

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**PHILIPPINE COMPETITION
COMMISSION,**

**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY**

AND

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH AND EXTENSION
SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC.**

FOR THE

**REGULATORY REFORM SUPPORT PROGRAM
FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (RESPOND) ACTIVITY
ON BIG DATA AND COMPETITION**

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC. (UPPAF)**

PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION

AND

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

**FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
REGULATORY REFORM SUPPORT PROGRAM
FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (RESPOND)**

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is jointly accepted by:

The **PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION**, with principal office at 25/F Vertis North Corporate Center 1, North Avenue, Quezon City, herein represented by its Chairman, **DR. ARSENIO M. BALISACAN**, hereinafter referred to as the “**PCC or PROJECT PARTNER**”;

The **PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**, with principal office at PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, herein represented by its Undersecretary, **DR. CLAIRE DENNIS S. MAPA**, hereinafter referred to as the “**PSA or PROJECT PARTNER**”;

– and –

The **UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC. (UPPAF)**, lead implementing organization for the **REGULATORY REFORM SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (RESPOND)**, with principal office at NCPAG Building, Emilio Jacinto Street, University of the Philippines Diliman Campus, Quezon City, Philippines herein represented by its Chief of Party, **DR. ENRICO L. BASILIO**, hereinafter referred to as “**UPPAF RESPOND**”;

together hereinafter referred to as the “**Participants**”.

WHEREAS, the objectives of AMBISYON NATIN 2040 can be achieved by having competitive enterprises through the improvement of market linkages, simplification of government procedures, and facilitating access to finance;

WHEREAS, the PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2017 -2022) aims to foster an enabling and supportive economic environment that contributes to inclusive growth by leveling the playing field through a National Competition Policy;

WHEREAS, the 3rd Point of the Socio-Economic Agenda of the Duterte Administration is to increase competitiveness and ease of doing business while pursuing the relaxation of the Constitutional restrictions on foreign ownership in order to attract foreign direct investment;

WHEREAS, the Government of the Philippines seeks to improve and speed up the delivery of government services, promote transparency, and cut red tape to have a more conducive business environment. In line with this, the Philippine Congress recently enacted various laws (RA 11032 *Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services Act* and RA 10149 *GOCC Governance Act* among others) in support of this thrust;

WHEREAS, the PROJECT PARTNERS undertake to contribute to the implementation of programs and policies that will help attain the goals and objectives of AMBISYON NATIN 2040, the PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2017 -2022) and the 0-10 SOCIO-ECONOMIC AGENDA of the Duterte Administration;

WHEREAS, the PCC was organized and created under the Philippine Competition Act (“PCA”) as an independent quasi-judicial body vested with the original and primary jurisdiction over the enforcement of the PCA;

WHEREAS, PCC conducts and utilizes studies in support of its main role to promote economic efficiency within the Philippines by ensuring fair competition in the market;

WHEREAS, PCC needs access to big data systems to be able to study various sectors of the economy that may have competition-related issues;

WHEREAS, the PSA is the central statistical authority of the Philippine government that collects, compiles, analyzes, and publishes statistical information on economic, social demographic, political affairs and general affairs of the people of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, through a Cooperative Agreement, the University of the Philippines Public Administration Research and Extension Services Foundation, Inc. (UPPAF) was awarded a five-year grant to cover the period from April 16, 2019 to April 16, 2024 by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide support for the implementation of the Regulatory Reform Support Program for National Development (RESPOND) hereinafter referred to as “the Project”;

WHEREAS, UPPAF RESPOND will pursue interventions that enhance market competition, strengthen regulatory capacity and governance, and promote citizen engagement and advocacy.

WHEREAS, UPPAF RESPOND has developed an activity that will provide technical assistance to PCC in setting-up actionable guidelines to enforce its mandate, such as the usage of big data in determining industries that have potential anti-competitive issues or behavior.

NOW THEREOF, the Participants express the following intentions:

1. PCC is the beneficiary of the activity, as it will be the primary user of the Big Data to be developed with PSA;
2. PSA is the data provider, and will ensure the institutionalization and sustainability of the Big Data series;
3. UPPAF RESPOND shall provide the technical experts in ensuring that the Big Data set is developed; and
4. PROJECT PARTNERS and UPPAF RESPOND shall collaborate and jointly plan, develop, and implement specific guidelines regarding data access, security and sustainability plans, which shall form part of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of the Participants to this Memorandum of Agreement being duly authorized have signed this Memorandum of Agreement on this **22nd day of January 2020** at the **PCC Office, Quezon City**.

For the Philippine Competition Commission:



DR. ARSENIO M. BALISACAN
Chairman

For the Philippine Statistics Authority:



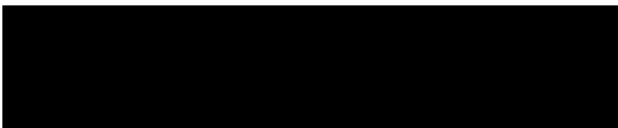
DR. CLAIRE DENNIS S. MAPA
Undersecretary

For UPPAF-RESPOND:



DR. ENRICO L. BASILIO
Chief of Party

Signed in the Presence of:



DR. MARIO B. LAMBERTE
Team Leader, RESPOND