



NSCB Memorandum Order No. 006
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**RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry Statistics (IACAFFS) was created on July 6, 1995 through National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) Memorandum Order No. 001, series of 1995, to serve as forum for the discussion and resolution of issues pertaining to the generation of agriculture, fishery and forestry statistics;

WHEREAS, the IACAFFS was reconstituted on January 15, 2003 through NSCB Memorandum Order No. 005, series of 2003 to ensure wider participation among concerned agencies;

WHEREAS, the IACAFFS was reconstituted and renamed on March 11, 2009 into the Interagency Committee on Agriculture and Fishery Statistics IACAFS in view of the transfer of all forestry-related concerns to the Interagency Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Statistics (IACENRS);

WHEREAS, there is a need to further reconstitute the IACAFS to ensure effective resolution of current and emerging issues and concerns on agriculture and fishery statistics;

NOW, THEREFORE, the composition of the IACAFS is hereby amended as follows:

Chairperson: Director, Bureau of Agricultural Statistics
Department of Agriculture (DA)

Vice-Chairperson: Director, Agriculture Staff
National Economic and Development Authority

Members: Director, Agricultural Credit and Policy Council
DA

Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
DA

Director, Livestock Development Council
DA

Executive Director, National Agricultural and Fishery Council
DA

Director, Policy Research
DA

Director, Business Development and Promotions Directorate
National Food Authority

Chief, Production Accounts Division
National Statistical Coordination Board

Chief, Census Planning and Operations Division
National Statistics Office

Senior Research Fellow
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

Chief, Senate Economic Planning Office
Senate of the Philippines

Executive Director
Statistical Research and Training Center

Technical Staff
Union of Local Authorities in the Philippines

The specific functions of the Committee are amended as follows:

1. Serve as a forum for the discussion of the issues raised by concerned producers and users of agriculture and fishery statistics;
2. Assess and evaluate existing statistics on the agriculture and fishery sectors in terms of quality, usefulness and timeliness, and determine areas of duplication, discrepancies and gaps;
3. Review the concepts, techniques, and methodologies used in the collection, processing and reporting of agriculture and fishery statistics to ensure conformity with prescribed statistical standards; and
4. Recommend an efficient and workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the production of agriculture and fishery statistics.

The membership of the IACHNS may be increased or decreased, as the exigencies of its work require, provided that it shall be authorized by the NSCB Secretary General. Furthermore, the Committee may invite other agencies or individuals as resource persons as the need for them arises.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACAFS, the NSCB Technical Staff shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. For effective conduct of meetings, the Committee is authorized to define its quorum. The NSCB Technical Staff shall continue to provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IACAFS. It shall also monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the NSCB Executive Board.

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The Committee may create 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 NSCB Secretary General. Technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the TWGs/TFs shall be provided by the concerned agencies. Other member-agencies are enjoined to give same support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

The Committee shall adhere to the NSCB 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. It shall submit to the Secretary General 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 09 February 2012.


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