

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Sorsogon
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR
Sorsogon Capitol Compound

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 68 - 2019

REORGANIZING THE SORSOGON PROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (SPICTC) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is globally, regionally, and nationally recognized, acknowledged, and accepted as a powerful tool that enables and promotes both development work of the public sector and the commercial activities of the private sector by providing its users high volume and high speed data management, enormous computing power, and extensive and wide area of communications capability for accessing sharing information;

WHEREAS, consistent with the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016, ICT provides the means to pursue rapid and sustainable economic growth and development, improve the quality of life of Filipinos, empower the poor and marginalized, and enhance our social cohesion as a nation;

WHEREAS, the ICT Industry has been growing steadily over the years specifically in the offspring and outsourcing sub-industries providing vast employment opportunities to the local workforce;

WHEREAS, the use of ICT to improve government interaction with citizens and provide wide-ranging administrative reforms to enhance government efficiency and effectiveness in government operations and in delivery of basic services to public led to the concept of "e-Governance";

WHEREAS, the public and private sector of the Province of Sorsogon need to jointly establish a strategic direction and structures in the form of policies plans and programs, as well as mechanisms and processes that will promote and facilitate both individual and collective initiatives of stakeholders in both sectors to collaboratively use their resources in promoting intensive and extensive use of ICT in Sorsogon;

WHEREAS, in order to further enhance the potential and capabilities of the province, there is a need to form a body that would

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serve as catalytic link among ICT industry and the government sectors and other stakeholders in the implementation of programs and projects, necessary for the sustainable development of the province;

NOW, THEREFORE I, FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO, Governor of the Province of Sorsogon, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following, to wit:

Section 1. Composition. – The Sorsogon Provincial Information and Communications Technology Council (SPICTC) is hereby reorganized and shall be composed of the Provincial Governor as Chairperson, the Chairman of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on ICT/Communications, Transportation and Utilities as Vice Chairperson for Government Sector, a representative from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Sorsogon Chapter as Vice Chairperson for the Business Sector, the Head of Department of Education in the Province as the Vice Chairman for the Academe - Basic Education, the Provincial Director of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as Vice Chairman for the Academe - Technical Vocational, Computer Communications Development Institute (CCDI)/ The Lewis College (TLC) as Vice Chairman for the Academe – Higher Education, and Pacific Blue IT as Vice Chairman for the IT Industry, with the following as members:

- a. Chairman, SP Committee on Tourism, Trade, Commerce and Industry
- b. Provincial Director, Department of Information, Communications and Technology (DICT)
- c. Provincial Director, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- d. Provincial Manager, Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
- e. City Mayor, Sorsogon City
- f. CSO Representative engaged in the IT Industry

Academe:

- g. Association on Higher Education and Institutions of Sorsogon
- h. Association of Private School Administrators of Sorsogon
- i. Sorsogon Association of Private Technical Vocational Institutions
- j. Department of Education, City

IT Business Sector

- k. Technology Service/Solution Providers
- l. BPO

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Business Sector

- m. Sorsogon Bankers Association
- n. Sorsogon Electric Cooperative I and II

Telecommunication Companies

- o. Smart Telecommunications, Inc./PLDT
- p. Globe Telecommunications, Inc.
- q. DCTV

Section 2. Objectives of the Council. The Council is driven by the following objectives:

- a. Enhance public-private partnerships to nurture development of the ICT industry;
- b. Raise public consciousness and awareness on information and communications technology by creating an enabling environment for the industry and the society to easily adapt to its wide use while seizing the maximum benefits thereof;
- c. Ensure sustainability and steady generation and utilization of resources for the ICT sector.

Section 3. The Technical Working Group. The Council shall be supported by a Technical Working Group (TWG) which shall render technical assistance and support to the Council, headed by the DICT shall be composed of the following:

- Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO)
- Provincial Internal Control Office (PICO)
- Provincial Employment Service Office (PESO)
- Provincial Information Officer
- Provincial Library and Information Center
- Provincial Director, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
- Provincial Director, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Academe - Sorsogon State College and CCDI
- Southern Luzon Technological College Foundation Inc. (SLTCFI)

Section 4. Secretariat. The Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO) shall act as the Technical Secretariat whose functions are to: a) keep a record of the proceedings, meetings and undertakings of the Council; b) prepare and disseminate notices of Council meetings and/or conferences; c) provide technical assistance and administrative support to the TWG in terms of research and documentations, and such other services that may be required from time to time.

Section 5. Meeting. The Council shall hold its meeting every quarter. The Chairperson may call for special meetings as often as may be necessary.

Section 6. Funding. Administrative expenses for the operation of the Council shall be charged against the Provincial Government funds and other sources.

Section 7. Incorporation Clause. – All laws, legal orders, rules and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines pertaining to establishment, composition and functions of Information and Communications Technology Councils are hereby incorporated herein and made an integral part hereof. In case of conflict, such laws, legal orders, rules and regulations shall have precedence over the provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. – Any administrative Order or Executive Order previously issued that is inconsistent with the provisions of this executive order shall be considered repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance as stated hereunder.

Done this 18th day of **October, 2019** in the City of Sorsogon, Sorsogon Province.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke.

FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO
Governor