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RSC Third Quarter Meeting
August 13, 2021 1:30 P.M.
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MINUTES OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE

Present

Represented by

RSC Officers

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| 1. RD Agustin C. Mendoza | NEDA MIMAROPA
RSC Chairperson |
| 2. RD Leni R. Rioflorido | PSA MIMAROPA
RSC Vice Chairperson |

Regional Line Agencies (RLAs)

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| 3. RD Consolacion Q. Agcaoili | BLGF MIMAROPA | |
| 4. RD Joel B. Valera | DTI MIMAROPA | |
| 5. RD Ma. Carina P. Del Rosario | BSP Lucena Branch | Ms. Melanie Condes |
| 6. RD Cristina H. Villamil | CDA MIMAROPA | Mr. Alberto Sabarias |
| 7. Atty. Joselito C. Alisuag | CHED MIMAROPA | Mr. Ireneo Madeja |
| 8. RD Antonio G. Gerundio | DA MIMAROPA | Mr. Nex D. Basi |
| 9. RD Marvin V. Bernal | DAR MIMAROPA | Ms. Fe A. Guevarra |
| 10. RD Maria Angelita C. Cells | DBM MIMAROPA | Mr. Christian G. Mendoza |
| 11. RD Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer | DENR MIMAROPA | Mr. Kaizzer Irvin Tañada |
| 12. RD Nicolas T. Capulong | DepEd MIMAROPA | Mr. Jayson M. Ealdama |
| 13. RD Wilhelm M. Suyko | DILG MIMAROPA | Mr. Randell B. Dotillos |
| 14. RD Mario S. Baquilod | DOH MIMAROPA | Ms. Alyssa Alair |
| 15. RD Joffrey M. Suyao | DOLE MIMAROPA | Ms. Chrie Lou Calinao |
| 16. RD Ma. Josefina P. Abilay | DOST MIMAROPA | Ms. Maria Theresa Costales |
| 17. RD Christopher V. Morales | DOT MIMAROPA | Ms. Jay De Guzman |
| 18. RD Arthur D. Pascual | DPWH MIMAROPA | Ms. Lucia Lacorte |
| 19. RD Fernando R. De Villa, Jr. | DSWD MIMAROPA | Mr. Antonio DC Cirilo |
| 20. RD Marie Grace T. Pascua | NCIP MIMAROPA | Mr. Reynaldo Tupas |
| 21. RD Jose Reuben Q. Alagaran II | PIA MIMAROPA | Ms. Melanie Ronquillo |
| 22. RD Manuel B. Wong | TESDA MIMAROPA | Mr. Mark Angelo Dote |

State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)

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| 23. Dr. Levy B. Arago, Jr. | MinSU | Ms. Mary Ann Hernandez |
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Provincial Planning and Development Offices (PPDOs)

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| 24. Ms. Marian M. Cunanan | PPDO Marinduque | Ms. Anna Christina Ibahan |
| 25. Mr. Anthony A. Dantis | PPDO Occ. Mindoro | Ms. Emelita Agpalo |
| 26. Ms. Lydia Muñeca S. Melgar | PPDO Or. Mindoro | Ms. Marsha De Castro |
| 27. Engr. Aireen L. Marcaida | PPDO Palawan | Ms. Sharlene Vilches |
| 28. Mr. Willard B. Mortos | PPDO Romblon | Ms. Gemma Etis |

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Guests

29. Ms. Nerissa A. Gonzales	BIR CABAMIRO
30. Mr. Warren Marasigan	BIR CABAMIRO
31. Mr. Keith Xyrus A. Real	BLGF MIMAROPA
32. Mr. Jonathan Kim C. Torio	DBM MIMAROPA
33. Mr. Jethro Tull M. dela Cruz	DFA Puerto Princesa City
34. Ms. Jennel Maquiñana	DSWD MIMAROPA
35. Mr. Joel Guevara	DTI MIMAROPA
36. Mr. Reejay Condez	LTO MIMAROPA
37. Ms. Alayan A. Zaman	NCMF South Luzon
38. Ms. Sittie Tasneem M. Jamil-Taha	NCMF South Luzon
39. Ms. Sittie Jenica Matabalao	NCMF South Luzon
40. Ms. Rehamna P. Mama	NCMF South Luzon
41. Ms. Hiawatha Pangarunungan	NCMF South Luzon
42. Ms. Almina Maranda	NCMF South Luzon
43. Ms. Marissa M. Morales	NEDA MIMAROPA
44. Ms. Aprille Joy A. Delica	NEDA MIMAROPA
45. Mr. Loreto H. Castillo, Jr.	NEDA MIMAROPA
46. Mr. Genmar S. Baja	NEDA MIMAROPA
47. Ms. Minerva R. Alcaraz	OCD MIMAROPA
48. Ms. Gloren R. Hinlo	POPCOM MIMAROPA
49. Ms. Ms. Bernadette T. Salgado	PPDO Occidental Mindoro
50. Ms. Jamie Lagrada	PPDO Palawan
51. Ms. Riza Flores	PPDO Palawan
52. Ms. Gemma N. Opis	PSA Marinduque
53. Ms. Maribel L. Bernardo	PSA Occidental Mindoro
54. Mr. Efren C. Armonia	PSA Oriental Mindoro
55. Ms. Maria Lalaine M. Rodriguez	PSA Palawan
56. Mr. Johnny F. Solis	PSA Romblon

