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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)

REGIONAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE

RSC Resolution No. IV-A-19-2022

“ENJOINING STATISTICS-PRODUCING REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADHERE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS”

- WHEREAS,** the United Nations Statistical Commission, as the highest decision-making body of the global statistical system, formulated the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (UN-FPOS) in 1994;
- WHEREAS,** the UN-FPOS ensures that countries would be able to produce appropriate and reliable data that adhered to well-defined professional and scientific standards;
- WHEREAS,** the UN-FPOS puts emphasis on the importance of international cooperation in the delivery of trustworthy official statistics;
- WHEREAS,** FPOS describes official statistics as basis for development of statistics in the economic, demographic, social and environmental fields used by governments and other stakeholders in their decision-making;
- WHEREAS,** national and sub-national policymakers need official statistics in understanding issues, formulating appropriate policies and strategies, direction setting, and evaluating policies and programs;
- WHEREAS,** relevant and timely statistics will lead to better and evidence-based decision-making that will lead to achieving the regional and national development goals;
- WHEREAS,** to ensure correct interpretation of the data, all producers of official statistics shall develop, produce and disseminate official statistics according to the UN-FPOS, as shown in Annex A, which forms part of this Resolution;
- NOW THEREFORE,** on motion duly seconded, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to enjoin statistics-producing regional line agencies and local government units to adhere to the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.
- SIGNED,** this 4th day of November 2022 via video conference.

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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Principle 1: Relevance, Impartiality, and Equal Access

Official statistics provide an indispensable element in the information system of a democratic society, serving the Government, the economy and the public with data about the economic, demographic, social and environmental situation. To this end, official statistics that meet the test of practical utility are to be compiled and made available on an impartial basis by official statistical agencies to honour citizens' entitlement to public information.

Principle 2: Professional Standards, Scientific Principles, and Professional Ethics

To retain trust in official statistics, the statistical agencies need to decide according to strictly professional considerations, including scientific principles and professional ethics, on the methods and procedures for the collection, processing, storage and presentation of statistical data.

Principle 3: Accountability and Transparency

To facilitate a correct interpretation of the data, the statistical agencies are to present information according to scientific standards on the sources, methods and procedures of the statistics.

Principle 4: Prevention of Misuse

The statistical agencies are entitled to comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics.

Principle 5: Sources of Official Statistics

Data for statistical purposes may be drawn from all types of sources, be they statistical surveys or administrative records. Statistical agencies are to choose the source with regard to quality, timeliness, costs and the burden on respondents.

Principle 6: Confidentiality

Individual data collected by statistical agencies for statistical compilation, whether they refer to natural or legal persons, are to be strictly confidential and used exclusively for statistical purposes.

Principle 7: Legislation

The laws, regulations and measures under which the statistical systems operate are to be made public.

Principle 8: National Coordination

Coordination among statistical agencies within countries is essential to achieve consistency and efficiency in the statistical system.

Principle 9: Use of International Standards

The use by statistical agencies in each country of international concepts, classifications and methods promotes the consistency and efficiency of statistical systems at all official levels.

Principle 10: International Cooperation

Bilateral and multilateral cooperation in statistics contributes to the improvement of systems of official statistics in all countries.