

# “Environmental Stewardship Post-Pandemic: The Path to a Green Economic Recovery”

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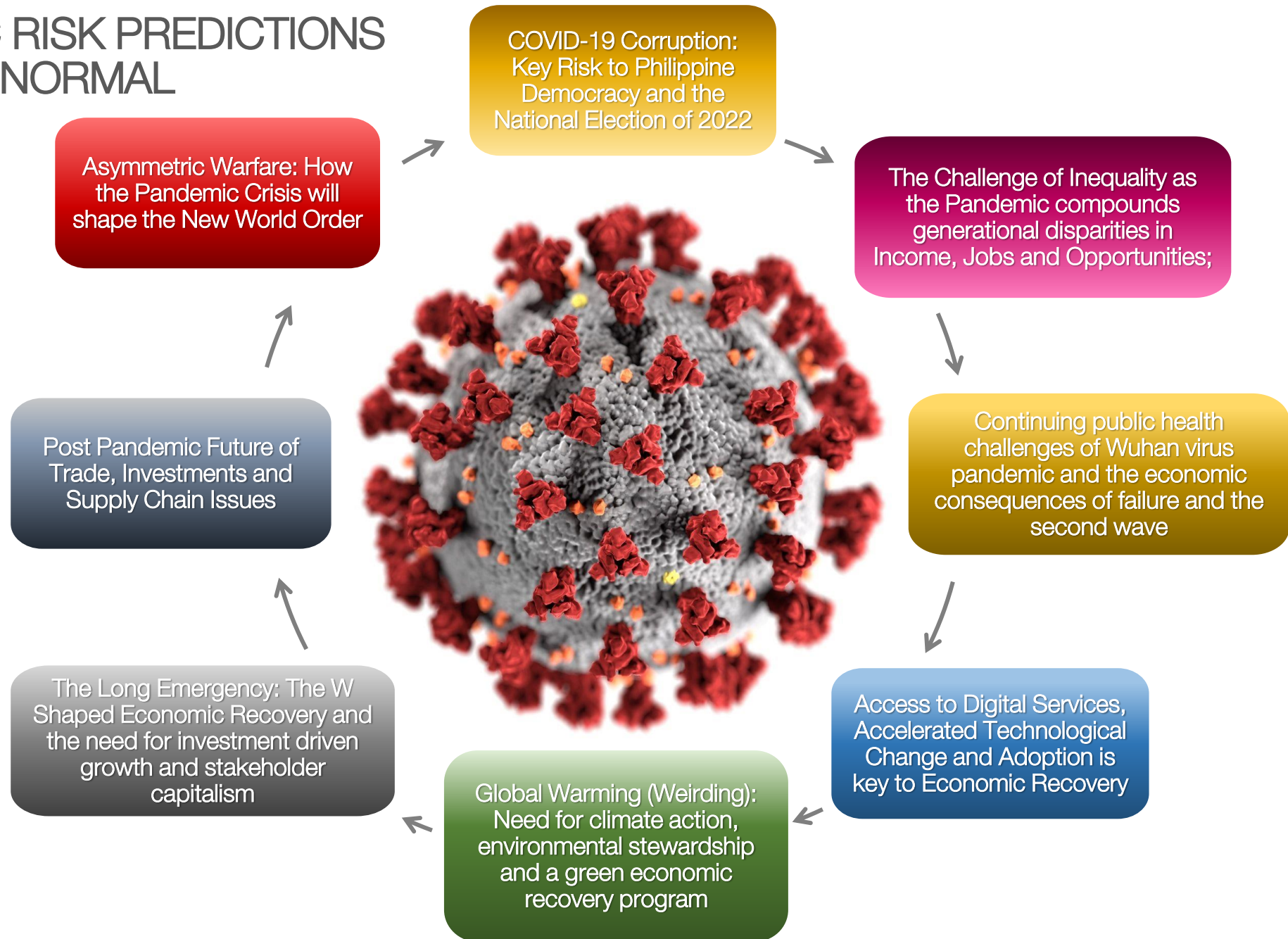
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We are all living in an era best characterized by radical, complex, and accelerated change. It is the central driver of the future. We live in a time of explosive, dynamic, and quickening change that creates Strategic Surprise – an unanticipated abrupt change that blindsides you, that is totally unexpected and strikes with a force that is large, disruptive, and can be disturbing.

The “Wuhan Virus” Pandemic impact is not only economic, political, and societal, but even environmental.

# 8 PANDEMIC RISK PREDICTIONS IN THE NEW NORMAL



# GLOBAL WARMING (WEIRDING): NEED FOR CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AND A GREEN ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM

The present public health crisis revealed the reality that we can no longer go back to our old ways. **As we look forward to creating jobs and jumpstarting the economy**, there is a pressing **need for a whole-of-society approach** in our climate action. The whole-of-society approach necessitated by the pandemic makes it evident that **individuals, businesses, civil society, and government must all play their individual roles to effect lasting change.**

## “WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY APPROACH”

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

We must push for a more **circular economy**, one wherein we all **efficiently manage our solid wastes as well as our mineral and forest resources**. After all, we will have to **revisit policies on underutilized industries** such as the mining industry in order to stop the country's economic hemorrhaging. However, we must only proceed if we uphold the **responsible and sustainably practices** under an **environmental stewardship-centered economic agenda**.

We must remember the **centrality of environmental stewardship in the new normal** we are creating. This is the path to a green economic recovery – one that is grounded on **sustainable, balanced, responsible and holistic practices**.

# GREEN ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM

With the focus on generating jobs for Filipinos post-pandemic, we need to **create jobs in the emerging green sector**. Previous estimates found that this strategy could result in 14 million jobs in the country. These new jobs will be in sectors such as sanitation, energy, and tourism.

Aside from these, we should encourage **green investments and projects**. Through **fiscal and non-fiscal incentives**, government should attract investments and projects that are not only **economically viable**, but **address environmental concerns** as well. They should encourage PPPs to build climate-resilient projects, such as investments in smart grids that not only lower the demand for electricity generation, but also the costs.

“Enabling collective efforts on the environment through policy and regulatory reforms, while also balancing economic development needs, requires harmonized policies, holistic and practical solutions, sustainable alternatives in operations, and, above all, changes in behavior and mindsets. By strengthening partnerships among all stakeholders—the government, the private sector, the academe, nongovernment organizations, civic groups—the Philippines can work to become a model of climate resilience through more responsible environmental stewardship.”

Collective Environmental Stewardship

Philippine Daily Inquirer, 6 December 2019



“We risk missing a ‘green’ economic reset after the coronavirus pandemic.”

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