



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Memorandum Order No. 06
Series of 2016

**ESTABLISHING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON
STATISTICAL STANDARDS AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

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

WHEREAS, one of the committees established was the Committee on Statistical Standards and Classifications (CSSC) to advise the Board in the development and maintenance of statistical standards and classification systems for government statistics;

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Statistical Standards and Classifications (IACSSC) will serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues on statistical standards and classification systems, review of its application as well as current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the implementation and compliance to statistical standards and classification systems;

WHEREAS, based on the Provincial and Municipal Assessment, Consultation Workshop, and Technical Writeshop on the Adoption of Statistical Classification Systems and Other Statistical Standards at the Local Level held in Kalibo and Malay, Aklan from 31 July 2016 – 03 August 2016, some important agencies/departments with national, regional, and provincial concerns and/or presence at the local level play significant roles in cascading and ensuring the adoption and monitoring of classification systems at the national and local levels;

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

- Chair:** Deputy National Statistician
Censuses and Technical Coordination Office
Philippine Statistics Authority
- Vice-Chair:** Director
Export Marketing Bureau
Department of Trade and Industry
- Members:** Director
National Policy and Planning Staff
National Economic and Development Authority

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

Director
Planning and Management Service
Department of Justice

Director
Planning, Management and Information Systems Division
Tariff Commission

Director
Planning Service
Department of Labor and Employment

Assistant National Statistician
Standards Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

Chief, Statistical Classifications Division
Standards Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

The following are hereby designated as resource persons:

a.) Retired Experts:

Ms. Lina V. Castro

Mr. Artemio D. Bernardino

Ms. Nelia R. Marquez

Dr. Romulo A. Virola

b.) Other Departments/Agencies:

Director
Election Records and Statistics Department
Commission on Election

Director
Fiscal Policy and Planning Office
Department of Finance

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

Director
Office of Tourism Development, Planning, Research &
Information Management
Department of Tourism

Director
Planning and Monitoring Service
Department of Agriculture

Assistant National Statistician
National Censuses Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

Assistant National Statistician
Economic Sector Statistics Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

Assistant National Statistician
Social Sector Statistics Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

The specific functions of the Committee are amended as follows:

1. Serve as forum for the exchange in views and expertise in the development and maintenance of statistical standards and classification systems;
2. Recommend to the Board appropriate measures and statistical policies for the improvement of statistical standards and classification systems;
3. Review and evaluate the applicability of new international statistical standards and classification systems in the Philippine setting;
4. Recommend to the Board efficient and workable schemes to resolve technical issues and problems related to the application of prescribed standards and adoption of existing statistical standards and classification systems;
5. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) through the development of necessary statistical standards and classification systems, such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out the programs set forth in the country's national development plans as well as in the corresponding national statistical development programs;
6. Ensure and monitor compliance to the recommended statistical standards and classification systems; and
7. Address emerging issues and concerns and data revolution.

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To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACSSC, the PSA Technical Staff shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. For effective conduct of meetings, the identified IACSSC members shall serve as basis for determining its quorum. The PSA Technical Staff shall provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IACSSC. 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 and 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 14 September 2016.

Attested by:

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