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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

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**RECONSTITUTING AND EXPANDING THE  
PSA TASK FORCE ON BIG DATA FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS**

**WHEREAS**, the PSA Task Force on Big Data for Official Statistics (TFBDOS) was established through PSA Memorandum Order No. 07, Series of 2016, to lead in the formulation of rules, standards, and protocols, facilitate engagements with stakeholders involved, set up statistical quality standards and validation mechanism for Big Data for use in official statistics, and take advantage of the opportunity to push for enhanced Big Data literacy and capacity;

**WHEREAS**, during the series of meetings of the Task Force, the members suggested that the Land Registration Authority (LRA), the DOST Advanced Science and Technology Institute (DOST-ASTI), and the Office of Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV be included in the Task Force;

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of LRA, DOST-ASTI, and the Office of Senator Bam Aquino would help in the development of the use of Big Data in generating official statistics and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the expansion of the TFBDOS, it is imperative to reconstitute the membership of the TFBDOS to better avail of the expertise of the members and resource persons to ensure an efficient workable scheme towards the use of Big Data for use in generation of official statistics;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the TFBDOS is hereby reconstituted and expanded as follows:

Chair: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Vice Chair: Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)

Members:

Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department (CPBRD)  
Department of Science and Technology (DOST)  
Globe Telecom  
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)  
Smart Communications, Inc.  
Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI)  
University of the Philippines School of Statistics (UPSS)  
Office of Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

Resource Persons:

Advanced Science and Technology Institute (DOST-ASTI)  
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)  
Commission on Higher Education (CHED)  
Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

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Department of Education (DepEd)  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
Department of Finance (DOF)  
Department of Health (DOH)  
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)  
Department of Tourism (DOT)  
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)  
Department of Transportation (DOTr)  
Intellectual Property Office (IPO)  
Land Management Bureau (LMB)  
Land Registration Authority (LRA)  
Marketing and Opinion Research Society of the Philippines (MORES)  
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)  
National Privacy Commission (NPC)  
National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)  
Office of Civil Defense (OCD)  
Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (PARIS21)  
Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries (PCCI)  
Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI)  
Senate Economic Planning Office (SEPO)  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Philippines  
World Bank Philippines

The specific functions of the Task Force are as follows:

1. Develop a harmonized data ecosystem in collaboration with different stakeholders to establish a framework of data sharing, exchange of good practices on big data, and to recommend business models of big data sharing that will be both beneficial to the data user and data provider (the private sector and government).
2. Look into the discussion of all Senate and House bills on big data and other related legislations that can influence the use of big data in the country.
3. Develop policies and recommend standards and validation mechanisms on the utilization of big data for official statistics for the PSS, especially in support of monitoring the SDGs.
4. Discuss policy issues and challenges, and recommend measures to provide a viable environment for big data to be used to better inform/complement official statistics.

For effective conduct of meetings, the identified core group shall serve as basis for determining a quorum. A technical and secretariat group to be drawn from the Statistical Standards Division of the PSA shall be provided to the Task Force while other agencies may also be requested to participate in the work of the said group. The Task Force shall render reports on its operations to the PSA.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 20 April 2017.

Attested by:

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