



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

PSA Board Resolution No. 10 Series of 2014

ENDORISING THE DECLARATION OF A ROAD MAP FOR THE DATA REVOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United Nations (UN) Secretary General set up a High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which issued a call for data revolution that seeks “to ensure that the statistical information needed to eliminate poverty and to monitor development progress is available to the right people, at the right time, and in the right format”;

WHEREAS, the Report of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda defines data revolution as “drawing on existing and new sources of data to fully integrate statistics into decision making, promote open access to, and use of, data and ensure increased support to statistical systems”;

WHEREAS, the two-fold objectives of data revolution are to “reform the way data is produced, shared, assessed, analyzed and consumed”, and “address existing data gaps to ensure that better statistics lead to better decisions leading to better lives”;

WHEREAS, recognizing that the success of data revolution lies on the strengthening of national statistical systems in developing countries, the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) launched the project entitled “Informing a Data Revolution” (IDR) aimed at producing “a Road Map that will guide international leaders and policymakers, and national governments and statistical offices, in their path toward an effective, relevant, and sustainable development data revolution”;

WHEREAS, the Philippines was invited to be one of the seven pilot countries of the IDR Project;

WHEREAS, the main activities in the IDR Project include: (1) preparation of country reports on statistical data management practices and needs of data users as well as producers; (2) exploration of inventories of innovation in statistics, particularly addressing data gaps, costs and efficiency considerations; (3) promotion of data

revolution through a declaration of principles supported by a wide range of stakeholders; and (4) formulation of a road map for data revolution to draw plans for the medium term;

WHEREAS, the draft Road Map for the Data Revolution serves as an advocacy tool aiming to reach consensus among statisticians, policymakers, stakeholders and donor organizations at various levels to translate visions of statistical development into concrete actions leading up to the launch of the post-2015 development agenda;

WHEREAS, the Road Map for the Data Revolution will provide actionable ideas on what a strengthened, effective national statistical system can look like in five to ten years, particularly the activities that must be done and estimate how much these might cost, taking into consideration the records of innovation and accomplishments of the national statistical systems;

WHEREAS, some of the existing programs and mechanisms in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) are already aligned with the purpose of the Road Map for the Data Revolution, and such is consistent with the strategies and programs set forth in the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) 2011-2017;

WHEREAS, the PSDP adopts and advocates various international declarations and principles such as the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Code of Practice, Marrakech Action Plan in Statistics, Dakar Declaration of the Development of Statistics, Busan Action Plan for Statistics, ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics and Data Quality Assurance Framework, which are consistent with the objectives of the data revolution initiative;

WHEREAS, the formulation of the Road Map calls for a declaration of principles where: (1) countries are the keystone of data revolution; (2) existing data can be just as powerful as new data; and (3) data should drive progress;

WHEREAS, the PARIS21 in collaboration with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) conducted the IDR Country Workshop-Philippines on 23-24 October 2014 in Makati City, which was attended by data producers and users from the government, academe, business, media, and non-profit institutions, and was concluded with the endorsement/adoption in principle of the draft Declaration of a Road Map for the Data Revolution, noting that it would still be subject to revision;

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of endorsing the Declaration of a Road Map for the Data Revolution, the PSA Executive Committee in its Workshop held on 24 October 2014 with PARIS21 consultants discussed and agreed on the proposed strategies to adopt the Road Map for the Data Revolution, taking into

consideration the major programs as articulated in the PSDP 2011-2017 (Annex BR-06-20141121-01);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board approves and endorses the draft Declaration of a Road Map for the Data Revolution, which will be launched on July 2015 towards:


1. Greater and more efficient production and use of both official and non-official data, through innovative institutional arrangements and partnerships, and new technologies and processes;
2. Increased cooperation and coordination between local, regional and international statistical systems towards data comparability across time and location;
3. Political leadership that recognizes the fundamental importance of data, the necessity of adequate and sustainable funding to national statistical systems; and
4. Strengthened commitment of nations to developing capacity to ensure a future of robust, independent, and effective national statistical systems across the globe;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that PSS member agencies are enjoined to undertake actions in line with the implementation of the Road Map for the Data Revolution.

Approved this 21st day of November 2014 in Pasig City.


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