



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

PSA Memorandum Order No. 08
Series of 2019

**RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, PSA Memorandum Order No. 04, Series of 2014, established the Committees on Statistics of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), which includes the Committee on Education Statistics;

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Education Statistics (IACES) was established with its composition and terms of reference through PSA Memorandum Order No. 05, Series of 2015, to serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review of current techniques/methodologies, and recommendation of policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of education and other related statistics;

WHEREAS, the Committee was reconstituted and expanded to include the Early Childhood Care and Development Council and the Philippine Sports Commission as members of the IACES through PSA Memorandum Order No. 02, Series of 2016;

WHEREAS, the Committee was reconstituted again to reaffirm the commitment of its member agencies in participating actively in the discussion and resolution of issues through PSA Memorandum Order No. 08, Series of 2017;

WHEREAS, the Committee has been building up efforts towards the harmonization of information systems across all levels of education to construct a unified data structure, track learner movement, and develop a common portal where education statistics will be funneled for connectivity, as programmed in the Philippine Statistical Development Program 2018-2023 and its previous edition.

WHEREAS, the programs of the Committee can be realized with the assistance of the Department of Information and Communications Technology, which is mandated to harmonize and coordinate all national ICT plans and initiatives to ensure knowledge, information and resource-sharing, database-building and agency networking linkages among government agencies;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Committee to affirm the commitment of relevant agencies and adopt the terms of reference as stipulated in the Revised Guidelines for Committees on Statistics dated 18 June 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, IACES is hereby reconstituted with the following composition and terms of reference:

Director

Planning Service
Department of Education

Director

Office of Planning, Research and Knowledge Management
Commission on Higher Education

Assistant Executive Director

Planning Office – Corporate Planning Unit
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

Director

Social Development Staff
National Economic and Development Authority

Assistant National Statistician

Social Sector Statistics Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

Lead

Data Management Component
National Government Portal Project
Department of Information and Communications Technology

Deputy Executive Director

National Commission for Culture and the Arts

Deputy Executive Director

National Child Development Center Project Unit
Early Childhood Care and Development Council

Division Chief

Program Research and Development Division
Philippine Sports Commission

The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among the members.

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The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

1. Serve as forum for the exchange of views and expertise:
 - a. to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination and use of education, culture and sports statistics; and
 - b. in the development, maintenance and compliance to statistical standards and classification systems;
2. Discuss and identify statistical development programs (SDPs) addressing emerging statistical issues and concerns (data revolution, open data initiative, big data, PSS stakeholders' statistical requirements, etc.) and international commitments (ASEAN cooperation in statistics, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data (CT-GAP), etc.) concerning the education and related sectors for inclusion in the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP);
3. Lead in all undertakings relative to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of the SDPs, particularly on the education and related sectors;
4. Undertake/Lead in the prioritization of statistical requirements and situational assessments of the education and related sectors;
5. Prepare statistical frameworks for the education and related sectors;
6. Recommend to the PSA Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the production, dissemination, utilization and archiving of education, culture and sports statistics;
7. Recommend to the PSA Board appropriate measures for the improvement of statistics, statistical standards and classification systems, frameworks, methodologies and processes for the generation, dissemination and use of education, culture and sports statistics; and
8. Perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary/critical for the education and related sectors, or the PSS in general.

The membership of IACES may be increased or decreased as the exigencies of its work require, provided that it shall be authorized by the PSA National Statistician. Furthermore, resource persons may be invited in the meetings of the Committee as the need for them arises.

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

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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.

The Committee shall submit to the PSA 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 05 July 2019.



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