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The Philippine National Action Plan for CBRN Risk Mitigation: The Past, the Present and the Future

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**Unless we understand
the PAST, we can not
appreciate the
PRESENT**

**Then, we are paralyzed
by inaction and find it
difficult to move into
FUTURE**

**Therefore, we need to
move towards a
COMMON
UNDERSTANDING**

The Birth of the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence for Southeast Asia

2009 – Visit by EU External Action Service to introduce the Instrument for Stability

2010- First Round Table of National Focal Points held in Manila hosted by the Philippine Center for Transnational Crime organized by Jose Embang, Jr.

2011- the Secretariat temporarily became operational at the UN Building in Bangkok with Maria Eugenia de los Angeles Retorri as the UNICRI Coordinator but on October 2011 at 3rd NFP RTM held in Cambodia the Philippines expressed its interest to host the Secretariat. On December 2011 the EU offered the Philippines to host the Secretariat

Laying the Ground Work for the Philippine CBRN National Action Plan and CBRN Strategy

1. **CBRN Governance Workshop – February 2012**
2. **Undertaking the Self Administered Needs Assessment Tool and Visit by the EU JRC for the Needs Assessment Questionnaire**
3. **UNICRI Experts (Andrew, Alex and Andrea) to catalyze the discussion of the CBRN NAP using a series of risk based scenario in 2013**

Philippine Government Recognized the Importance of the NAP CBRN

**Utilized its own internal funding, resources and
SME's to finalize the NAP resulting in the first
version 2014-2016**

The CBRN NAP as a Living D

- 1. Bridged the Philippines with the Global Partnership since the NAP was presented in 2017 during the GP Meeting in Rome arranged by UNCRI**
- 2. In 2018, Harro Witterman, UNCRI Coordinator for SEA organized a workshop on October 2018 to Brunei, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Cambodia and the Philippines**
- 3. In 2018 RTM in LAO PDR, the Philippines was requested to present to LAO PDR officials on the NAP**
- 4. The Philippines continued to work on revising the NAP and networking with potential donor**

PHILIPPINE CBRN NAP 2014-2016 onwards

Various government agencies in the Philippines have been tasked to control materials that comprise the CBRN threat. An all-hazards approach was identified to be more practical as advances in technology have been rapid in recent years.

To reduce the possibility of the occurrence of a CBRN incident is the primary goal of this National Action Plan(NAP). In order to achieve this, concrete steps must be undertaken “to reduce the threat of, and damage from CBRN incidents of accidental, natural, and intentional origin, including terrorist acts.”

Notably, the CBRN NAP has been produced by relevant government agencies and institutions that worked together under the coordination and supervision of the National CBRN Team of the Philippines. The fundamental principles in the preparation of the NAP are inter-agency collaboration, joint planning, and information-sharing to identify and maximize the level of protection of the population.

The need for a strategic export control law was part of this NAP and the Philippine STMA was enacted in November 2015

NAP CBRN 2018-2022

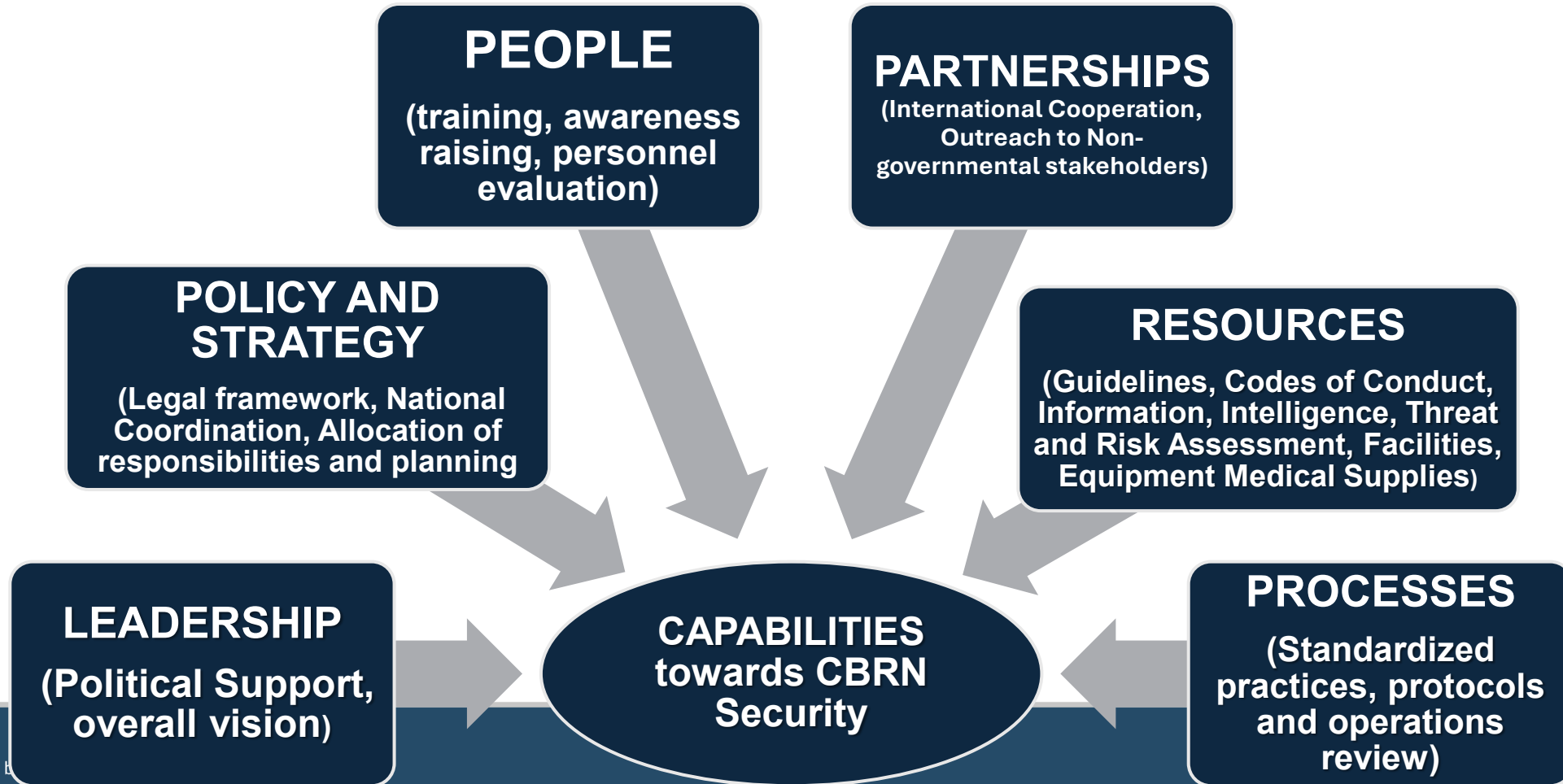
Institutionalized as ATC Resolution 40

- **Philippines actively participated in the Biological Weapons Convention with the CBMs as one of its objectives under the NAP**
- **Philippine assisted LAO PDR to submit their CBMS**

NAP CBRN 2024 and onwards

- **MAJOR MAJOR SUCCESS STORY IS THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS ACT**
- **Will have a closer look emerging technologies**
- **Additional objectives focused on the ports and data collaborating center**
- **Desire to ratify ICSANT**
- **The new version has been present to the Anti-Terrorism Council in early 2025**

BENEFITS of ADOPTING the Philippine NAP CBRN on Development of Capabilities for CBRN Risk Mitigation



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