery/presentation, should strictly be less than 10 min) which include the following points

*Significant accomplishments and best practices (as much as possible, we are aiming for quality than quantity of deliverables / accomplishments)

Additional:

*Juxtaposition of each RTF- Cluster effort to the entire RTF-ELCAC effort

*RTF- Cluster effort against CPP-NPA-NDF happening in the area (may relate to STGs, if applicable)

7 Min Closing Message

*Analysis and Assessment

*Challenges

*Ways Forward/Targets

*Recommendations