

UNESCO NATCOM'S PROFILE

Legal Basis

The UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines (henceforth referred to as NatCom) was established by law (R.A. 621 in 1951 as amended by R.A. 892 in 1953 and R.A. 3849 in 1964) to honor the Philippines international commitment as a Member State of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Mandate

To serve as an advisory/consultative and liaison body that would associate/bridge or link the work and programs of relevant bodies/agencies in the Philippine government with UNESCO's own work in educational, scientific and cultural matters and concerns.

Functions:

1. Associative / Liaison Function

Associating/linking the Philippines' principal bodies/organs in education, the sciences, culture and communication with the work of UNESCO in these areas.

2. Monitoring Function

Monitoring the Philippines' compliance with International Declarations, Conventions and Agreements, of which there are as many as ten (10) ratified Conventions and twenty eight (28) non-ratified.

3. Project Development and Implementation Function

Developing project proposals along UNESCO's programme thrusts and executing/implementing these nationally. These projects may be sectoral or inter-sectoral and funded by Committee budgets within the Natcom or by the UNESCO Participation Programme or by other grants made to the NatCom by UNESCO entities and Field Offices.

4. Information and Advocacy Dissemination Function

Promoting awareness and appreciation of UNESCO ideals, programmes and activities through information materials, publications and digitized communications.

5. Networking Function

Maintaining and actively supporting NatCom's network of partners (and expanding this) to help advance knowledge and appreciation of UNESCO programmes and advocacies, and involve a larger number in the conduct and implementation of UNESCO in-country and global programmes and activities.

6. Secretariat Function

Attending to all other Secretariat functions of the NatCom involving:

- Scheduling and organizing during the year, the meetings of the General Assembly, Executive Committee and Sectoral Committees and subsidiary programme committees of the NatCom;
- Preparing all meeting materials, agendas and minutes of meetings, and following up on actions and decisions adopted during the meetings;
- Preparing NatCom's annual plans and budget for discussion and submission to Department of Budget and Management (DBM); and
- Preparing the NatCom's Annual Report and printing this as a record of NatCom accomplishments and activities during the year.