RSC Secretariat

- 57. Mr. Oscar H. Gatpandan
- 58. Mr. Raymond R. Lapus
- 59. Ms. Ma. Leizl L. Magbojos
- 60. Mr. Emerson V. Caisip
- 61. Ms. Rhoda L. Sobrepeña
- 62. Ms. Ana Patricia A. Ramos

I. PRELIMINARIES

The meeting started at 1:36p.m. with an opening prayer and singing of the National Anthem and the MIMAROPA Hymn.

II. BUSINESS PROPER

1. Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Oscar H. Gatpandan, Acting RSC Secretary, called the roll. Of the 28 members, four were in attendance and 24 were represented, constituting a quorum of 100 percent.

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105 **2. Welcome Remarks and Message**
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107 RSC Chairperson and NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director
108 Agustin C. Mendoza stated that MIMAROPA has managed to
109 strengthen the statistical system by producing and disseminating
110 timely and reliable data to the public. He expressed his sincere
111 appreciation to all the members and hoped that everyone will
112 sustain enthusiasm and cooperation for the discussions.
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114 **3. Proposed Agenda**
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116 On motion duly seconded, the proposed agenda was approved as
117 presented with the inclusion under Other Matters the Philippine
118 Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) Revision 1, Inclusion of the
119 Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) in the Unified
120 Business Permit Form, 6th RSC Summit, and Revisiting RSC
121 Resolution No. 2019-03.
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123 **4. Approval of the Minutes of the RSC 2nd Quarter Meeting**
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125 On motion duly seconded, the minutes of previous RSC meeting
126 was approved subject to submission of comments to the
127 secretariat within five working days after the conduct of the
128 meeting.
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130 **5. Secretary's Report**
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132 Mr. Gatpandan reported the updates on the matter discussed
133 during the previous meeting:
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- 135 • 2021 Work Program

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137 On the reminder for PSA to conduct one last meeting for the
138 RCCB, Mr. Gatpandan informed that PSA MIMAROPA has set the
139 final RCCB meeting to be conducted jointly with RSC on August
140 13, 2021. PSA MIMAROPA has also conducted the Regional Data
141 Dissemination Forum on the Results of the 2020 Census of
142 Population on July 27, 2021 and the official count for MIMAROPA
143 region was presented during the forum.
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145 RSC Vice Chairperson and PSA MIMAROPA Regional Director
146 Leni R. Rioflorido added that PSA Oriental Mindoro and PSA
147 Palawan conducted their provincial dissemination forum, while
148 PSA Occidental Mindoro will conduct its forum on August 16 and
149 PSA Marinduque and PSA Romblon on August 19.
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151 **6. Matters for review/action**
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- 153 • 32nd National Statistics Month (NSM) Calendar of Activities
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Ms. Rhoda L. Sobrepeña of PSA MIMAROPA presented a brief background on the conduct of NSM. She stated that the legal basis for the conduct of NSM is the Presidential Proclamation No. 647 declaring the month of October of every year as the National Statistics Month. She mentioned that the objectives of NSM are the following: 1) promote, enhance, and instill nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of society; and 2) elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country. She announced that the theme for the 32nd NSM is “NSM@32: Revving up for Economic and Social Recovery Through Evidence-Based Policies”.

She also presented the consolidated calendar of activities for the 32nd NSM submitted by PSA MIMAROPA, PSA Marinduque, PSA Occidental Mindoro, PSA Oriental Mindoro, PSA Palawan, PSA Romblon, BJMP MIMAROPA, DEPED MIMAROPA, DTI MIMAROPA, NEDA MIMAROPA, Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, and BSP Lucena.

Dir. Rioflorido informed the body that PSA will wait until August 20 for the submission of those agencies who have not yet submitted their calendar of activities.

On motion duly seconded, the resolution approving and adopting the 32nd NSM calendar of activities subject to additional submission of activities by partner agencies was approved.

