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Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Conducts the 3rd Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Summit

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Recognizing the vital role of the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) as the policymaking body on statistical matters in the region and lead partner in pursuing our country's development plans, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) conducted the 3rd RSC Summit on 04-05 September 2018 at the Eastwood Richmonde Hotel in Quezon City.

Undersecretary Lisa Grace S. Bersales of PSA, in her Welcome Remarks, emphasized the vital role being played by the RSCs in supporting the PSA Board's policy decisions. She likewise enjoined the RSCs to think of other ways of generating indicators, e.g., enhancing administrative data, to augment the information that the PSA gathers from censuses and surveys.

In the Keynote Message delivered by Assistant Secretary Carlos Bernardo O. Abad Santos of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), he underscored the need for the RSC to strengthen collaboration, intensify coordination, be responsive to the demand for policies and to level up in steering statistical programming at the local level.

The first day of the Summit highlighted the presentation of the NEDA's Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework for the Regional Development Programs. The topic was deemed vital in providing ideas to the RSCs for the formulation of their M&E Framework in the context of the Regional Statistical Development Program (RSDP) 2018-2023 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Other topics presented were: a) Integration of Statistics and Geospatial Information; b) List of Core Regional SDG Indicators for the SDG Monitoring at the Local Level; c) Development of the Provincial Product Accounts: The Case of Palawan; and, d) Features of the Updated National Database on Child Poverty.

The second day of the event provided a venue for sharing of good practices among regions in the areas of monitoring the SDGs and RSDPs, statistical advocacy, emerging statistics and collaboration and coordination. This was followed by presentations on the following topics: a) Highlights of the Local Statistics Development Chapter of the PSDP 2018-2023; b) Application of Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT) for Local Development Planning and RSDP; c) Regional Development Index; d) Regional Disparities in Education Using the 2017 PSCEd; and, e) Regional Data Visualization.

One panel discussion was held for each day to provide the participants the opportunity to share their thoughts in line with the applicability of the topics to their respective regions and agencies and to clarify concerns with the resource persons and presenters.

The Closing Remarks was given by Assistant Secretary Josie B. Perez who cited the need for stronger coordination in the regions. She mentioned that the major challenge now for the RSCs is how to be able to harness the results from the learnings in the two-day RSC Summit.



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The Summit was attended by 146 participants coming from member agencies of the PSA Board, Regional Directors of NEDA who are also RSC Chairs, representatives from Provincial/Municipal Planning and Development Offices, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency, the Bureau of Local Government Development, the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority, members of the media, and PSA officials and staff.

For further information on the 3rd RSC Summit, please contact the Statistical Policies and Programs Division of the Standards Service with telephone numbers (02) 376-1928 and (02) 376-1931, and email address sppd.staff@psa.gov.ph.



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