



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Memorandum Order No. **04**
Series of 2018

**RECONSTITUTING AND EXPANDING THE
INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Migration Statistics (IACMS) was established through PSA Memorandum Order No. 03, Series of 2014, to serve as a venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of migration and other related statistics;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 03, Series of 2014, states that the PSA Technical Staff shall review the composition of the IACMS on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution to enhance its effectiveness and efficiency;

WHEREAS, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) expressed their interest in joining the IACMS. The BSP which compiles data on overseas Filipinos' (OF) remittances and supervises bank-related initiatives for OFs, shall provide inputs for the operationalization of the framework and the official concepts and definitions on migration statistics, particularly to establish consistency in the compilation of OF remittances and adherence to relevant concepts in the Balance of Payments and International Investment Positions Manual, 6th Edition (BPM6) and the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA).

WHEREAS, the IACMS also identified the importance of National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the authority on macroeconomic forecasting, and policy analysis and research, to become part of the IACMS.

WHEREAS, in view of the addition of member agencies of the IACMS, it is imperative to reconstitute the IACMS to better avail of the expertise of the relevant sectoral agencies to ensure an efficient workable scheme towards the production, dissemination and archiving of migration statistics;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IACMS is hereby reconstituted and expanded as follows:

Undersecretary
Department of Interior Local and Government

Deputy National Statistician for Sectoral Statistics
Philippine Statistics Authority

Executive Director
Commission on Filipinos Overseas

Executive Director
Commission on Population



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Chief
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Director
Planning Branch
Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

Director
University of the Philippines Population Institute

Assistant National Statistician for Social Sector Statistics
Philippine Statistics Authority

Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs
Department of Foreign Affairs

Undersecretary for Policy and Planning
National Economic and Development Authority

Director
Department of Economic Statistics
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson/Co-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among its members. The Assistant National Statistician for the Civil Registration Service of the PSA and the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs of the DFA are reclassified as resource persons and 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 a forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination, and use of education, culture and sports statistics;
2. Recommend to the Board appropriate measures and statistical policies for the improvement of statistics including statistical frameworks, methodologies and processes for the generation and dissemination of migration statistics, such as information on overseas Filipinos;
3. Recommend to the Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the production, dissemination, and archiving of migration statistics; and
4. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System, such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out migration statistics and related programs set forth in the country's national development plans as well as in the corresponding national statistical development programs.



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For effective conduct of meetings, the identified IACMS members shall serve as basis for determining its quorum. The PSA Technical Staff shall provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IACMS. 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 relevant agencies as agreed upon by the concerned group. Other member agencies are enjoined to give the 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 26 March 2018.

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