



THE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE UNDER P-NOY

TACKLING THE HARD QUESTIONS

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It is time to tackle the hard questions. In its first year in office, the P-Noy government scored major accomplishments in anti-corruption and recovery of accountability in institutions as seen in the impeachment of former Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez and in efforts to address the excesses in the management of government owned- and controlled corporations (GOCCs). However, it has wavered and failed to live up to public expectations on key accountability measures, such as making the freedom of information (FOI) act a priority.

We expect it to pursue measures along this line in the coming years, but at this point we need to start tackling the hard issues beyond governance. Deep-seated and long-standing problems in the socio-economic sphere require clear vision, strategy, policy and action.

On July 18, Focus on the Global South's Development Roundtable Series (DRTS) takes on these hard questions. Different interest groups will work out policy alternatives on a range of development issues, present analysis, and provide initial policy recommendations. A highlight of the forum will be a no-holds barred discussion on the political question of how do we act. We may be clear about our analysis and our alternatives, but are we able to muster political space and political power to see them through?

The Economic Question

Electricity, trade and industrial policy, and privatization and the public-private partnership (PPP) program

Anti-Poverty and Social Justice Question

Agrarian reform, and the conditional cash transfer scheme (CCT)

The DRTS will also provide updates on ongoing processes in Mindanao and the Visayas, on water utilities and services, and on foreign policy.

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