

Anonymous Attendee 10:20 AM

What is the current status and timeline of the bill? Projected target passing of the bill?

Anonymous Attendee 10:34 AM

What's the best way to fund UHC in the middle of a pandemic? Is this going to be part of the economic rescue package?

Anonymous Attendee 10:36 AM

Current internet capacity of the country is problematic. It is slow, a bit outdated, unstable and expensive. Given that the proposed bills emphasize IT based solutions (i.e. webinars, online learning platforms, work from home etc.), do proposed legislations consider the current situation of our country's internet capacity

Anonymous Attendee 10:37 AM

In a nutshell, how do you go about implementing unemployment insurance in your planned consolidated HB?

Anonymous Attendee 10:38 AM

First is it possible to have a copy of the presentations on FB. Thanks

Anonymous Attendee 10:38 AM

How can you see the economy recover for the coming years?(2021 onwards)

Winston 10:39 AM

Could you please share the slides in a separate email. Also could this webinar be recorded and allowed to be shared with others in business sector?

JOSENY A GUEVARRA 10:39 AM

I am from Malolos Bulacan and mass testing has not started. What hinders conduct of mass testing--- DOH go signal? Considering that ECQ ends again in May 15.

Francisco Colayco 10:39 AM

Does the bill include provisions for decentralizing the execution process?

Anonymous Attendee 10:39 AM

what is timeline please of the implementing guidelines of these plans?

Dan 10:39 AM

which agencies conducted the survey regarding unemployment? e.g. 43.3 percent laid-off or no pay, 34% of respondents lost their jobs

Anonymous Attendee 10:40 AM

How can individual decision-making units help in restarting the economy while the pandemic is still going on?

Judee 10:40 AM

Good morning. What is the timeline for passing the bill?

Anonymous Attendee 10:40 AM

Hello po!

Just want to ask if the company employees are required to undergo test before reporting to work? Is this covered by government or employer?

Thank you!

Patrick Deakin 10:40 AM

containment can be done now before testing kits and vaccines. We have protocols and products that have successfully contained Ebola for over 20 years. Only these protocols can allow us to ease ECQ

Paolo Tamase 10:41 AM

For Dr Quimbo, re: proposed three phases of reopening. Are the phases determined by region and/or by industry? Thanks, Ma'am.

Anonymous Attendee 10:42 AM

What is the expected increase in structural unemployment due to retrenchment and business closure and for how long will its effect be expected to last?

Ma Elaine Salazar 10:44 AM

For how long is this plan - just until vaccine is found? Is there a post-covid plan?

Anonymous Attendee 10:44 AM

There is a possibility that vaccine will not be generated and this bridge might become a permanent feature. I think this should be considered in the scenario planning. What are the views of the legislators on this

Alfredo Paloyo 10:44 AM

As one of the authors of the first UP School of Economics Discussion Paper policy proposal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (released on 22 March--more than a month ago), many of these were already proposed. So, in one sense, this is the best thing that I've seen come out of Congress recently (haha!). But second, I'm curious, what took so long to get to this point? Payroll subsidies, MSME loans, unconventional monetary policy--those have already been proposed. What are the sticking points?

josema.a.deleon 10:45 AM

Isn't it about time to increase the functions of the BSP such as allowing it to buy bonds and lend corporations through an SPV? Doing so would lessen the need for the government to borrow and

increase the deficit as the BSP can practically print money. To control money supply the BSP can float bonds to which banks and investors would subscribe as BSP bonds would be relatively be risk free.

Anonymous Attendee 10:45 AM

I'm from the education sector. I saw in one presentation a particular help to the education sector in the direction of helping educational institutions to go online. May I know specifics on this especially in the provision of wifi connection. Is there a plan to help LGUs to provide free wifi in their localities? Is there a plan to provide cheap devices to students? What other interventions are being eyed?

Jose Vicente Camus 10:46 AM

How much do you think

Alfredo Paloyo 10:47 AM

Second comment, not really a question: We should shed the obsession over a fiscal surplus. Every country will be in deficit after this. Don't be conservative with expenditure. The deficit that we'll incur will be temporary, not structural. We \*need\* the deficit now to protect the structural stability of the fiscal balance over the long run.

Anonymous Attendee 10:47 AM

Cong Salceda, re mining fiscal regime, does this mean congress will loosen regulation on extractive industries? Will there be a push towards new mining projects?

Jose Vicente Camus 10:48 AM

How much do you think the NDC will need

Jose Vicente Camus 10:48 AM

how will NDC exit

Anonymous Attendee 10:49 AM

Is the passage of stimulus going to be tied to CITIRA?

