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# Overview

## What is a Regional Statistics Committee (RSC)?

The RSC is the regional counterpart of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Board. The RSC is established to:

- improve statistical planning, programming, and coordination at the subnational level
- ensure effective organization within the Regional Statistical System (RSS)
- strengthen the local data ecosystem



## LEGAL BASES FOR ESTABLISHING RSCs

### Republic Act No. 10625 “Philippine Statistical Act of 2013”

**Section 9e.** PSA Board shall prescribe appropriate frameworks for the improvement of statistical coordination and establish mechanisms for statistical coordination at the regional and LGU levels.

### Executive Order No. 135

**SEC. 1.** A well-coordinated statistical system at the local level that is:

- (1) responsive to planning and monitoring requirements at the local level; and
- (2) capable of producing statistics which can be integrated and harmonized with statistics being produced at the national level, shall be established.

### PSA Board Resolution No. 05, s. 2015, “Establishing the Regional Statistics Committees (RSCs)”

PSA Board shall establish the RSCs to serve as the:

- policymaking body on statistical matters; and
- venue for discussion and resolution of statistical issues at the local level.

# POWERS & FUNCTIONS OF THE RSCs

## General Functions

The RSCs are established with the following powers and functions:

- Oversee the implementation in the regions of policy decisions made by the PSA Board and the adoption of prescribed statistical standard methodologies and classification systems;
- Formulate statistical policies designed to resolve local statistical issues and recommend workable schemes towards the improvement of local level statistics;
- Institute measures to strengthen the statistical capability of the local statistical system including the personnel thereof;
- Elevate to the PSA Board, through proper channels, statistical matters which cannot be resolved at the local level;
- Create interagency statistical working groups, as the need arises, that could attend to technical issues and problems and supervise the activities of these working groups;
- Address the evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the RSS; and
- Perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary/critical for the RSS.

## Regional Statistical Development Program (RSDP)

With regard to the formulation of the RSDP, the RSCs shall:

