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In the interest of the service and in pursuance of the Philippine Development Plan for 2016-2022 (PDP) and the Philippine Labor and Employment Plan (LEP) 2016-2022, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Inter-Agency Committee on Research Matters is hereby amended and re-organized as DOLE Inter-Agency Committee on Strategic Assessment, Planning and Policy Research (SAPPR Committee) to ensure a forward-looking, pro-active, operational and policy planning and facilitate enhanced responses to emerging issues and developments.

The following shall be observed:

I. Objectives

The DOLE shall establish a forward-looking, pro-active and responsive strategic assessment, planning and policy research system in providing policymakers and other stakeholders with policy options and indices thru a deliberate planning process and research for data-driven decision making on labor and employment.

The Committee shall develop a DOLE Strategic Assessment, Policy Planning and Research Agenda (SAPPR Agenda) with the following objectives:

1. To respond to current and emerging issues, developments and labor market information needs of policymakers and other stakeholders thru the development of strategic assessment, planning and policy research for DOLE's policy makers;
2. To strengthen coordination of inter-agency members on the policy and research agenda on labor and employment and establish feedback and evaluation mechanism;
3. To conduct quick, timely and relevant pooling of researches in anticipation of emerging issues and developments;
4. To allocate/secure adequate financial and manpower resources to carry out researches.

II. Coordination Mechanism

The DOLE Inter-Agency Committee on Strategic Assessment, Policy Planning and Research Matters (SAPPR Committee) is hereby re-organized for purposes of coordination, implementation and monitoring of related activities in the Department. It shall be composed of the following:

Advisory Committee. A Management Committee which meets regularly with the DOLE Secretary as the Chairperson and the designated Undersecretary as Vice Chairperson will perform the following functions:

1. Provide overall direction in the development of strategic assessments, policy plans and research agenda taking into account current and emerging issues;
2. Discuss the Department's policy options from strategic assessment, planning and policy research agenda on labor and employment.

Technical Committee. A Technical Committee is hereby re-organized with all heads of bureaus and attached agencies as members. It shall, at the least, meet on a monthly basis to perform the following functions:

1. Conduct strategic assessment and table-top simulation exercises on developments and emerging situations to develop policy options and strategies
2. Submit results of such assessments to include indicators, red flags, trends and patterns and other relevant data and shall be submitted immediately to the Advisory Committee thru the Secretary of Labor regarding the implementation of the agenda;
3. Coordinate with other DOLE committee on legislative, statistical, trade-related matters and other dialogue processes (e.g. TCLM, Statistical Matters) for the purpose of providing timely and relevant research inputs;
4. Provide technical assistance to DOLE agencies on research-related matters such as peer reviews, pre-and-post research forums, etc.;
5. Monitor the accomplishments of the SAPPR Committee.

The Technical Committee is authorized to consult with social partners to include worker and employer representatives, industry associations, academe, faith-based, youth, women's organizations, media and the legislative committees on labor and employment.

For purposes of efficiency, sub-committees tasked to perform some of the specific tasks enumerated above or to perform ad hoc research assignments can be formed as necessary.

III. Organizational Structure

The Inter-Agency Committee on Strategic Assessment, Planning and Policy Research shall have the following organizational structure:

Chairperson	-	Secretary of Labor
Vice Chairperson	-	Undersecretary
Technical Committee		

- Local Employment
 - Chairperson - Undersecretary
 - Vice Chair - Assistant Secretary
 - Members -

- Overseas Employment
 - Chairperson - Undersecretary
 - Vice chair - Assistant Secretary
 - Members -

- Secretariat
 - Planning Service
 - Institute for Labor Studies

IV. Resource Allocation

To ensure that all relevant activities, i.e. assessment, planning and research, among others, all bureaus and attached agencies are directed to allocate at least one percent (1%) of their Maintenance and Other Operating Expenditures (MOOE) to fund these activities.

The first draft of the SAPPR Agenda shall be presented to the Management Committee (ManCom) during the 1st Management Committee Meeting in October 2018. The Planning Service shall be the coordinator for this first presentation.


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