- Forms for the Monitoring and Updating of the MIMAROPA Regional Statistical Development Program (RSDP) 2018-2023

Mr. Raymond R. Lapus of PSA MIMAROPA presented first the background and status of RSDP. He tackled that MIMAROPA RSDP is a collection of statistical development programs of stakeholders in the region that aims to assess issues and challenges in the MIMAROPA Region. He mentioned that there were five statistical concerns as follows: 1) Coordination with regional and provincial statistical system (RSS/PrSS); 2) Data collection/production; 3) Data dissemination and use; 4) Research and capacity building; and 5) Resources in the RSS/PrSS. Out of 104 statistical development programs (SDPs), 51 SDPs (49%) are included in the Data collection/production while 21 SDPs (20%) are in the Research and capacity building.

He then presented the forms for monitoring and updating the MIMAROPA RSDP 2018-2023. Form 1A is about a report on the implementation of MIMAROPA RSDP. It is designed to comprehensively present accomplishments/status of agency's SDPs from 2018-2020 with respect to SDPs cited in the MIMAROPA RSDPP 2018-2023. Form 1B is for the inventory of

statistical positions while Form 1C is for the updates for CY 2021-2023.

Dir. Mendoza asked if there will be technical assistance or technical working group meetings to enlighten the agencies on how to fill-up the forms.

Mr. Lapus responded that PSA will conduct a workshop to re-orient the agencies on the RSDP and to brief them on how to fill-up the forms.

Dir. Mendoza asked further if there is a scheduled date for the workshop.

Mr. Lapus answered that the date of the workshop is to be determined. He added that they plan to conduct the workshop by sector.

Dir. Joel Valera of DTI MIMAROPA reiterated that if they are going to request for a plantilla position, it should be by the whole department and not by regional office.

Dir. Rioflorido asked if there are designated statistical personnel to cater the statistics produced by the agency.

Dir. Valera answered that they have no designated statistical positions in their office.

Dir. Mendoza said that since the statistician position is highly specialized, he inquired if the management information system units of most of the agencies can be harmonized with statistician units.

Dir. Rioflorido stated that the management information staff to be hired should be adept with statistics or at least capacitated on statistics. Dir. Rioflorido added that PSA will plan and schedule the date for the capability building training/workshop to be conducted for the NSM to capacitate the staff on basic statistics which will include participants from RLAs.

Dir. Valera suggested that small medium enterprises like market enterprises and businesses with permits such as DTI business name registration, PhilHealth and SSS registration, and mayor permits, should be included in the list of micro and small enterprises in PSA. He explained that this maybe the reason why there is a gap between PSA and DTI data on the number of establishments.

Dir. Rioflorido answered that for the 2024 Census of Philippine Business and Industry, small and medium enterprises will be listed.

Ms. Gloren Hinlo of POPCOM expressed interest to join the capability buildings for RLAs to be conducted by PSA.

On motion duly seconded, the resolution approving the forms for the monitoring and updating of the MIMAROPA RSDP 2018-2023 was approved.

- Amending the RSC Resolution No. 2019-10 to reflect additional statistical indicators in Regional Social and Economic Trends (RSET) MIMAROPA

Mr. Lapus presented the proposed amendment of the RSC Resolution No. 2019-10 on additional statistical indicators in RSET MIMAROPA. He discussed that RSET is a collection of time series statistical information on the social and economic environment of the region. He mentioned the 17 chapters of RSET as follows: 1) population and housing; 2) income and prices; 3) economic accounts; 4) environment and natural resources; 5) agriculture and agrarian reform; 6) industry; 7) trade; 8) tourism; 9) vital, health, and nutrition; 10) education; 11) labor and employment; 12) social services; 13) transportation and communication; 14) energy and water resources; 15) public administration; 16) money and banking; and 17) public order, safety, and justice.

Mr. Lapus then presented the proposed statistical indicators for inclusion in the updating of RSET. He cited several statistical indicators for inclusion as follows: number of households; proportion of families with owned or owner-like possession of housing units; proportion of families with access to secure tenure; magnitude of poor population; median family income; gross regional domestic product (at current prices); gross regional domestic product (at constant 2018 prices); area covered by major proclaimed watershed areas; log production; lumber production; number of Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program beneficiaries; proportion of youth (aged 15-24) not in education, employment or training; telephone density; proportion of population with exposure to internet; number of banks; total assets; number of suppressed fire incidents; number of lawyers in the government; crime clearance efficiency; number of index crime; and number of prosecutor's in the government.

Mr. Lapus also mentioned to include Chapter 18 – Science and Technology with indicators like number of DOST undergraduate scholars, gross regional research and development expenditure; and number of technology adoptors/start-ups assisted under SETUP.

Dir. Mendoza asked about the frequency of release of RSET.

Mr. Lapus responded that RSET is being released and disseminated every end of December annually.

