

## **EODB-ARTA Advisory Council hold inaugural meeting**

**August 8, 2019** – The Ease of Doing Business- Anti-Red Tape Authority (EODB-ARTA) Advisory Council held its inaugural meeting following the appointment of its first Director General, Atty. Jeremiah B. Belgica and the subsequent appointment of one of its two Private Sector representatives, Mr. Peter Wallace last July 29.

Earlier today, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Ramon M. Lopez and Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Director General Jeremiah B. Belgica led the meeting of the Council which discussed a briefing on ARTA and the proposed projects. Other members present were Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Assistant Secretary Emmanuel Caintic, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Assistant Secretary Ester Aldana, Department of Finance (DOF) Director Angelica Sarmiento, and from the Private Sector, Mr. Peter Wallace with resource person Mr. Guillermo Luz. The meeting was held at the Board of Investments (BOI) Building in Makati.

Among the agreements of the Council were possible projects to be undertaken such as the National Business One-Stop Shop and Adoption of the Council of one DB Reform Committee with 11 Sub-Committees. They also tackled the designation of permanent alternates and the schedule and hosting of the regular Council meetings.

The EODB-ARTA Advisory Council was created under Section 19 of R.A. 11032 and is tasked to formulate policies and programs to enhance and improve the country's competitiveness and ease of doing business as well as promote anti-red tape initiatives. Furthermore, the Council is also responsible for recommending to the Authority issuances of the relevant measures to promote transparency and efficiency in business practices and government service delivery.

The Council replaces the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) which was previously created under Executive Order No. 44 last 2011.

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