



# **WORKING GROUP ON GROWTH AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE (WG-GIC)**

## **STATUS OF THE 2008-2009 WORK PLAN**

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**4<sup>th</sup> WG-GIC Meeting  
04 November 2008  
Audio-Visual Room, BOI Penthouse**

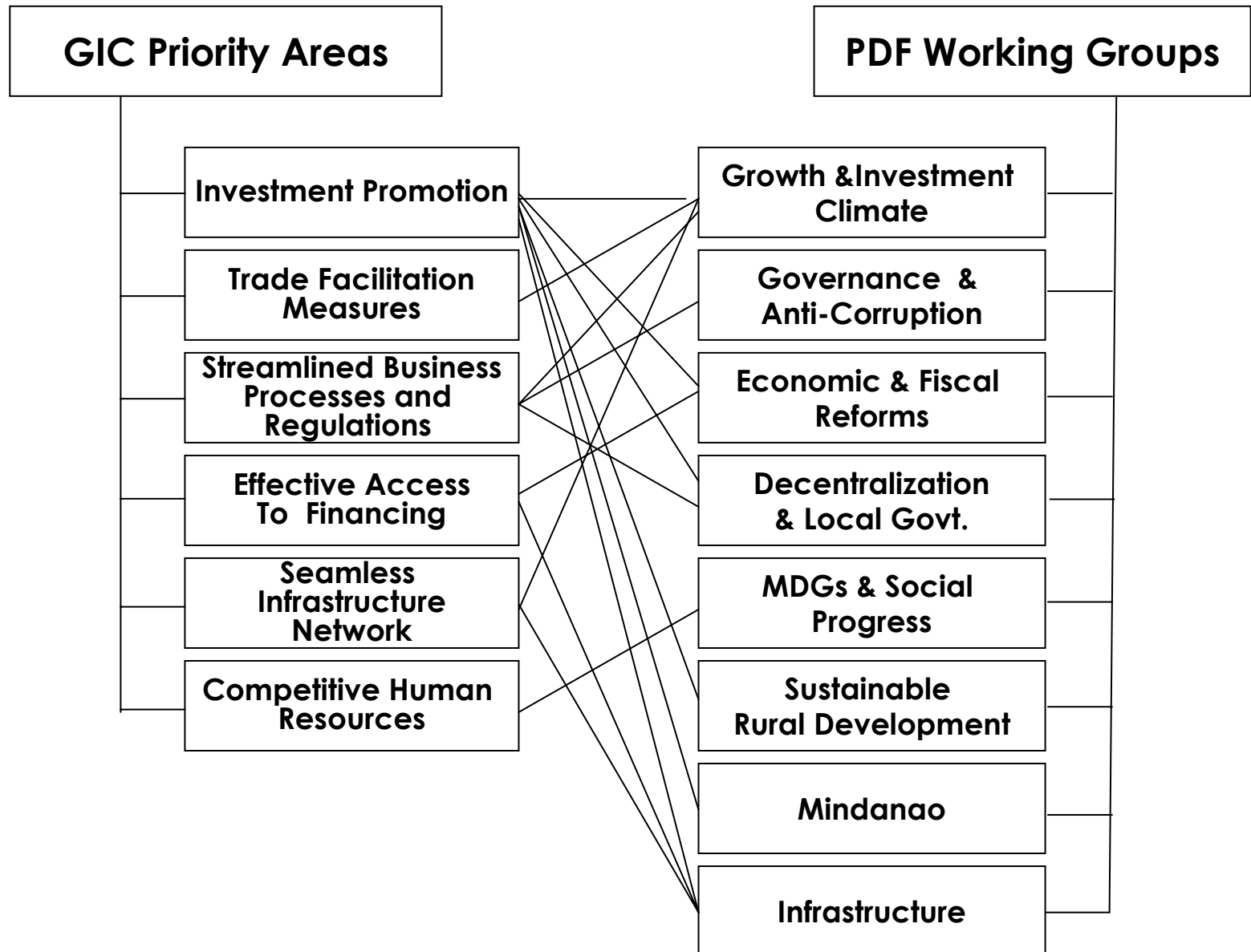
# **PRESENTATION OUTLINE**

- I. WG-GIC 2008-2009 Action Plan**
  - Status of identified activities**
  
- II. 08 October 2008 LGU Conference**

# WG-GIC Action Plan

- **April 2008-2009 WG-GIC Action Plan**
  - The working group committed to undertake activities/projects that will help in accelerating growth and improving competitiveness.
- **Five themes:**
  - accelerate and widen investments
  - expand trade
  - strengthen institutions and governance
  - provide adequate financing support
  - raise quality and productivity through innovation and technology

