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On Coordination of International Capacity Building Activities at the Country Level: Philippines¹

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Current Situation

- Organizational Structure of the Philippines' national statistics office: the Philippine Statistics Authority>> centralized headed by a national statistician (also the civil registrar general)
- Institutional relationships
 - Ministry of Planning
 - Other ministries and government bodies(e.g.,the central bank)
 - Scientific community and academe
 - Private sector/ business
 - Civil society organizations
 - International organizations



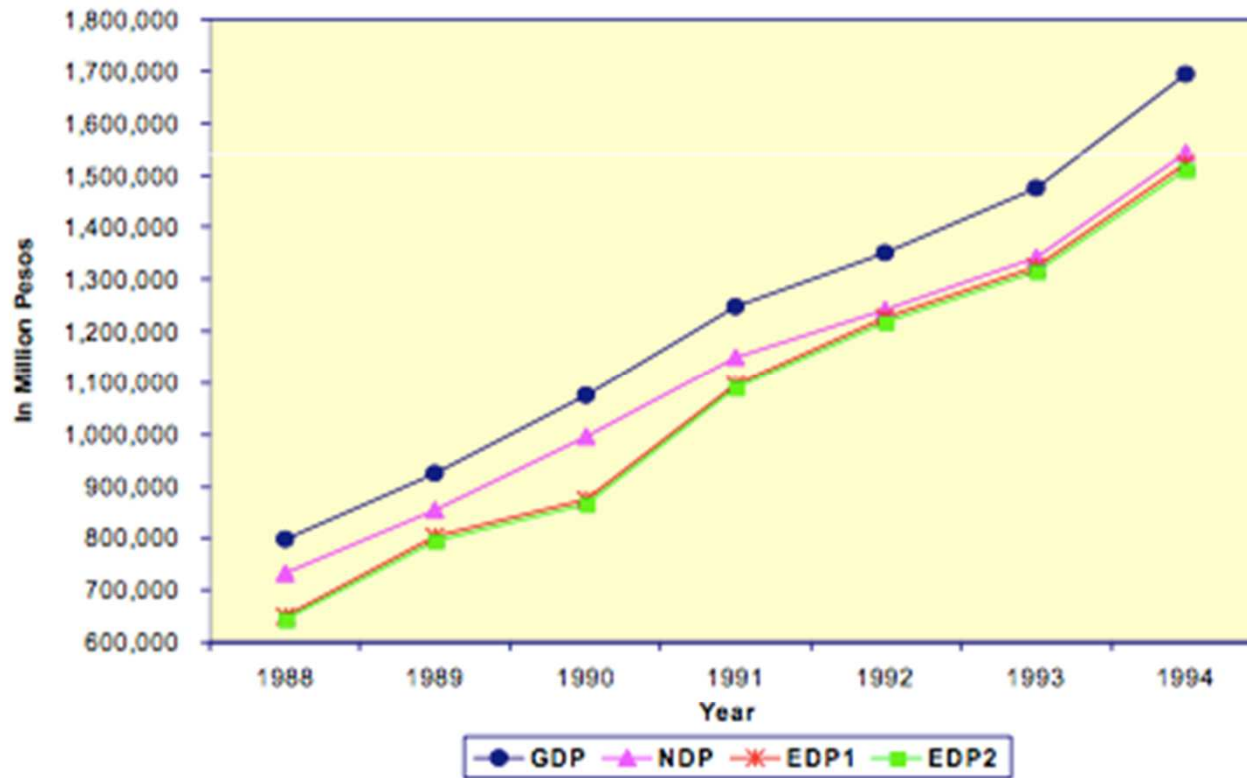
- The Philippines is positively acting on the call for a broader system of accounting: looking beyond GDP and incorporating human and environmental capital.
 - PEENRA(Philippine Economic –Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting) System
 - FDES(Framework on the Development of Environmental Statistics) >>biennial Compendium of Philippine Environment Statistics (CPES)
 - Interagency Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Statistics with 3 technical working groups: Water Resource Statistics; Land & Soil Resource Statistics; Mineral Resource Statistics



II. Philippine Environment Accounts/Statistics



Environmentally adjusted GDP





- participation in SEEA initiatives
- pilot country for WAVES (*Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services*) Project by WB
 - mineral accounts
 - two pilot ecosystem accounts – Laguna Bay and Southern Palawan- as contribution to the UNCEEA on the experimental ecosystem approach.



Discussion Question 1a: What are the opportunities and challenges facing your country with multiple SEEA related initiatives on strengthening statistics and policy making for sustainable development?



Opportunities

- (1) technology transfer>> staff are trained and updated on technologies (statl methods, use of technology)>> motivated and happy staff
- (2) opportunity to engage more staff/stakeholders in the work of the NSO
- (3) opportunity to vet and enhance databases and production processes
- (4) more responsiveness to the requirements of policy makers



Challenges

- (1) balancing between the “business as usual” with the strategic initiatives
- (2) getting buy-in from all actors (staff to be involved, producers of data, ministers) and non-actors (staff not involved)
- (3) Data availability and data quality
- (4) Insufficient resources (people and equipments)



Discussion Question 1b: How can the implementation of the different statistical initiatives be better coordinated and managed at the country level to introduce technical and institutional changes in the statistical production process within NSOs and national statistical systems.



- (1) Planning well for appropriate timing of activities(“business as usual” and initiatives).. consider budget cycle of the Philippines, calendar of releases of designated statistics, work assigned by the Minister of Planning, holidays and significant events(election) and support of the people that matter(Minister)
- (2) Augmentation of resources of the NSOs (hire addl staff, provide technical experts, provide needed technology)
- (3) Change and risk management



Discussion Question 2: What concrete mechanisms can international organizations put in place at the country level to ensure that the implementation of different projects is done in a coherent manner with the aim of establishing a sustained production of accounts in an agreed statistical production architecture for the NSOs and national statistical systems?



- (1) Align international initiatives with the medium or long term planning of the NSO. In the Philippines, we have a Philippine Statistical Devt Plan (2011-2017). This is going to be reviewed within the year.
- (2) Coordinate with the NSO annually when it does its annual workplanning. This will include the annual budgets and any augmentation to these budgets.
- (3) Conduct advocacy activities with stakeholders.



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