

PSA Memorandum Order No. _O 6 Series of 2020

RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY 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 Interagency Committee on Information and Communications Technology Statistics (IACICTS) pursuant to PSA Memorandum Order No. 12, series of 2015 to serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of information and communications technology statistics;

WHEREAS, PSA Memorandum Order No. 07, s. 2017, and Memorandum Order No. 05, s. 2019, reconstituted the IACICTS to enhance consultation with and participation of stakeholders for resolution of current and emerging issues and concerns on ICT statistics;

WHEREAS, to allow more flexibility in the representation of the member agencies, there is a need to reconstitute the composition of the IACICTS further;

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

Composition of Members

The following are designated as members of the IACICTS:

Director
National Planning and Corporate Management Bureau
Department of Information and Communications Technology

Assistant National Statistician Macroeconomic Accounts Service Philippine Statistics Authority

Director
Office of Planning, Research and Knowledge Management
Commission on Higher Education







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Director Information and Communications Technology Service Department of Education

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Director
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Department of Science and Technology

Head E-Commerce Program Office Department of Trade and Industry

President and CEO Information Technology and Business Process Association of the Philippines

Director
Infrastructure Staff
National Economic and Development Authority

Director
Regulation Branch
National Telecommunications Commission

Director
Information and Communications Technology Department
Securities and Exchange Commission

The Director of the National ICT Planning, Policy and Standards Bureau of the Department of Information and Communications Technology shall be the Chairperson of the Committee. Members shall regularly attend the Committee meetings while resource persons may be invited as the need for them arises.

Terms of Reference

The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

- Exchange views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination, and use of ICT statistics;
- 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 ICT 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 ICT statistics; and

4. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS), such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out ICT and related programs set forth in the country's national statistical development programs.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACICTS, the PSA shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. Meetings of IACICTS 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 IACICTS 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 IACICTS. 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 Of-Dec. 2020.

Attested by:

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Chairperson, PSA Board Secretariat

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