



Republic of the Philippines

Philippine Statistics Authority

PSA Memorandum Order No. 05 Series of 2023

RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SECURITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE STATISTICS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) as the highest policymaking and coordinating body on statistical matters in the country is tasked to establish interagency committees (IACs) on statistics to ensure effective coordination within the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) for quality statistical products and services, and a more responsive PSS;

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10625, otherwise known as the "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013", the PSA Board established various IACs by virtue of PSA Board Resolution No. 04, Series of 2014;

WHEREAS, one of the IACs established was the Interagency Committee on Security Statistics (IACSS) pursuant to PSA Memorandum Order No. 02, Series of 2015 to serve as a venue and platform for discussion and resolution of issues, review of current techniques/methodologies, and for recommendation of policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of security and other related statistics;

WHEREAS, the IACSS has been reconstituted and renamed to Interagency Committee on Peace and Security Statistics (IACPSS) and Interagency Committee on Security, Justice and Peace Statistics (IACSJPS) through PSA Memorandum Order No. 02, Series of 2016 and PSA Memorandum Order No. 12, Series of 2017, respectively;

WHEREAS, to enhance consultation with and ensure wider participation of stakeholders to effectively resolve current and emerging issues and concerns related to security, justice and peace statistics, and to reaffirm the commitment of its member agencies in participating actively in the discussion and resolution of issues, it was deemed that the Committee should be further reconstituted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the IACSJPS is hereby reconstituted with the following members and terms of reference:

I. IACSJPS Composition

Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines
Department of the Interior and Local Government
Department of Justice
Department of National Defense
National Economic and Development Authority
Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity
Philippine National Police
Philippine Statistics Authority
Supreme Court of the Philippines

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The IACSJPS Chairperson who is tasked to steer and guide the Committee shall be elected from among the members. The election is usually done during its first regular meeting for the current year. His/her duties and responsibilities include:

1. The Chairperson shall preside over the meeting of the Committee;
2. The Chairperson shall approve the following:
 - a. Provisional Agenda
 - b. Minutes/Highlights of the Previous Meeting
 - c. Business Arising/Action Matters
 - d. Accomplishment Report
 - e. Work Program
 - f. Policy Agenda
3. The Chairperson shall represent the Committee during workshops and/or consultative fora to present and discuss status of implementation of major statistical development programs (SDPs) identified for security, justice and peace sector in the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP); and
4. The Chairperson shall represent the Committee during PSA Board meetings to present and discuss IAC-related matters that need its approval, i.e., memoranda, resolutions, and statistical issues and concerns, among others.

In the absence of the IACSJPS Chairperson, the Co-Chairperson shall assume the above-mentioned tasks.

II. IACSJPS Terms of Reference

The specific functions of the Committee are as follow:

1. Serve as a forum for the exchange of views and expertise:
 - a. in the resolution of technical issues and problems arising from the generation, processing, analysis, dissemination and use of security, justice and peace statistics and indicators; and
 - b. in the development, maintenance and compliance to statistical standards and classification systems.
2. Discuss and identify statistical development programs (SDPs) addressing emerging statistical issues and concerns (data revolution, open data, big data, PSS stakeholders' statistical requirements, among others) and international commitments¹.
3. Lead in all undertakings relative to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of the SDPs, particularly on security, justice and peace sector.
4. Undertake/Lead in the prioritization of statistical requirements and situational assessment of security, justice and peace sector, including national security goals and objectives.

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¹ASEAN Cooperation in Statistics, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data, etc. concerning the security, justice and peace sector for inclusion in the PSDP

5. Prepare statistical framework for security, justice and peace sector.
6. Recommend to the PSA Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the generation, analysis, dissemination, use and archiving of security, justice and peace statistics and indicators.
7. Recommend to the PSA Board appropriate measures for the improvement of statistics, statistical standards and classification systems, frameworks, methodologies and processes for the generation, processing, analysis, dissemination and use of security, justice and peace statistics and indicators.
8. Perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary/critical for security, justice and peace sector, or the PSS in general.

Member agencies should designate representatives to the IACSJPS who are on top of statistical concerns and development of plans and programs. Further, designated agency representatives should be at least Director level for regular members, while the alternate member should not be below Division Chief level, to ensure quality decision making and fast resolution of statistical issues and concerns.

To enhance effectiveness and efficiency, the composition of the Committee shall be reviewed by the PSA Technical Staff on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. The membership of the IACSJPS may be increased or decreased as the exigencies of its work require, provided that it shall be authorized by the PSA National Statistician and Civil Registrar General through another Memorandum Order. Moreover, resource persons may be invited in the meetings of the Committee as the need for them arises.

To optimize discussion and resolution of statistical issues, meetings of the IACSJPS shall be conducted quarterly or more than once per quarter as the need arises. For ease of operation, particularly in convening the Committee, the quorum for IACSJPS which has nine member agencies should be six, (or 50% of the total number of members plus 1), regardless, whether physically or virtually present in a hybrid meeting mode due to travel restrictions and quarantine rules implemented as a result of the ever-present risk associated with the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) virus. On the other hand, TWGs/TFs established by the Committee may meet as often as necessary in view of the pressing need for their outputs. Joint meetings of two or more IACs, TWGs and TFs may be convened to discuss and resolve cross-cutting concerns. The PSA Technical Staff shall provide technical, secretariat and logistics support to the Committee.

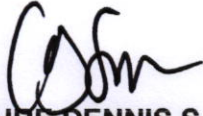
The Committee may establish TWGs and TFs as the need arises, through an IAC Resolution, to assist in the exercise of its functions. A corresponding Memorandum Order shall be prepared by the IAC Secretariat for approval of the PSA National Statistician and Civil Registrar General. The TWG Chairperson shall be named from among the IAC members to ensure close linkage between the TWG and the IAC. On the other hand, TFs may be established by the Committee, through an IAC Resolution, to assist in the exercise of its functions. A corresponding Memorandum Order shall be prepared by the IAC Secretariat for approval of the PSA National Statistician and Civil Registrar General to accomplish certain outputs within a specific time frame when necessary. The TF shall be terminated upon completion of its task for which final output shall be provided to the PSA Board.

The Committee shall submit to the PSA National Statistician and Civil Registrar General its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

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This Memorandum Order takes effect on 6th day of June 2023.

Attested by:



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