Ed layug 10:49 AM

Where is agriculture in all these? Isn't some 40% or so of industry is agriculture based? Ed Layug, CDO

Ian Pumaras 10:49 AM

Aloha! For Rep Quimbo: How can the Bill ensure that financial assistance to businesses will only be for COVID19-related hardships and to prevent businesses in using the financial provisions of the Bill to help fill their budget deficits generated at pre-COVID19?

Anonymous Attendee 10:50 AM

How does the government plan to manage inflation that will be caused by the stimulus?

Patrick Deakin 10:51 AM

Rep. Garin, the trillions of dengue eggs laid last year that infected 2.25M Filipinos and killed 7000 will hatch when the rains come and exacerbate the problem. current DOH has not acted on proposals made to cover the whole country 2 years for FREE. P400m worth sponsored by private sector. it was ignored. the same as the virus control program we've used to contain Ebola

Anonymous Attendee 10:51 AM

Issues on build build build still remain. I remember that emergency powers for the president were proposed by Cong. Salceda in order to address this issue. Is still being considered as a pathway in injecting the "vitamins" in the economy

R. Valenzuela 10:51 AM

Are there specific measures of the stimulus package and legislative agenda moving forward which are aimed at enhancing and sustaining economic and financial inclusion under the new normal? We need to encourage the private sector to adopt business models ( supply chain, logistics and finance) that should promote higher efficiency and productivity through digital transformation and applications in the ways of doing business for SMES, their suppliers and customers which would likewise promote greater access and usage of credit and other financial services such as purchases, bills and loan payments, funds transfers and remittances

Patrick Deakin 10:52 AM

\*2 years ago (before the epidemic)

Anonymous Attendee 10:52 AM

Thanks to the Ateneo Economics Department. There are three important factors for all this to be successful: 1) All arms of both the national government and local government share the same view and political will on how to restart the economy; 2) The requisite audit process is in place to assure that the sums intended to help startups, MSMEs and employees are properly executed. 3) While an economic stimulus is necessary to reactivate the economy, the health of the citizenry is of primary importance. The public health sector should put the necessary infrastructure to test, monitor and protect all persons that are going back to work. The question is essentially whether the rules, regulations, processes and procedures are in place to assure its implementation.

Sheena Kristine Cases 10:52 AM

Good morning. I am a knowledge management officer from Oxfam, a humanitarian and women's rights organization. Also graduated from UPSE, Batch 2011.

I am particularly curious about how needs in the health sector will be addressed as we move forward. Former Sec. Cabral also shared last week that we need to also make it one of our priorities since it was heavily hit. Also, before workers can work, we have to ensure workers are safe, secure, happy, and healthy. Considering continuing problems on teenage pregnancy (last Nov 2019 PopCom said it is a national emergency), gender-based violence, mental health, etc. How do we see all these informing the recovery plan? Also, are there plans how these (teenage pregnancy, GBV, mental health, etc.) can be addressed with the help of the stimulus package in the framework of ensuring wellbeing? Thank you!

Anonymous Attendee 10:52 AM

How can we make sure that business loans will really go to small business who need them the most?  
What forms of oversight will be established by the rescue package?

Charisse Abalos 10:52 AM

Where do cooperatives and other micro finance fall on this?

Marjorie Muyrong 10:53 AM

Dr. Quimbo mentions the role of agriculture as part of the things we have to think about toward fostering economic resilience (and toward pushing for industrialization as well):

1) What specific roles can we give to agriculture in this 'new normal'?

2) What are the specific programs/ policies for agriculture? Are these policies going to be under the sectoral reforms as per Rep Garin's table?

Gabriel Magno 10:53 AM

Are there any measures to effectively tax POGOs and force them to comply?

Anonymous Attendee 10:56 AM

May we get copies of the slides after the webinar? Thank you.

Anonymous Attendee 10:56 AM

The question again is whether the rules, regulations, processes and procedures are in place and well understood by all the persons and organizations involved to assure the effective implementation of all these three factors.

Lawrence Malasa 11:05 AM

Good day! Will there be policies/programs that support training/re-training of employees should businesses shift some of their functions to digital/online?

ERVAL FLORES 11:05 AM

Magandang umaga po, maganda po ang mga proposal HB specially sa mga small and medium business enterprise, sana po mainconsider din po ang mga TODA lalo na sa mga probinsiya (Samal, Bataan), at magkaroon din po ng HB giving incentive para po sa mga frontliners, BHW, barangay tanod. Maraming Salamat po at nagkaroon ng ganitong seminar. Isang naglilingkod sa Bayan ng Samal, Erval Flores. u

Charisse Abalos 11:08 AM

Who will shoulder the mass testing for returning employees?