Dir. Mendoza further asked on the number of original indicators and the number of proposed indicators for inclusion.

Mr. Lapus replied that there were 211 original indicators and there were roughly around 100 indicators proposed for inclusion.

RD Mendoza requested for age sex-disaggregated data on total population of the region with provincial breakdown based from the result of previous censuses (e.g., 2000 and 2010) and population projection of the region and its provinces for 2020 and 2030 to analyze data using a population pyramid, to estimate the demographic window and incorporate in the formulation of plans, program, and policies.

On motion duly seconded, the resolution amending the RSC Resolution No. 2019-10 to reflect additional statistical indicators in RSET MIMAROPA was approved.

7. Matters for information

- Updates on the Provincial Product Accounts (PPA)

Ms. Ma. Leizl L. Magbojos of PSA MIMAROPA presented the updates on the PPA. She explained that PPA aims to present a comprehensive picture of the provincial economies by providing a more appropriate measure and assessment of a province's economic importance, and will serve as an important tool in economic planning and policy formulation at the sub regional levels to supplement the GDP at the national and regional levels. She showed that the status of data collection of the list of top 25 establishments by industry and list of all establishments by industry were both 100 percent while the list of businesses classified as informal sector was 95 percent.

Ms. Magbojos also mentioned of the activities of PPA for 2021 like briefing with stakeholders towards the compilation of PPA, briefing on the data requirements for the generation of PPA, training/workshop from data to accounts, orientation on the data requirements for the compilation of PPA to data providers of Marinduque, provincial consultation workshop with stakeholders in agriculture and fishery sector, capacity building on the 2019 updates to the 2009 PSIC for local government units, data to accounts workshop for non-benchmark estimates, consultation workshop with the stakeholders and technical visit, non-benchmarking estimation workshop, writeshop for the PPA report, and dissemination forums to the provinces.

Dir. Mendoza inquired on the date of release of 2021 PPA.

360 Dir. Rioflorido answered that the dates of release are on
361 December 6 for Oriental Mindoro, December 7 for Occidental
362 Mindoro, December 8 for Palawan and Puerto Princesa, December
363 9 for Marinduque, and December 10 for Romblon but the given
364 dates were tentative.

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366 Dir. Mendoza asked if all regions will now prepare their own
367 PPAs.

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369 Dir. Rioflorido shared that for the year 2021, there are already
370 three pilot regions with their own PPAs while for the year 2022,
371 there will be additional six regions. Ten regions will prepare their
372 PPA for 2023 while NCR will prepare their PPA in 2024.

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374 • Updates on the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance
375 System

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377 Ms. Ana Patricia A. Ramos of PSA MIMAROPA presented the
378 surveys cleared under the SSRCS for the period May 1 to July 6,
379 2021. She reported that there were 14 surveys that were granted
380 clearance under the SSRCS; 6 of those surveys are non-PSA and
381 8 surveys were from PSA. She showed the list of surveys that
382 were granted clearance.

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384 Dir. Mendoza asked if the surveys done for the purpose of thesis
385 or dissertation need to undergo the SSRCS.

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387 Ms. Ramos replied that those surveys do not need to seek
388 clearance.

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390 Dir. Mendoza inquired if rapid rural appraisal is subject for
391 clearance.

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393 Ms. Ramos responded that all statistical surveys conducted by
394 government agencies are covered by the system but those
395 surveys conducted by government agencies for their internal use
396 are exempted.

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398 Dir. Mendoza further asked if there will be penalties or sanctions
399 if the surveys conducted by government agencies did not undergo
400 the SSRCS to which Ms. Ramos answered that there will be no
401 penalties.

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403 Ms. Ramos added that SSRCS is done to ensure conformity with
404 standard definitions, concepts and classifications, and
405 consequently, the reliability, comparability and accuracy of
406 statistics generated out of said surveys and/or censuses.

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408 • Updates on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH)
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Mr. Lapus presented a quick background of the 2020 CPH. He said that 2020 CPH is designed primarily to take an inventory of the total population and housing units in the Philippines. The information to be collected are demographic characteristics, socio-economic characteristics, cultural characteristics, and structural characteristics and facilities of the housing units. He mentioned that the reference period of the 2020 CPH was May 1, 2020 as of 12.01 a.m.

Mr. Lapus also presented the highlights of the report on the 2020 population of MIMAROPA region. The total population of the Philippines as of May 1, 2020 is 109,035,343. The total population in MIMAROPA as of May 1, 2020 is 3,228,558, it accounts to 2.96 percent of the Philippine population. In terms of population density, there were 109 Filipinos for every one square kilometer in MIMAROPA. He added that among the five provinces, Palawan has the largest population count with 939,594 people. It was followed by Oriental Mindoro with 908,339 people. Meanwhile, Marinduque has the lowest population count in the region with 239,207 people.

