



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Memorandum Order No. 01
Series of 2019

**RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE
ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, PSA Board Resolution No. 4, Series of 2014 established the Committees on Statistics of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

WHEREAS, one of the committees established was the Committee on Science and Technology Statistics;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2015 established the Interagency Committee on Science and Technology Statistics (IACSTS) to serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of science and technology and other related statistics;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 02, Series of 2018 renamed the IACSTS to Interagency Committee on Science and Technology Statistics to Interagency Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation Statistics (IACSTIS) because it also concerns improvement of innovation statistics;

WHEREAS, in view of the addition and replacement of member agencies, it is imperative to reconstitute the IACSTIS to better avail of the expertise of the relevant sectoral agencies and to reaffirm the commitment of its member agencies in participating actively in the discussion and resolution of issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IACSTIS is hereby reconstituted with the following composition and terms of reference:

Commission on Higher Education
Department of Information and Communications Technology
Department of Science and Technology
Department of Trade and Industry
Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
National Economic and Development Authority
Philippine Statistics Authority

The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among the members. Resource persons may be invited in the meetings of the Committee as the need for them arises.



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The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

1. Serve as forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the generation, dissemination, and use of science, technology and innovation statistics;
2. 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 science, technology and innovation 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 generation, dissemination, and archiving of science, technology and innovation statistics;
4. Recommend measures to address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS), such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out science, technology and innovation and related programs set forth in the country's national development plans as well as in the corresponding national statistical development programs.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of IACSTIS, the PSA Technical Staff shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. For more effective conduct of meetings, the identified IACSTIS core group shall serve as basis for determining its quorum. The PSA Technical Staff shall provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IACSTIS. 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 concerned agencies as agreed upon by the concerned group. Other member-agencies are enjoined to give same support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

The Committee shall submit to the 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 15 February 2019.

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