Judee 11:08 AM

I noticed there is no actual total amount appropriated in the consolidated bill, is there already a sum arrived at? Where will the government source out the fund for this measure?

Anonymous Attendee 11:10 AM

Responding to the compelling point of Dr. Canlas on providing assistance to big firms since these firms will also affect, should this be considered in the bill, I would like to suggest that a supply and value chain analysis should be considered in the provision of these resources. This is to make sure that we maximize the scope of the stimulus. An emphasis should be given to vulnerable sectors such as the urban poor, tourism sector, informal economy etc.

Anonymous Attendee 11:10 AM

Statement earlier was, MSMEs/SMEs will be able to avail of stimulus package if it executes some undertaking re employment of workers. But some businesses operate with no employees, using only independent contractors or getting help from family members. These are to be differentiated from the informal economy (if your definition, as what I gathered earlier was non-registration). How may these types of SMEs/MSMEs benefit from this proposal?

solitamonsod 11:11 AM

Did I hear right? Stella Quimbo said that focusing on agriculture was necessary for the proper industrialization. I agree. Then Joey Salceda comes up with the recommendation that we should remove the five-hectare limit (to take advantage of economies of scale) in order to help agriculture. That is leap of logic that has no basis (I thought that this was all going to be evidence or data-based). This cavalier treatment of farmers and the agriculture sector is not acceptable.

Bong Inciong 11:12 AM

Is it to have something similar to the Civilian Construction Corps during the Great Depression? Employing people, especially the urban poor, in, for example in the of planting/replanting of mangroves, reforestation with bamboo, and construction of water systems for irrigation. These are public goods with numerous benefits.

Jose Vicente Camus 11:13 AM

what about balik probinsya

Anonymous Attendee 11:15 AM

When we say massive testing whether private or government - led, are we referring to PCR or rapid test? Do we have enough resources (e.g. Lab, reagents, personnel, disposal) to do PCR test?

R. Valenzuela 11:15 AM

In this environment where distance is back and on line and digitally supported business is becoming the new normal, are there any new legislative and policy initiatives to strengthen the E-Commerce act and its implementation? Are there incentives to promote higher productivity and raise efficiencies for SMEs, their suppliers and customers which would likewise encourage greater access and usage of credit and other financial services such as purchases, bills and loan payments and funds transfers under the new normal given that we are still heavily a cash based economy in these areas rather than digital? From : A DTI -GO Negosyo and Small Business Corporation Mentor for Finance and Former Accounting and BAP and BPI Chief Economist and Bank Chief Risk Officer

Anonymous Attendee 11:17 AM

Hi, to our economists/panelists, may I ask what is the current (pre-covid) multiplier of government spending? of household spending? please and thank you

AURORA CRISTINA BERMUDEZ 11:17 AM

Does the economic stimulus package consider the potential impact of the Balik Probinsya program of the government? In what light or to what extent?

Anonymous Attendee 11:18 AM

What will be the role of PGC again in terms of guaranteeing loans? Based on recent experiences, it's been difficult to borrow even from active and current revolving credit lines from the banks. Understandably, they are provisioning for bad debts but this is affecting the working cap requirements even for companies in the "essential" sectors. Maybe guarantees from the govt will help ease the credit risk aversion of some banks

Ma Elaine Salazar 11:20 AM

Ageee w Dr Ang we need to have capacity bldg and info campaign of the stimulus plan. Do you have some details on how to capacitate and inform specific groups small transport groups, SMEs, and specially the brgy officials?

Gabriel Magno 11:38 AM

Will this webinar be made available later on (like through youtube) so they can be revisited?

R. Valenzuela 11:40 AM

In the supply chain blue print that MVP pointed out, we need to have a robust digital identification and transaction authorization system nationwide with best standardized characteristics such as immutability, cryptography and provenance features ( including the National ID system) for participants in the supply value chain. For this we have to set acceptable national standards. A member of the Advisory Board of the Yupangco Group, DTI-Go Negosyo Mentor and Senior Consultant of Prolenders Finance

JC Punongbayan 11:46 AM

How will government finance the proposed economic rescue package?

Anonymous Attendee 11:48 AM

how can we go about preventing Senior citizens and Immunocompromised people from going out. inunderstand the senior citizen's representativenis very vigilant in assertingnits right of aenior citizens to earn a living with a claim of they can be healthy. who recommends otherwise, with due respect to the sc community.

Bong Inciong 11:48 AM

On Mr. Pangilinan's point about Agri Data, its about time we implement the Agri-Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997 which provides for a National Informtion Network for agri-fisheries. Presently, there is no data system for the sector.