Dir. Mendoza asked for an update or information on the housing characteristics as well as the Indigenous People (IP) count for MIMAROPA region.

Mr. Lapus explained that the housing characteristics as well as IP count will be released in June 2022 until December 2022, in accordance with the Executive Order No. 352, s. 1996. He added that PSA's Central Office is reviewing and verifying first the data or information regarding the other characteristics of the population such as the housing, IP, and age-sex distribution, among others.

Dir. Mendoza further asked about the problems related to the conduct of the interviews in gated communities in the region as it was mentioned in the presentation as one of the challenges encountered.

Mr. Lapus shared that some of these communities are in Palawan yet he affirmed that there were no problems encountered and the communities were covered in the census since prior coordination was done among the locals in the said communities.

8. Other Matters

- **PSGC Revision 1**

Dir. Rioflorido presented the updates on the PSGC Revision 1. She mentioned that the salient features for the revision are the following: expanded the existing provincial code from two digits to three digits; all Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs) will now have its own unique three-digit Province Code; existing two-digit NCR

provincial codes are to be discontinued; and there will be new coding structure from nine-digit code to 10-digit code.

- Inclusion of PSIC in the Unified Business Permit Form

Dir. Rioflorido presented the inclusion of the PSIC in the unified business permit form. She discussed that a Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, series of 2021 or the Guidelines for Processing Business Permits, Related Clearances and Licenses in the New Normal in all Cities and Municipalities was issued on April 13, 2021. This is in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018. The cities and municipalities are directed to transition to an electronic business one stop shop (e-BOSS). The e-BOSS is an online portal with the following functionalities: 1) accepts online or electronic submission of application; 2) issues electronically the tax bill/order of payment; 3) accepts online payment; 4) issues electronic versions of permits, licenses and clearances; and 5) provides gateway facility to courier service for applicants who prefer to receive hard copy of permits. She tackled that the unified business permit form is a one-page form. The system is still work in progress and up to date there is no existing integrated one stop shop. MIMAROPA Region and Region III were chosen as pilot regions for this project.

- 6th RSC Summit

Dir. Rioflorido briefed the members about the 6th RSC Summit. She mentioned that the RSC Summit is conducted annually. The RSC is the regional counterpart of the PSA Board which was established to improve statistical planning, programming, and coordination at the subnational level, ensure effective organization within the Regional Statistical System, and strengthen the local data ecosystem. She added that the tentative schedule for the 6th RSC Summit is on September 24, 2021. It is a back-to-back event to the PSDP 2018-2023 Update Workshop on September 22-23, 2021. RSC Chairpersons, PSA Board Members, PSA ManCom, and RSC Secretaries will be invited to participate virtually.

Dir. Rioflorido also discussed that one of the activities for the 6th RSC Summit is the Best RSC Award for 2021. The requirements for the Best RSC Award are the following: 1) agenda items in meetings held from 3rd Quarter of 2020 to 2nd Quarter of 2021; 2) RSC Resolutions approved from 3rd Quarter of 2020 to 2nd Quarter of 2021; 3) Meeting attendance sheets; and 4) other outputs/accomplishments (activities initiated and organized by the RSC, and other outputs such as RDC Resolutions adopted from the RSC-endorsed policies, recognitions from reputable organizations, RDC agenda where presentation on statistical

policies is included (if any). The deadline for the submission is on August 15, 2021.

- Revisiting RSC Resolution No. 2019-03

Mr. Gatpandan presented the RSC Resolution No. 2019-03. He said that RSC Resolution No. 2019-03 or the Approving the Creation of Provincial Statistics Committees (PSCs) in All Provinces of MIMAROPA was approved on May 17, 2019. The PSCs are composed of Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (PPDC) as Chairperson, Provincial Statistics Officer as Vice Chairperson. The members are the heads of the following provincial offices: Provincial Agriculture Office; Provincial Agrarian Reform Office; Provincial Budget Office; Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office; Department of the Interior and Local Government; Provincial Health Office; Division Superintendent of Schools; Philippine National Police; Provincial Engineering Office; Provincial Public Employment Services Office; Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office; Provincial Tourism Office; Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office; Philippine Statistical Association, Inc.; Academe/State Universities and Colleges; and Private Sector.

Mr. Gatpandan tackled that the PSC Secretariat is headed by Supervising Statistical Specialist from the PSA Provincial Office. The functions of the Secretariat are to document proceedings and prepare highlights of meetings and business arising, submit to the PSA Regional Statistical Service Office (RSSO) copies of PSC meetings' attendance sheets and agenda along with the approved PSC resolutions and memorandum orders, and submit periodic reports to the RSSO. PSC meetings shall be convened a month prior to the RSC's quarterly meetings to ensure that unsettled PSC issues that need to be elevated to the RSC are addressed swiftly, whenever necessary.

