



GCG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2013 – 04

SUBJECT : ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GCG MULTI-SECTOR GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

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1. **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE.** – Weak governance has been a major obstacle to the pursuit of inclusive growth. The *Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016* and Executive Order (E.O.) No. 43, s. 2011,¹ recognize that one of the major solutions to the country's governance problem "lies outside government and involves the active participation of private business, civil society and the media in governance, monitoring and feedback."² In line with GCG's Strategy Map and Performance Scorecard, this Circular has been issued to formally establish the Commission's **Multi Sector Governance Council (MSGC)**.
2. **FUNCTIONS OF THE MSGC.** –
 - 2.1. **Mandatory Responsibilities.** The Council shall serve as an advisory board to the Commission, and shall consist of representatives from GCG's major external stakeholders. Accordingly, it shall perform the following:
 - (a) Hold meetings within thirty (30) calendar days from the close of each quarter to assess and monitor the execution of GCG's Strategy Map towards transforming the GOCC Sector;
 - (b) Proactively assist the Commission move forward with realizing its vision by providing suggestions and external perspectives, and contribute initiatives to assist the Commission achieve its targets of performance;
 - (c) Assist in the formulation / revision of the Strategy Map in coordination with the Chairman, Commissioners, and the Office of Strategy Management;
 - (d) Recommend relevant policies, strategic initiatives, measures of progress, and performance targets;
 - (e) Assist in ensuring that the Commission stays on track in installing its governance system, enabling GCG to deliver breakthrough results in all facets of its operations;

¹ See Section 2(a), E.O. No. 43, s. 2011, providing that the institutionalization of participatory governance is among the key result areas of the government.

² NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2016, 22 (2011).

2.2. Discretionary Functions. The MSGC may also perform the following:

- (a) Assist the Commission get connected to other networks that can provide support and assistance in the execution of its Strategy Map;
- (b) Link GCG to funding and support organizations critical to successfully implement the strategic initiatives in the Performance Scorecard;
- (c) Provide access to competencies and other sources of technical support when necessary and applicable;
- (d) Assist in the conducting outreach programs that reinforce and strengthen GCG's efforts in pursuing its transformative goals in its Strategy Map; and
- (e) Lead the effort to increase awareness on the GCG's governance advocacy crusade.

3. **COMPOSITION OF MSGC MEMBERS**. The MSGC shall consist of nine (9) individuals known for their personal integrity, credibility, and independent judgment. They should be knowledgeable of governance principles, best practices and the needs and concerns of the GOCC Sector.

The Members should be able to effectively represent their sector, as follows:

- 3.1. Two (2) representatives from Civil Society Organizations and/or Development Organizations;
- 3.2. Two (2) representatives from the Business Sector;
- 3.3. Two (2) representatives from the Academe;
- 3.4. Two (2) representatives from the Media;
- 3.5. One (1) representative from the Office of the President.

The Chairman shall invite reputable individuals from the above Sectors, who shall become members upon signifying their acceptance in writing. Each member shall serve until he/she resigns or is removed. Nothing herein shall be construed as guaranteeing any Member a term. The Members of the Council shall elect a Chairperson from among their ranks.

The composition and activities of the MSGC shall be made available on the Commission's website.

4. **SECRETARIAT: OFFICE OF STRATEGY MANAGEMENT (OSM)**. The OSM shall consist of the Chiefs of Staff and Senior Administrative Assistants of the Chairman and the Commissioners, Members of GCG's Performance Management Team, and such other staff designated by the Chairman. It shall be primarily responsible for the following:

- 4.1. Conduct periodic strategy execution reviews and assist all GCG offices and units in executing the Strategy Map and strategic initiatives.
- 4.2. Provide logistical and secretariat support to the MSGC by arranging and managing different MSGC meetings;
- 4.3. Provide the minutes of the meeting;

- 4.4. Provide the MSGC with reports on findings of strategy reviews, accomplishment reports, and any red flags that need the Council's attention.
- 4.5. Assist in operationalizing the programs and projects of the MSGC; and
- 4.6. Work closely with the MSGC Chairperson to prepare the agenda of each meeting.

This Circular shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Commission's website at www.gcg.gov.ph.

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