Anonymous Attendee 11:50 AM

how do we consider the absorptive capacity of the implementors (e.g. national government agencies, local government units, etc) of the stimulus interventions?

Isabel Zulueta 11:51 AM

how can the law identify the person who is immunocompromised e.g. those with lupus, psoriasis (a autoimmune disease), asthma, diabetes, heart conditions etc., and prevent them from catching the virus and further spread it while going to work ? will it be a "go out on your own risk and spread it to your family and the public?" thank you.

Anonymous Attendee 11:59 AM

Question for PLDT Chairman and CEO Manuel V. Pangilinan

With the partnership of the government, would you consider providing FREE high speed internet to all MSMEs and even the self-employed to help them restructure their businesses from face-to-face to more online? (i.e. telemedicine, online retail, e-learning) Do you think there's a remote chance this can help advance the Philippines in the e-commerce space?

Rep. Sharon Garin would like to answer this question live.

Patrick Deakin 11:59 AM

Sec. Joey, please prioritize EMS law. been pending 22 years in congress.

Anonymous Attendee 12:00 PM

can we request recording of webinar?

Anonymous Attendee 12:00 PM

Is it possible for the slides used by the presenters and reactors to be made available online or to the participants?

R. Valenzuela 12:02 PM

The asset backed including mortgaged bank securities legislation including Securitization Law has been enacted long time ago but the market is inactive. We need to get the bankers, capital market participants and regulators to get their act together on this. The Former BAP Chief Economist and PDS Group Executive

Judee 12:03 PM

To Cong. Salceda:

How will the Balik Probinsya Program be incorporated in Citira? Is this on top of incentivizing countryside development already organic in the passed Citira bill in the House?

Isabel Zulueta 12:03 PM

Sorry re immunocompromised workers / private business owners. Maybe it is not a proper subject in this discussion re the Economic Stimulus Act , but maybe it is good to set parameters somewhere, anyway restraint is just temporary and not an absolute curtailment of basic rights. Thank you! I like rapid testing before check-in etc.

Anonymous Attendee 12:04 PM

Does the consolidated bill include deferment of income tax payments for MSMEs, possibly for a year to help address cash liquidity? As you know, payment of taxes was extended only until June 14.

R. Valenzuela 12:10 PM

The digital economy is not yet quite inclusive especially on the financial services side. There should be incentives and policies to improve continuing financial literacy and formal education in this regard. While access points have been expanded and small saver products have been introduced, we have to streamline the internet access and speed, awareness of the use potential and the impact of being formally banked on income and welfare. From : The Former BAP and BPI Chief Economist, Price Waterhouse Coopers Executive Director and a former President of a GOCC owned financial institution

Anonymous Attendee 12:14 PM

What does CITRA stand for? It has been discussed extensively but sorry, I don't know what it means. Thanks!

Mara Villegas 12:16 PM

Why cant the Tax Identification Number, serve as the basis for the National ID System.

The first launch of the National Id System was even declared unconstitutional, and word on the ground was because govt didnt have the infrastructure to protect identities (remember even biggest data privacy breach in 2015 in the world, was COMELEC losing 50M filipinos personal data).

Ma. Paz Cruz-Tayag 12:18 PM

1. As Cong. Quimbo mentioned, the re-opening of the economy should be gradual, cautious and informed. Have we conducted random testing among the people living in the slum areas? When they start going out after the quarantine without being tested, we might see another wave of infection.

2. The programs for small businesses are commendable. However, so far, the implementation (DOLE's CAMP and SSS/BIR's SBWS) is deplorable. The small businesses are being punished for the poor database and lack of system of the DOLE and BIR.

Carmen Benares 12:27 PM

It all boils down to implementation. Please see to it that controls are in place so the benefits/loans go to the qualified beneficiaries/borrowers. Let us do away with anomalies of the Social Amelioration Program (and all other government programs as well).

Anonymous Attendee 12:30 PM

please consider another TB(airborne bacteria), one of the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the Philippines as part of the screening

marichi de sagun 12:31 PM

How about a transitory provision in the bill which allows for implementation research for some of the unanswered questions?

Faye Condez-de Sagon

Is there a rough assessment of how soon we can expect the bill to reach the floor for deliberation (interpellation/amendments)?

Faye Condez-de Sagon

It was mentioned by Rep. Salceda that under the Build-Build-Build programs, the PESA will also include development of the digital-economy. Is there a recommended budget for this program? If so, how much?

Jamie Duque-Daileg

All these policy interventions require public funding. Where do we source the funding for these measures? Are we considering increasing government borrowings or selling of government assets? Please note that CITIRA in its present form is considered largely revenue-neutral. Thank you.