Dir. Mendoza asked for the feedback from the PPDOs.

Ms. Anna Christina Ibahan of PPDO Marinduque informed that they are not conducting PSC meetings regularly. Since it was reiterated that there is a need to conduct meetings regularly, they will schedule a meeting and will try to conduct meetings regularly.

Dir. Mendoza inquired who the lead secretariat was for PSC Marinduque. Ms. Ibahan replied that the appointed secretariat is the Provincial Agriculture Office.

Dir. Mendoza inquired who should be the secretariat based on the resolution. Mr. Gatpandan answered that it should be PSA as stipulated in the resolution.

Ms. Marsha De Castro of PPDO Oriental Mindoro briefed that PSC Oriental Mindoro had conducted meetings on March 29 and July 19.

Dir. Mendoza questioned if the meetings were in harmony with the conduct of RSC meetings and if there were agreements that were elevated to RSC.

Ms. De Castro responded that she will check if the schedules were harmonized.

Ms. Emelita Agpalo of PPDO Occidental Mindoro reported that they are regularly conducting meetings and they schedule meetings ahead of RSC meetings but sometimes due to the unavailability of the Chairperson, the meeting is being rescheduled at a later date.

Mr. Gatpandan requested for the copy of reports for the conduct of meetings.

Ms. Agpalo replied that they will ask for the secretariat to furnish a copy of the reports.

Ms. Gemma Etis of PPDO Romblon mentioned that PSC Romblon had conducted three meetings. She also requested for the copy of presentations as they were not able to follow due to intermittent internet connection.

Mr. Gatpandan said that the copy of presentations will be forwarded to the members.

Dir. Mendoza reiterated the request of the PSA to furnish the RSC with the copy of PSC reports, minutes of meetings, and even resolutions for records keeping of the RSC. Ms. Etis agreed to provide the requested documents.

Ms. Sharlene Vilches of PPDO Palawan informed that PSC Palawan scheduled a meeting in August and it is not synchronized with the RSC meeting. She suggested the possibility to have a semestral meeting instead of quarterly meeting to lessen the burden of conducting quarterly meetings and to consolidate important matters to discuss.

Ms. Maria Lalaine Rodriguez of PSA Palawan told that they have been scheduling the meeting with the PPDC but was not pushed through due to several reasons. She added that they will be active for the last quarter and the coming years.

Mr. Gatpandan said that on the request of Palawan on the possibility to conduct semestral meetings, it is stated in the RSC Resolution 2019-03 that PSC shall conduct meetings prior to the RSC quarterly meetings. He added that a recommendation to

amend the resolution's provision may be elevated in the next meeting if they really want to change the frequency of meetings. He informed that PSC will play a crucial role in the gathering of data especially for PPA.

Dir. Mendoza instructed the RSC secretariat to coordinate with PSCs to know the challenges in conducting meetings regularly before elevating the recommendation of amending the Resolution 2019-03. He added to look for provision on the PSC for HUCs if there is a need to have a separate statistical committee.

Dir. Rioflorido thanked all the members for attending the meeting. She commended all the PSA provincial offices staff for the 100 percent collection of data based on the presentation.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Acting RSC Secretary

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Regional Director, PSAMIMAROPA

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AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA

RSC Chairperson and
Regional Director, NEDA MIMAROPA



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REGIONAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE
MIMAROPA Region

RSC Fourth Quarter Meeting
November 12, 2021, 1:30 P.M.
Video Conference

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

AGENDA ITEM / ISSUE	AGREEMENT	STATUS
Forms for the monitoring and updating of the MIMAROPA RSDP 2018-2023	Dir. Mendoza asked if there will be technical assistance or technical working group meetings to enlighten the agencies on how to fill out the forms. Mr. Lapus responded that PSA will conduct a workshop to re-orient the agencies on the RSDP and to brief them on how to fill-up the forms.	<i>The Briefing on the MIMAROPA RSDP 2018-2023 Forms was conducted on November 10, 2021. Regional line agencies were briefed on how to fill out the RSDP forms.</i>
	Dir. Mendoza inquired if the management information system units of most of the agencies can be harmonized with statistician units. Dir. Rioflorido stated that the management information staff to be hired should be adept with statistics or at least capacitated on statistics. Dir. Rioflorido added that PSA will plan and schedule the date for the capability building training/workshop to be conducted for the NSM to capacitate the staff on basic statistics which will include participants from RLAs.	The Training on Basic Statistics was successfully conducted on October 5-6, 2021, and was attended by 118 participants from 24 regional line agencies.