# Interface Between the GIC & other PDF Working Groups



# STATUS OF THE 2008-2009 WG-GIC Action Plan

## Theme 1: Accelerate and Widen Investments

- **Conducted meetings with agencies involved in four priority sectors (i.e. Agribusiness, IT-BPO, Tourism including health and wellness and mining) to scope work to be done**
- **Highlights:**
  - **identified priority geographic areas in the sectors**
  - **Sectoral TWGs organized to address coordination issues**
  - **existence of studies on the sectors but gaps remain**

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## Sector Updates : Agribusiness

- Meetings conducted (4 + 2 for LGU Conference)
- Prioritized mariculture because of its impact on employment and poverty alleviation
- Priority products: bangus, sea cucumber, grouper (lapu-lapu, selected species), abalone, silver pomfret (pompano) and mangrove jack (mayamaya)
- Support activities for the identified products : nursery, hatchery and feeds production
- BETP and BFAR mapped out resources for the identified priority products including geographical areas for investment promotion.

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## Sector Updates: IT-Business Process Outsourcing

- Meetings conducted (1 + 2 for LGU Conference)
- Identified 27 cities as “next wave” cities using the process/criteria developed by McKinsey
  - 20 out of the 27 cities have existing locators
- Harnessed Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework
  - Cebu Educational Development Foundation for Information Technology (CEDF-IT); Iloilo Federation for IT (IFIT); ICT Davao; Bacolod-Negros Occidental Educational Foundation for IT (BNEFIT); Oro ICT Council (Cagayan de Oro); Sta. Rosa ICT Council

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## Sector Updates : Tourism (including Health and Wellness)

- Meetings conducted (10 + 3 for LGU Conference)
- Focus on health and wellness with tourism gateways as anchor
  - Medical tourism - NCR
  - Tourism “gateways” - Metro Manila, Cebu, Davao, Subic-Clark, Vigan-Laoag
- Finalized the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Technical Working Group (TWG)/National Secretariat for the tourism sector (including health and wellness)
- DOH Committee of Examiners on Massage Therapy (CEMT) agreed to hold the licensure examination in Cebu City for a minimum of 50 examinees
- DOH and TESDA working towards harmonization of certification and licensure systems of massage therapists
- Took part in the Cebu Health and Wellness Council’s Study Tour on 10 September 2008

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## Sector Updates : Mining

- **Meetings conducted (1 + 5 for LGU Conference)**
- **Finalized Competitiveness Action Plan for the Mining Sector**
- **Draft Joint DOF-DBM Memorandum Circular on mining excise tax under review**

# STATUS OF THE 2008-2009 WORK PLAN OF THE GIC

## Theme 2: Expand Trade

- On the National Single Window
  - Deployed systems in 21 permits and licensing agencies:
    - DA - 8
    - DTI - 4 (BPS, BIS, BOI, PEZA)
    - BFAD
    - BIR
    - DENR
    - Other Agencies (PDEA, PNRI, LTO, NTC, OMB, FEO)
  - Pilot testing of BIS system commenced 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August 2008; other agencies to follow
- On the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)
  - Instrument of accession to the RKC signed by P/GMA
  - Awaiting committee report of Sen. Santiago for deliberation/ratification by the Senate

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## Theme 3: Strengthen Institutions and Governance

- On the review of BPLS :
  - IFC project on Regulatory Simplification started in 2 cities (Marikina, QC)
  - Ongoing discussion for the proposed single registration form for SSS, Philhealth and Pag-IBIG
  - Organized meeting to harmonize BPLS efforts of development partners and address recommendations in various ODA studies
- On documentation of good practices:
  - Launched two manuals on BPLS - toolkit and the Towards One BPLS; 13 LGUs in Cebu signed up for capacity building for the latter

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## Theme 3: Strengthen Institutions and Governance

- On review of existing laws
  - TWG formed composed of DILG and DTI legal departments that will initially review 11 national laws
- Coordinated with the WG on Decentralization and NCC for a broad work plan for assessing competitive LGUs
- TWG organized with NCC to develop the criteria for assessing competitive LGUs with AIM and LCP

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## Theme 3: Strengthen Institutions and Governance

