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FORMER Defense secretary and Senate candidate Gilbert "Gibo" Teodoro said on Friday that strategies aimed to address climate change and its effect must be appropriate to the situation of the country and not just merely adhere to the standards set by first-world countries.

Teodoro lamented that a country like the Philippines may be hard pressed to comply with the standards of other nations to mitigate the impacts of climate change due to its geographic setup.

"Our country is made up of more than 7,000 islands with different conditions. We must have tailor-made climate change strategies in the Philippines," the former lawmaker from Tarlac stated.

Strategies, preparations and implementation must be fast tracked to lessen the adverse effects of typhoons, flooding in urban and coastal areas, heat waves, and drought, among others, he added.

Teodoro, who previously served as an executive for a renewable energy firm, acknowledged that some areas in the country may find it challenging to invest in cleaner sources of energy as they are in need of accessible and affordable sources of power.

He also emphasized the need to capacitate local government units by assisting them to implement localized strategies in combating climate-related concerns.