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Amending the RSC Resolution No. 2019-10 to reflect additional statistical indicators in RSET MIMAROPA	Dir. Mendoza requested for age sex-disaggregated data on total population of the region with provincial breakdown based from the result of previous censuses (e.g., 2000 and 2010) and population projection of the region and its provinces for 2020 and 2030 to analyze data using a population pyramid, to estimate the demographic window and incorporate in the formulation of plans, program, and policies.	<p>On August 23, 2021, the approved tabulated population statistics taken from 2000 and 2010 CPH and the population projection for 2020 and 2030 of the MIMAROPA Region and its provinces have been sent to the Office of the Regional Director of the NEDA MIMAROPA. The acknowledged receipt was received by PSA MIMAROPA on the same day.</p> <p>On Sept. 9, 2021, the PSA sent the tabulated statistics from 2000 to 2010 population projection to NEDA MIMAROPA.</p>
Updates on the 2020 CPH	Dir. Mendoza asked for an update or information on the housing characteristics as well as the Indigenous People (IP) count for MIMAROPA region.	Mr. Lapus explained that the housing characteristics as well as IP count will be released in June 2022 until December 2022, in accordance with the Executive Order No. 352, s. 1996. He added that PSA's Central Office is reviewing and verifying first the data or information regarding the other characteristics of the population such as the housing, IP, and age-sex distribution, among others.
	Dir. Mendoza further asked about the problems related to the conduct of the interviews in gated communities in the region as it was mentioned in the presentation as one of the challenges encountered.	Mr. Lapus shared that some of these communities are in Palawan yet he affirmed that there were no problems encountered and the communities were covered in the census since prior coordination was done among the locals in the said communities.

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Revisiting RSC Resolution No. 2019-03	<p>Dir. Mendoza instructed the RSC secretariat to coordinate with PSCs to know the challenges in conducting meetings regularly before elevating the recommendation of amending the Resolution 2019-03. He added to look for provision on the PSC for HUCs if there is a need to have a separate statistical committee.</p>	<p>RSC Secretariat prepared letters to PSC Chairpersons to know the challenges in conducting quarterly meetings. For Marinduque, PSC Chairperson coordinated with the Vice Chairperson to convene on the 2nd week of November due to conflict of schedules with other equally important activities. For Occidental Mindoro, one of the challenges is the availability of the members. Although the committee has agreed that it shall meet regularly a week before the schedule of the RSC meeting, meeting the required number of members continues to be a problem. To address this challenge, the committee has requested the members to designate permanent alternates that will represent the regular members in case there is a conflict in their schedule.</p>



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BRIEF FROM THE RSC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Socio Economic Profile of MIMAROPA Provinces

1. Pursuant to Section 6c of Republic Act 10625 and in response to the commitment of providing quality, reliable and relevant statistics at the local level and with the high demand of data requests from different stakeholders, constituents and clientele, the PSA MIMAROPA is pleased to provide the Socio-economic Profile (SEP) for the Provinces of Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Palawan, and Romblon.
2. The SEP is a publication of PSA MIMAROPA that contains relevant statistics and indicators about the performance of the province. It covers not only the overview, brief history and general information of the province, but also statistical data on the Physical and Demographic Characteristics, Economic Activities, Social Services, Infrastructure and Utilities, Financial Profile, and Institutional Profile that are disaggregated at the city/municipal level.
3. This publication also compiles time series data of statistical indicators as validation parameters in the estimation of the Provincial Product Accounts, the measurement of the province's economic performance.
4. The SEP serves as a useful tool for data users, planners, policy-makers, program implementers, investors, researchers and other stakeholders in the formulation of plans and programs and other developmental undertakings. It is hoped that this publication will raise the general public's awareness on the significance and value of statistics at the local government units and the public in general for a better and progressive nation.
5. PSA MIMAROPA staff will present the overview, statistical data to be collected, data source agencies and its way forward.
6. Action requested: For approval and adoption.



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BRIEF FROM THE RSC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Schedule of 2022 Quarterly RSC Meetings

1. Article I of PSA Board Resolution No. 05, s. 2015, provides the establishment of Regional Statistics committees (RSCs) in the region.
2. RSC shall serve as the policymaking body on statistical matters and shall serve as the venue for discussion and resolution of statistical issues at the local level.
3. Article III of PSA Board Resolution No. 05. s. 2015, provides that the RSC shall meet at least once a quarter, date, and place it may decide.
4. The proposed schedule of CY 2022 Quarterly meetings is on every Friday of the second week of the second month of the quarter.
5. PSA MIMAROPA staff will present the proposed schedule for CY 2022.
6. Action requested: For approval.



