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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

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**RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE
ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10625, "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013," which provides for the creation of inter-agency 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, one of the IACs created was the Inter-agency Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Statistics (IACENRS) pursuant to PSA Memorandum Order No. 02, series of 2014 to serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of environment and natural resources and other related statistics;

WHEREAS, there have been changes in the designations and offices of the agencies' representatives in the IACENRS;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IACENRS is reconstituted to be composed of the following members and terms of reference:

1. Composition of Members

The following are designated as members of the IACENRS:

Director
Knowledge and Information Systems Service
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Assistant National Statistician
Macroeconomic Accounts Service
Philippine Statistics Authority

Deputy Executive Director
Climate Change Commission

Director
Agriculture and Natural Resources Staff
National Economic and Development Authority



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Director
Bureau of Local Government Development
Department of the Interior and Local Government

Executive Director
National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among the members. The nominee for Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson who shall obtain the highest number of votes shall be elected Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. In case of a deadlock, the presiding officer shall determine the winner for the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. Resource persons may be invited in the meetings of the Committee as the need for them arises.

2. Terms of Reference

The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

1. Serve as forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination, and use of environment and disaster 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 environment and disaster 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 environment and disaster statistics;
4. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS), such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out investment 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 environment statistics to ensure conformity with the prescribed statistical standards and classification system;
6. Recommend policies for the development and maintenance of the ENR WEB portal (ENR information system); and

7. Recommend improvements in the methodology of compiling the Philippine Economic-Environmental and Natural Resources Accounts (PEENRA) 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 IACENRS, the PSA shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. Meetings of IACENRS shall be conducted where a quorum is constituted. A quorum is constituted when a majority of the members are present in the meeting, provided that, members may opt to attend the meetings via online or teleconference. No resolution of the IACENRS shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present in the meeting where a quorum is constituted. The PSA shall continue to provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IACENRS. 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 PSA and the concerned agencies, respectively. Other member agencies are enjoined to give the same support whenever needed 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. 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 07 December 2020.

Attested by:



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