



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Memorandum Order No. 08
Series of 2018

**RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 10625, the PSA Board approved, through PSA Board Resolution No. 4, Series of 2014, the establishment of the Committees on Statistics of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), which included the Committee on Agriculture Statistics;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Memorandum Order No. 15, Series of 2015, the Interagency Committee on Agriculture and Fishery Statistics (IAC-AFS) was established to serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of agriculture, fishery statistics and other related statistics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IAC-AFS be reconstituted with the following composition and terms of reference:

Director
Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Staff
National Economic and Development Authority

Assistant National Statistician
Economic Sector Statistics Service
Macroeconomic Accounts Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

Director
Policy Research Service
Planning and Monitoring Service
Department of Agriculture

Director
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Director
Senate Economic Planning Office
Senate of the Philippines

Director
Bureau of Animal Industry

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The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among the members. Resource persons 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 venue for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination and use of agriculture and fishery statistics;
2. Recommend to the PSA Board appropriate measures for the improvement of agriculture and fishery statistics including the statistical frameworks, methodologies and processes for the generation and dissemination of agriculture and fishery statistics;
3. Recommend to the PSA Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the production, dissemination and archiving of agriculture and fishery statistics;
4. Review and enhance the concepts, techniques and methodologies used in the collection, processing and reporting of agriculture and fishery statistics to ensure conformity with the prescribed statistical standards and classification system; and
5. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System, such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out policies involving the use of agriculture and fishery statistics and related programs set forth in the country's national development plans.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IAC-AFS, 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 IAC-AFS core group shall serve as basis for determining its quorum. The PSA shall provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IAC-AFS. 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 concerned agencies as agreed upon by the concerned group. Other member-agencies are enjoined to give same support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

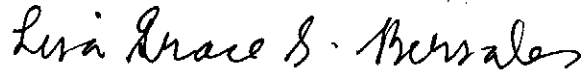
The Committee shall adhere to the PSA Guidelines for Interagency Committees, Technical Working Groups, and Task Forces in the implementation of its activities and in the preparation of reports and recommendations. It shall submit

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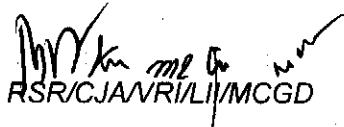
to the National Statistician its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 16 May 2018.

Attested by:



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