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PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF 2022 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS	DATE	VENUE
First Quarter	February 11, 2022	Online or if physical: Calapan City/Manila
Second Quarter	May 13, 2022	Online or if physical: Calapan City/Manila
Third Quarter	August 12, 2022	Online or if physical: Calapan City/Manila
Fourth Quarter	November 11, 2022	Online or if physical: Calapan City/Manila

Note: Venue is subject to change whichever is applicable.



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BRIEF FROM THE RSC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Requesting All Regional Line Agencies, Local Government Units, and Stakeholders to Adopt Republic Act No. 10879 (MIMAROPA Act)

1. Republic Act (RA) No. 10879 establishing the Southwestern Tagalog to be known as the MIMAROPA Region was enacted on July 17, 2016, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1), of the Philippine Constitution.
2. RA No. 10879 establishes the MIMAROPA Region comprising the provinces and cities of Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Palawan, Puerto Princesa City, and Calapan City.
3. Since the enactment of RA No. 10879, the public is not yet fully aware of the Southwestern Tagalog Region to be called as MIMAROPA Region.
4. PSA MIMAROPA is promoting the use of Philippine Standard Geographic Code and would like to encourage the public to adopt or abide by the MIMAROPA Act.
5. PSA MIMAROPA staff will present the MIMAROPA Act.
6. Action requested: For information.



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BRIEF FROM THE RSC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Highlights of the 32nd National Statistics Month

1. October is the annual observance of the National Statistics Month (NSM) pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, "Declaring the Month of October Every Year as the National Statistics Month" issued on September 20, 1990 by then President Corazon C. Aquino.
2. The celebration of the NSM aimed to: (a) promote, enhance, and instill awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to different sectors of society; and (b) elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country.
3. The PSA Board issued Board Resolution No. 11, Series of 2021 Enjoining and Institutionalizing Support to the Annual Celebration of the National Statistics Month on September 10, 2021.
4. PSA MIMAROPA together with RSC MIMAROPA celebrated the 32nd NSM with the theme "NSM@32: Revving Up for Economic and Social Recovery Through Evidence-Based Policies."
5. PSA MIMAROPA will present an audiovisual presentation (AVP) on the highlights of the 32nd NSM celebration.
6. Action requested: For information.



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BRIEF FROM THE RSC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Highlights of the 6th Regional Statistics Committee Summit

1. Recognizing the vital role of the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) as the policymaking body on the statistical matters at the local level, the PSA conducted the 6th RSC Summit on October 7, 2021 with the theme "Speeding Economic Recovery Through Innovative and Evidence-Based Local Development Planning.
2. The RSC Summit aims to discuss relevant and emerging statistical issues/concerns at the subregional level.
3. The summit also serves as a venue where good practices of RSCs in the monitoring of statistical development programs at the local level are being shared.
4. PSA MIMAROPA will present the highlights of the 6th RSC Summit.
5. Action requested: For information.



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BRIEF FROM THE RSC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Updates on the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System Rollout

1. Republic Act (RA) No. 11315 also known as the “Community-Based Monitoring System Act” was signed into law by President Rodrigo Duterte on April 17, 2019.
2. Community-Base Monitoring System (CBMS) refers to an organized technology-based system of collecting, processing, and validating necessary disaggregated data that may be used for planning, program implementation, and impact monitoring at the local level while empowering communities to participate in the process.
3. CBMS involves the generation of data at the local level which serves as basis in targeting households in the planning, budgeting, and implementation of government programs geared towards poverty alleviation and economic development.
4. On 2022, there will be a conduct of CBMS rollout. All local government units are encouraged to participate in the said rollout.
5. For the targeted nationwide rollout of the CBMS in 2022, the 5th and 6th income class cities/municipalities may be funded by the national government in accordance with Section 11 of RA No. 11315. Cities/municipalities that will not be funded are to allocate funding from their own respective LGU budget to be able to conduct the PSA-led CBMS in 2022.
6. PSA MIMAROPA will present the updates on the CBMS.
7. Action requested: For information.



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Subject: Updates on the Provincial Product Accounts

1. RA No. 10625 states that the PSA shall be primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, including sectoral statistics, consolidation of administrative recording system, and compilation of national accounts.
2. This year, MIMAROPA was chosen to serve as pilot region in Luzon for the estimation of the Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) in all its provinces.
3. PPA aims to present a comprehensive picture of the provincial economies by providing a more appropriate measure and assessment of a province's economic performance and will serve as an important tool in economic planning and policy formulation at the subregional levels to supplement the gross domestic product at the national and regional levels.
4. On December 2021, results of the PPA compilation are expected to be disseminated to the stakeholders.
5. PSA MIMAROPA will present the updates on the PPA.
6. Action requested: For information.