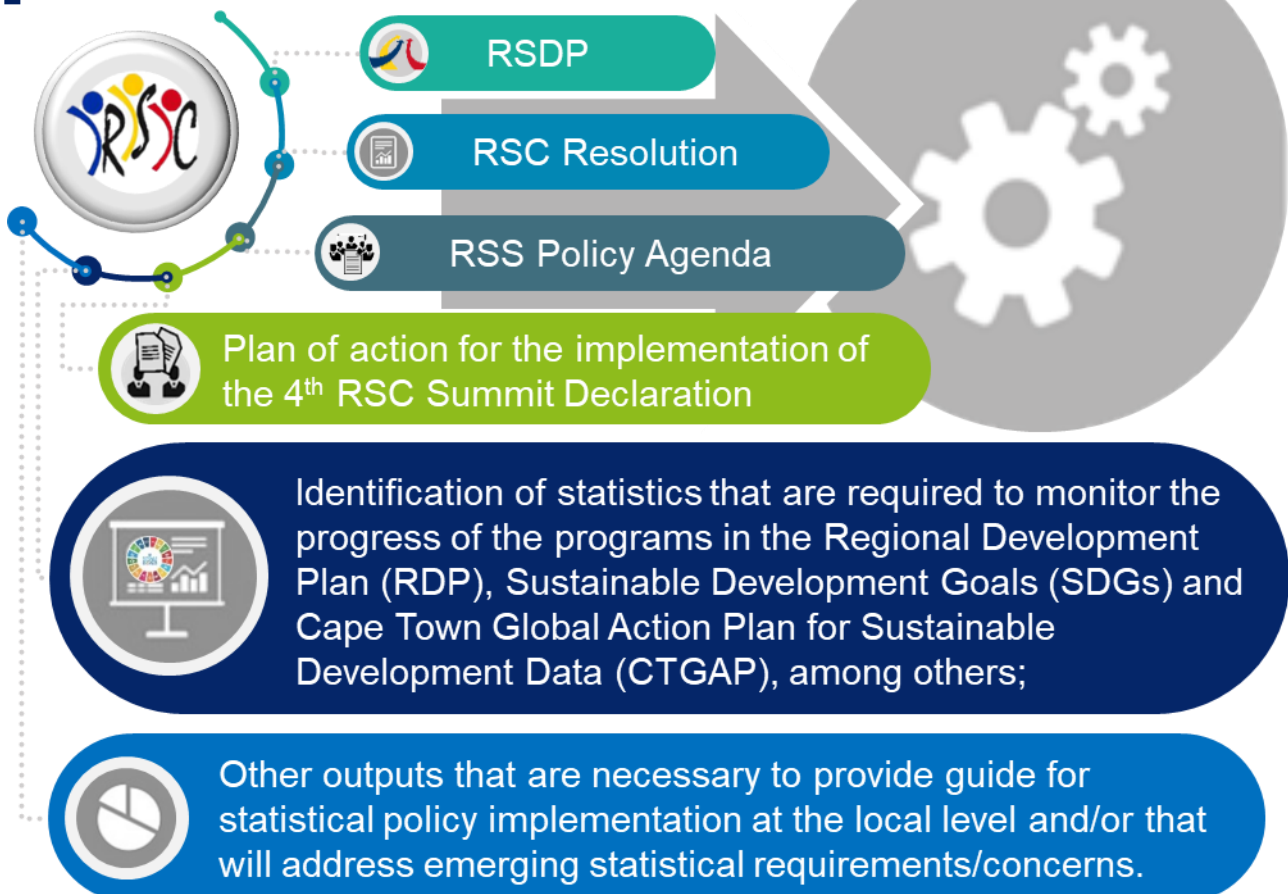
- Spearhead the formulation of the RSDP for the region by performing the following:
  - Discuss and identify statistical development programs and formulate statistical frameworks and methodologies for inclusion in the RSDP of the region
  - Serve as the Steering Committee of the RSDP and provide guidance and directions in the formulation of the RSDP
  - Propose and guarantee timely submission of write-ups, reports, and other outputs regarding RSDP
  - Coordinate with stakeholders (RSS agencies and other organizations) in the formulation of the RSDP, specifically in the monitoring of the progress of implementation of statistical activities/programs

## Core Regional Indicators (CoRe-Is)

Likewise, as provided in PSA Board Resolution No. 10, s. 2017, “Approving and Adopting the Core Regional Indicators,” the RSCs shall:

- Oversee the implementation and adoption of the CoRe-Is in the regions;
- Provide guidance in the continuous improvement and updating of the CoRe-Is;
- Identify additional indicators to the CoRe-Is as needed to monitor the attainment of the region’s development goals and targets; and
- Elevate to the PSA Board, any issue/matter regarding the compilation of the CoRe-Is which cannot be resolved at the subnational level.

