



# Philippine Governance: Lessons and Prospects for the Marcos Jr. Administration

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This afternoon, we have seen key lessons learned from the Duterte government and how to move forward with the concept of inclusive governance in mind. We have seen the issues that matter to Filipinos and what the government must address today.

Learning from our history and looking back is necessary to build better and move forward, especially from the various crises we faced in the past two and a half years. This is what we have done today through this forum. We must not forget the shortcomings of the previous administration, but we must also recognize what it has done well. We used not just domestic standards but international governance indicators.

Beyond this, we learned that the government must look not just at outputs but outcomes. Being outcome-oriented fosters longer-term thinking and helps create a more effective form of governance. Moreover, we saw how governance needs political champions at every level.

As such, we at the Stratbase ADR Institute and Democracy Watch Philippines primarily call on government **to forward an agenda of good, inclusive governance.** We also call on the Marcos Jr. administration **to follow through with its policy pronouncements, priorities, and promises.** We fervently hope that government officials will remain attentive to the public's needs, concerns, and demands.

We further call on **stakeholders to actively engage the administration** – we call on groups from civil society, the private sector, and other concerned individuals to hold our leaders accountable to pursue the reforms and programs it said it would. For our democracy to progress, we must continue engaging with the government, partnering when and where possible for various efforts.

We at the Institute and Democracy Watch **remain cautiously optimistic**, especially now during the budget season, as the different priorities receive their respective budget allocations, all in line with the President's 8-point socioeconomic agenda.

We look forward to what the coming year will look like under President Marcos Jr.'s leadership. And from there, we too will assess how his term is unfolding, because we believe that **all governments must be evaluated objectively across widely accepted governance standards**, for this is how we help our country to become better.



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