### On PBR

- Phase 1 completed (beta version of the portal [www.business.gov.ph](http://www.business.gov.ph)) with online business registration facility for sole proprietorship soft launched on 09 July 2008
- Online business registration facilities for partnerships, corporations and cooperatives currently being developed
- Design and testing of connectivity of PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG and SSS underway
- DTI's Business Name Registration System (BNRS), BIR eTin registration and Business Permit and Licensing Systems (BPLS) of Caloocan and Mandaluyong already connected to PBR
- Single form now available in online business registration facility for sole proprietorships
- Single form for Phase 2 currently being developed
- 30 cities and municipalities nominated by the Leagues of Cities and Municipalities to possibly connect to the PBR
- Inter-LGU Workshop on PBR to be held in November 2008

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## **Theme 3: Strengthen Institutions and Governance**

**On institutionalization of Quality Management Systems (QMS) in government**

- **Tapped DAP, DBM and private sector groups to assist in QMS implementation**

**On development of criteria for assessing competitive LGUs**

- **Draft criteria prepared by the NCC TWG on Competitiveness Criteria composed of government and private sector representatives to be initially applied in the 25 priority cities**

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## **Theme 4: Provide adequate financing support**

### **On establishing a Credit Information System in the Philippines**

- **Credit Information System Act signed by P/GMA on 31 October 2008**

# **08 October 2008 LGU Conference**

## **AIM-SGV Conference Hall, Makati City**

**Theme: Harnessing LGU Leadership for Sustained  
Competitiveness**

**Organizer: National Competitiveness Council with support from  
PDF WG-GIC and WG-Decentralization**

**Participants: Local Chief Executives, NGAs, Business Chambers,  
Development Partners**

- **Discussions and experience-sharing by selected LGUs, private sector representatives**
- **LGUs' commitment to improve the country's competitiveness in 4 priority sectors (Agribusiness, IT-BPO, Tourism, including Health and Wellnes and Mining)**
- **P/GMA endorsed LGUs' commitments/action agenda on 09 October 2008**

# 08 October 2008 LGU Conference,

## Sector: AGRIBUSINESS

### Commitments/Action Agenda:

- **Work towards the promotion of competitiveness**
- **Integrate in the comprehensive local development plans and devote resources for programs and projects to improve competitiveness**
- **Support national government initiatives that are intended to enhance the country's competitiveness**
- **Pursue the Agribusiness Action Plan as agreed by the LGUs using the PPP framework**
- **Participate in capacity building programs**
- **Support initiatives in monitoring and assessing the country's competitiveness**

# 08 October 2008 LGU Conference

## Sector: IT-BPO

### Commitments/Action Agenda:

- **Adopt and implement measures and reforms to improve the business environment through simplification of business processes and procedures**
- **Establish a well-organized and investor-friendly, computerized ONE-STOP shop to facilitate business processes adopting good e-governance to increase transparency and efficiency**
- **Review, enhance and institute local incentives and fiscal reforms specific to the IT-BPO to increase the city's competitiveness**
- **Initiate, strengthen and expand Human Capacity Development Programs**

# 08 October 2008 LGU Conference

## Sector: TOURISM (INCLUDING HEALTH AND WELLNESS)

### Commitments/Action Agenda:

- Create a National Tourism Competitiveness Council
- Launch a comprehensive and integrated Philippine Tourism website
- Harmonize National Accreditation Standards
- Support national government initiatives to enhance the country's competitiveness
- Support Tourism Action Plan as agreed by LGUs using the PPP framework
  - Partner with LGUs in project planning and implementation
  - Participate in capacity building programs to enhance competitiveness
- Support initiatives in monitoring and assessing the country's competitiveness

# 08 October 2008 LGU Conference

## Sector: MINING

### Commitments/Action Agenda:

- Review systems and procedures for issuance of Exploration Permits, Mineral Agreements, and FTAAAs
- Conduct consultations with LPP and LCP in the implementation of small-scale mining laws
- Include implementation of mining laws in the ongoing review of the Local Government Code
- Implement the Joint DOF-DBM Memorandum Circular on excise tax (draft still under review)
  - Develop guidelines and procedures for the collection and sharing of mining excise and business taxes
- Support proposed rationalization of incentives that will provide greater benefits to local and national governments on mining
- Establish criteria and standards in land use planning
- Resolve overlapping land claims and boundary disputes

# WG-GIC Focus for the Next Four Months

- **Work with the National Competitiveness Council on the LGU Conference Commitments on the four priority sectors**
- **Identify and work on specific action agenda for Themes 4 and 5**