## What are the outputs of the RSCs?



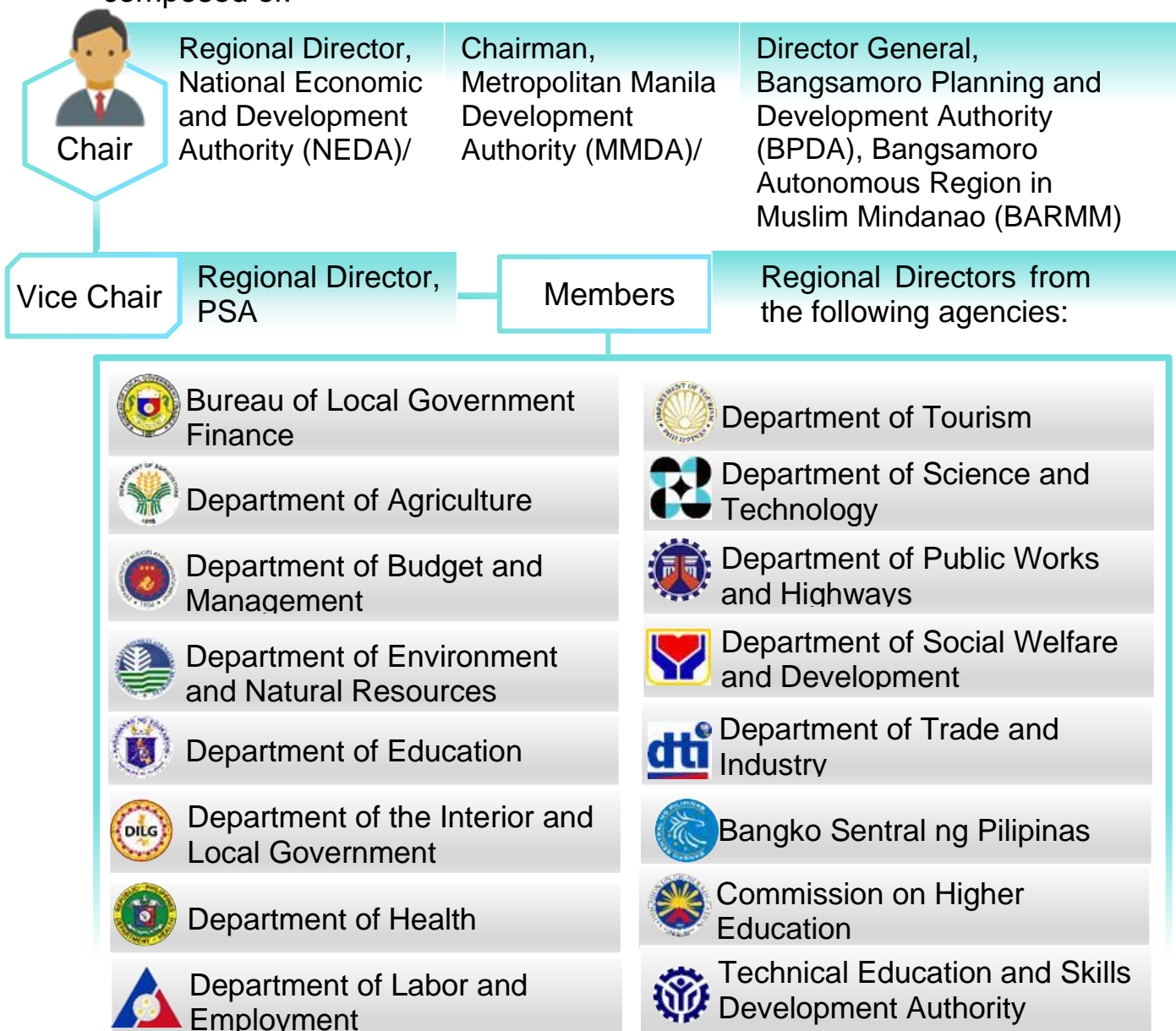
# Organization of the RSCs

## Who are the members of the RSCs?

PSA Board Resolution No. 03, s. 2017, provided for the reconstitution of the Regional Statistics Committees (RSCs) based on a suggestion raised during the 1<sup>st</sup> RSC Summit held on 21 September 2016.

Furthermore, in consideration of the comments raised during the meeting with the PSA Regional Statistical Services Offices held on 04 January 2018, PSA Board Resolution No. 03, s. 2017, was amended through PSA Board Resolution No. 01, s. 2018. This is to include provisions for the modification of the RSC composition and designation of the head of the RSC Secretariat.

As stipulated in PSA Board Resolution No. 01, s. 2018, the RSCs shall be composed of:



Representatives who shall all be appointed by the RSC Chair, from a list of nominees submitted by other RSC members, for a term of three (3) years with possible reappointment, from:

- Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO)
- Academe/State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)
- Private Sector



## MEMBERSHIP OF RSCs

- RSC members may designate permanent and alternate representatives who can make decisions/commitments during RSC meetings. Name of representatives shall be submitted to the RSC Secretariat
- Majority (one-half plus one) of the RSC members shall constitute a quorum in the conduct of its day to day affairs and business
- Composition of the RSC may be modified to provide flexibility in its operations and to ensure that it continually caters to the statistical requirements of the region
- In case the private sector member institution ceases to exist within its term as RSC member, the representation is likewise terminated. Hence, a new member from the private sector shall be appointed by the RSC Chair for a full term of three (3) years, with possible reappointment, from a list of nominees submitted by other RSC members.

