



Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE**  
Cordillera Administrative Region

**RSC-CAR Resolution No. 09**  
**Series of 2019**

**ADOPTING THE 4<sup>th</sup> REGIONAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE (RSC) SUMMIT  
DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, the PSA Board created the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) through PSA Board Resolution No. 5 Series of 2015 to provide direction and guidance to regional/local statistical development activities;

**WHEREAS**, the RSC Summit is conducted every year to recognize the vital role of the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) as the policymaking body on statistical matters in the region and lead partner in pursuing our country's development plans;

**WHEREAS**, the fourth RSC Summit was held last November 14-15, 2019 at the 1898 Hotel Colonia en Las Filipinas, Makati City;

**WHEREAS**, a Declaration was prepared and presented during the summit to seek commitment from government agencies, local government units, private organizations, and the general public to support essential statistical activities especially in the formulation of better programs and policies for the improvement of lives of Filipinos at the local level, and ultimately, at the national level;

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration highlights the two (2) most important statistical events in the coming year – the support to the conduct of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) and the implementation of the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS);

**WHEREAS**, the participants of the summit presented their comments on the specifics of the Declaration and were taken into account, and gave their affirmation to the contents of the Declaration;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee read and discussed the Declaration, and concurred to the objectives of the Declaration to widely promote the significance of the 2020 CPH and CBMS;

**NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the RSC-CAR adopts the 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Statistics Committee Summit Declaration and echo the call for everyone in the region to commit to the following:

1. All government agencies, local government units (LGUs), private organizations, and the general public in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to support and participate in the activities lined-up for the 2020 CPH and CBMS.
2. All LGUs in CAR to issue directives to all their constituents to cooperate in the conduct of the 2020 CPH and CBMS by allowing enumerators to interview them and providing truthful and complete answers to questions.

3. All government agencies in CAR to take into consideration the conduct of the 2020 CPH and CBMS in setting their data collection activities that may coincide with these two activities.
4. All government agencies and LGUs in CAR to tap development partners for technical and financial assistance to respond to new and emerging developments in the local statistical system.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the RSC member agencies, other regional line agencies, LGUs and private organizations shall be requested to:

1. Post a copy of the Declaration on their Freedom of Information/Bulletin Boards; and
2. Read the Declaration during one of their Flag Raising Ceremonies and/or staff/organizational meetings in a date not later than February 2020;

**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE**, that the Provincial Statistics Committees (PSCs) shall discuss during their first meeting on 2020 the Declaration and assist RSC-CAR to disseminate the Declaration to all concerned;

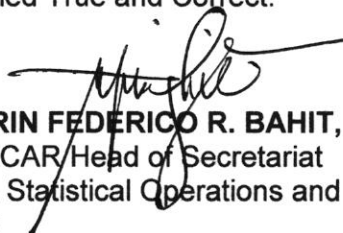
**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE**, that the PSCs thru the PSC Secretariats shall monitor the posting and reading of the Declaration by their respective provincial agencies and LGUs and shall provide a report to RSC-CAR thru the RSC Secretariat;

**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE**, that in provinces that did convene PSC meetings before or during February 2020, or in provinces without PSCs, the PSA Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) shall disseminate the Declaration, and prepare and submit reports to the RSC Secretariat;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that PSA RSSO-CAR and the PSOs shall be ready to attend to queries about the 2020 CPH and the CBMS when requested.


**APPROVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2019 in Baguio City, Philippines.

Certified True and Correct:



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Attested:



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# 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Statistics Committee Summit

1898 Hotel Colonia en Las Filipinas

14-15 November 2019

## 4<sup>TH</sup> RSC SUMMIT DECLARATION

(Support to the Conduct of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing and Implementation of the Community-Based Monitoring System)

### VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

The Regional Statistics Committees (RSCs) acknowledge the collective role of government agencies, local government units (LGUs), private organizations, and the general public at the local level in the conduct of the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (2020 CPH) and the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) as essential activities especially in the formulation of better programs and policies for the improvement of lives of Filipinos at the local level, and ultimately, at the national level. To widely promote the significance of the 2020 CPH and CBMS, RSCs endeavor to support and drive publicity and information campaigns on the 2020 CPH and the CBMS. In pursuit of this, the RSCs call upon everyone to commit to the following:

1. All government agencies, LGUs, private organizations, and the general public to support and participate in the activities lined-up for the 2020 CPH and CBMS.
2. All LGUs to issue directives to all their constituents to cooperate in the conduct of the 2020 CPH and CBMS by allowing enumerators to interview them and providing truthful and complete answers to questions.
3. All government agencies to take into consideration the conduct of the 2020 CPH and CBMS in setting their data collection activities that may coincide with these two activities.
4. All government agencies and LGUs to tap development partners for technical and financial assistance to respond to new and emerging developments in the local statistical system.

### CALL TO ACTION

The RSCs call on all stakeholders and partners to take action on the following:

1. In order to ensure higher response rate in both the 2020 CPH and CBMS, agencies at the national and local levels and LGUs should carry out thorough advocacy activities.
2. In order to facilitate coordination among agencies involved in the conduct of the 2020 CPH and CBMS, national and regional mechanisms for coordination and cooperation should be strengthened. Consultation between statistical producers and key user groups must also be improved at all levels.
3. All local government units (LGUs) to issue directives to all their constituents to cooperate in the 2020 CPH and CBMS by allowing enumerators to interview them and providing truthful and complete answers to questions.
4. In order to respond to new and emerging developments in the statistical system, there is a need to develop robust methods particularly in the collection and processing of census and CBMS data.

### WAYS FORWARD

In order to achieve the principles of this Declaration, the RSCs propose that the following actions be taken:

1. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Regional Statistical Services Offices (RSSOs) to disseminate this Declaration to their respective RSC member agencies, by the end of 2019.
2. The RSCs to discuss this Declaration in their Q1-2020 RSC meeting for drafting of an action plan relative to the region.

3. The RSC Summit to serve as venue for the reporting of status of implementation of this Declaration during years when succeeding CPH and CBMS will be conducted.
4. The RSC members to continually advocate the significance of statistics, enjoin the public to support and participate in all censuses and surveys conducted by the government, and mobilize resources to sustain the efforts made based on this Declaration.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019, in Makati City.

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Attested by:

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