



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**

**PSA Memorandum Order No. 02**  
**Series of 2020**

**RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE  
ON TOURISM STATISTICS**

**WHEREAS**, complying with Republic Act No. 10625, "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013," which provides for the creation of interagency statistical committees (IACs) to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Board established the IACs by virtue of PSA Board Resolution No. 04, s. 2014;

**WHEREAS**, the Interagency Committee on Tourism Statistics (IACTS) was formally established through PSA Memorandum Order No. 11, s. 2015, 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 tourism and other related statistics;

**WHEREAS**, the IACTS was reconstituted through PSA Memorandum Order Nos. 01, s. 2018 and 06, s. 2019;

**WHEREAS**, to better avail of the expertise of the relevant sectoral agencies and to reaffirm the commitment of its member agencies in participating actively in the discussion and resolution of issues, it is imperative to reconstitute further the IACTS;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the IACTS is reconstituted with the following composition and terms of reference:

Assistant Secretary  
Tourism Development Planning  
Department of Tourism (DOT)

Assistant National Statistician  
Macroeconomic Account Service  
Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Director  
Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS)  
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)

Director  
Trade, Services and Industry Staff  
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)



Director  
Department of Economic Statistics (DES)  
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)

Director  
Export Marketing Bureau (EMB)  
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

Executive Director  
Dr. Andrew L. Tan Center for Tourism Research  
AIM Scientific Research Foundation, Inc.

The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among its members. Resource persons may be invited to 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 tourism 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 tourism 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 tourism statistics;
4. Recommend measures to address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS), such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out tourism 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 tourism statistics to ensure conformity with the prescribed statistical standards and classification system;
6. Recommend improvements in the methodology of compiling the Philippine Tourism Satellite Accounts (PTSA) 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 IACTS, the PSA shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed

necessary. For more effective conduct of meetings, the identified IACTS members shall serve as basis for determining its quorum. The PSA shall continue to provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IACTS. 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 PSA and the concerned agencies, respectively. Other member agencies are enjoined to give same support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

The Committee shall adhere to the PSA Guidelines for Interagency Committees, Technical Committees, Technical Working Groups, and Task Forces in the implementation of its activities and in the preparation of reports and recommendations. It 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 01 December 2020.

Attested by:



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National Statistician and Civil Registrar General  
Chairperson, PSA Board Secretariat

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