# Coordination and Monitoring of the RSCs

## Who serves as the RSC Secretariat?



The Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) of the PSA RSSO serves as the RSC Secretariat with its Division Chief as Head of the RSC Secretariat.

## FUNCTIONS OF THE RSC SECRETARIAT

- Organize RSC meetings and ensure that there is a quorum in every meeting;
- Closely coordinate with the RSC Chair;
- Draft RSS Policy Agenda, RSC Resolutions, and Memorandum Order, among others;
- Prepare and consolidate meeting materials;
- Document proceedings and prepare highlights of meeting and business arising;
- Submit to the PSA Central Office copies of RSC meetings' attendance sheets and agenda along with the approved RSC resolutions and memorandum orders; and
- Submit periodic reports to the Standards Service (SS) of the PSA
- Ensure that all RSC members are updated/informed in all RSC-related matters

## How often does the RSC meet?

- The RSC shall meet quarterly or more than once a quarter as the need arises at such date, time, and place it may decide.
- RSC meetings shall be convened a month prior to PSA Board's quarterly meetings to ensure that unsettled RSC issues that need to be elevated to the PSA Board are addressed swiftly, whenever necessary.



# Creation of Interagency Committees/Technical Working Groups/Task Forces (IACs/TWGs/TFs)

## Creation of IACs/TWGs/TFs

- The RSC may create, through an RSC resolution, IACs/TWGs/TFs that could attend to technical issues/concerns in the region, as necessary.
- The RSC resolution creating the IACs/TWGs/TFs shall contain the rationale, terms of reference, and list of members of the IAC/TWG/TF.
- TFs may be created by the RSC, when necessary, and are expected to provide its output within a fixed timeframe.
- IACs may create TWGs upon approval of the RSC Chair and as the need for them arises. The existence of the TWG shall be determined by its work program, subject to the approval of the IAC Chair.



## Membership/Composition and Reconstitution of IACs/TWGs/TFs

- Membership of the IAC may be increased or decreased depending on the exigencies of work required and shall be authorized by the RSC Chair.
- It is recommended that the TWG Chair be an IAC member to ensure close linkage between the TWG and the IAC. A non-IAC member may also be designated provided that he/she is an expert on the matter.
- TFs shall report regularly to the RSC its accomplishments and final report.
- In case of change in the composition, reconstitution of IACs/TWGs/TFs shall be done through an RSC resolution

