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Philippine Statistics Authority

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The Philippines, through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), fully supports the recommendations indicated to transform and modernize national statistical systems.

The PSA recognizes the role of collaboration and user consultation in promoting efficiency and in remaining responsive to emerging demands. Thus, the PSA integrates collaboration and user engagement in its statistical business process.

In 2020, the PSA conducted a series of consultation workshops for the revision and rebasing of the National Accounts of the Philippines (NAP). The consultation workshops served as a platform to obtain valuable inputs from stakeholders of the NAP. It helped the PSA and partner agencies identify areas of priorities and harmonize efforts and timelines. The consultation workshops also provided data users a venue to raise their statistical needs. Similarly, the PSA regularly engages with its survey respondents to highlight their role as data partner. An example of this is the conduct of stakeholders' forum for the Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI).

The PSA also looks forward to the prospect of having a network of data science centers. In fact, the PSA has included the establishment of a data science lab and innovation center among its priority activities. With a network in place, there will be greater opportunity for National Statistical Offices to learn from the best practices of other countries and collaborate for the development of new tools and methods for economic statistics.

Likewise, the PSA supports pursuing collective action to access data. The PSA applies a similar principle in its endeavor to strengthen data linkage between the government and the private sector in the Philippines. The PSA is exploring the possibility of establishing a data collaboration which intends to strengthen and expand the Government Statistics Accessibility Program to include the private sector.

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Finally, the PSA finds the establishment of a committee of experts on population and well-being helpful and is willing to support this.

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