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RSC VI Holds the 1st GAM and 3rd Quarter RSC Meeting

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In response to the PSA Memorandum Circular No. 2024-12 enjoining all agencies of the government, local government units, academic institutions, state universities and colleges, and the private sector at the national and subnational levels to actively participate in and support the celebration of the 35th National Statistics Month (NSM) in October 2024, the Regional Statistics Committee VI (RSC VI) convened its 1st General Assembly Meeting (GAM) on 13 August 2024, at the Jalaur Conference Room, NEDA Region VI, Iloilo City. Chaired by NEDA Regional Director and Co-Chaired by PSA OIC-Regional Director, the assembly gathered 65 representatives from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), academic institutions, state universities and colleges, and the private sector.

The meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming 35th NSM in October 2024. With the theme “*Advancing Data and Statistics Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation*,” the event aims to highlight efforts to modernize the statistical system by adopting digital tools and platforms. This transformation is expected to enhance the accuracy, timeliness, and accessibility of statistics, ultimately providing decision-makers and stakeholders with valuable insights for informed policy formulation that supports national economic and social development.

Key agenda items at the 1st GAM included planning for the 35th NSM, updates on NSM contributions and funds, preparations of provinces for the event, and the regional calendar of activities for Western Visayas.

In the afternoon, Engr. Arcio Casing, Jr., Regional Director of NEDA VI and Chairperson of RSC VI, presided over the committee's 3rd Quarter Meeting. Discussions focused on updates for the 35th NSM celebration, challenges related to the 2024 Regional Social and Economic Trends (RSET) compilation, the status of the Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS), and other statistical activities.

During the meeting, RSC VI approved three key resolutions: the 35th NSM regional calendar of activities, soliciting LGU support for the PSA-LGU Data Sharing for Business Register Project, and soliciting support from RLAs, LGUs, and selected private sectors for the timely submission of data for estimating water flow accounts and compiling environmental statistics.



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