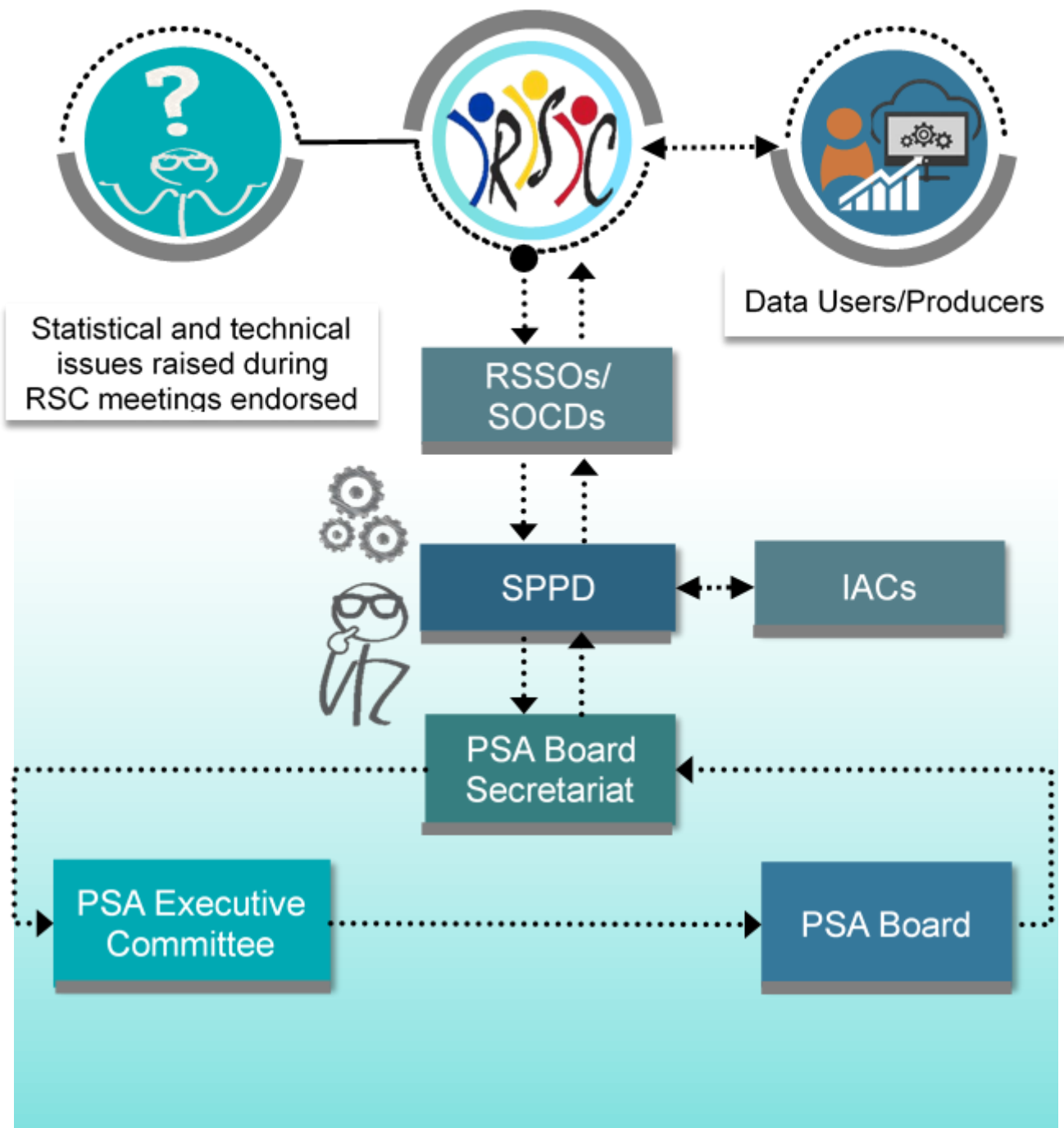
## Decisions of the IACs/TWGs/TFs

- The IAC/TWG/TF shall deliberately discuss the issues/concerns elevated to it and shall come up with apt decision/resolution.
- Decisions made by the IAC/TWG/TF shall initially be submitted to the RSC Secretariat to undergo necessary research and consultation before endorsing to the RSC for appropriate action

# Linkage between the RSC and PSA Board

## What is the link between the RSC and PSA Board?

In cases where statistical issues/concerns could not be resolved at the subnational level, the SOCD consolidates these issues and then endorses to the PSA Board, through the SPPD and the PSA Board Secretariat, for action.



# Conduct of the RSC Summit

## What is an RSC Summit?



The RSC Summit is an annual gathering of RSC members which serves as a venue for the RSCs to discuss relevant and emerging statistical concerns at the local level. Summit participants include members of the PSA Board, RSC Chairs and RSC members representing different agencies, and NEDA and PSA officials and staff. The Summit covers various presentations and open forums.

## When is the RSC Summit conducted?

The RSC Summit is held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of every year. The 1<sup>st</sup> RSC Summit was held on 21 September 2016.

## Why is the RSC Summit being conducted?

The RSC Summit is conducted to:

- recognize the vital role of the RSCs in steering statistical development in the regions.
- serve as a venue for the RSCs to share best practices and innovations which may be adopted by the other RSCs.
- discuss the emerging concerns/issues and requirements of the RSS in each year.



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