



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Memorandum Order No. 2
Series of 2014

ESTABLISHING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES STATISTICS

WHEREAS, PSA Board Resolution No. 4, Series of 2014, established the Committees on Statistics of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

WHEREAS, one of the committees established was the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Statistics;

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Statistics (IACENRS) will serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of environment and natural resources and other related statistics;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IACENRS is hereby established with the following composition and terms of reference:

Undersecretary for Administration and Information System
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Assistant National Statistician
Macroeconomic Accounts and Services
Philippine Statistics Authority

Deputy Executive Director
Climate Change Commission

Director
Agriculture and Natural Resources Staff
National Economic and Development Authority

Deputy Administrator
Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration

Director
Bureau of Local Government Development
Department of Interior and Local Government

Executive Director (or Representative)
National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council

Executive Director
Project NOAH (National Operational Assessment of Hazards)

Resource Persons: Director
Bureau of Land Development
Department of Agrarian Reform

Director
National Epidemiology Center
Department of Health

Director
Energy Policy and Planning Bureau
Department of Energy

Executive Director
Manila Observatory

Representative
Senate Economic Planning Office

Representative
University of the Philippines at Los Baños

Executive Director
Foundation for the Philippine Environment

Representative
Federation of Philippine Industries

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson/Co-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among the members. Resource persons may be invited in the meetings of the Committee as the need for them arises.

The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

1. Serve as forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination, and use of environment and disaster statistics;
2. Recommend to the Board appropriate measures and statistical policies for the improvement of statistics as well as the system of data generation, dissemination, and utilization of environment and disaster statistics and all related indicators, including the corresponding statistical frameworks, methodologies and processes;
3. Recommend to the Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the production, dissemination, and archiving of environment and disaster statistics;
4. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System, such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out decisions involving the use of environment and disaster statistics and related programs set forth in the country's national development plans as well as in the corresponding national statistical development programs;

5. Review and enhance the concepts, techniques and methodologies used in the collection, processing and reporting of environment statistics to ensure conformity with the prescribed statistical standards and classification system;
6. Recommend policies for the development and maintenance of the ENR WEB portal (ENR information system); and,
7. Recommend improvements in the methodology of compiling the Philippine Economic-Environmental and Natural Resources Accounts (PEENRA) and formulate appropriate measures to ensure that its data requirements are being generated by all concerned agencies.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACENRS, the PSA Technical Staff shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. For more effective conduct of meetings, the identified IAENRS core group shall serve as basis for determining its quorum. The PSA and DENR Technical Staff shall provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IACENRS. It shall also monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the PSA Board.

The Committee may establish technical working groups (TWGs) and task forces (TFs), as the need arises, to assist in the exercise of its functions, subject to the approval of the PSA National Statistician. Technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the TWGs/TFs shall be provided by the concerned agencies as agreed upon by the concerned group. Other member-agencies are enjoined to give same support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

The Committee shall submit to the National Statistician its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 23 December 2014.

Attested by:


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