



Report on the Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Programme of Action for 2021-2025

1 Background

As per Resolution #1 of the 11th Session of OIC-StatCom, the Secretariat designed a questionnaire to monitor and report the ‘Implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA) for 2021-2025’ (also accessible through <https://www.oicstatcom.org/strategic-vision.php>) and circulated it to the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of OIC countries on 5 May 2023. The questions in Part A of the aforementioned questionnaire are based on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) available in the PoA for 2021-2025 (<https://www.oicstatcom.org/strategic-vision.php>). As of 1 October 2023, 26 countries (Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Chad, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mozambique, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Suriname, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Türkiye, and Uzbekistan) have submitted their responses.

2 Implementation of the Programme of Action for 2021-2025

The following summarizes the responses provided by the respondents for the questions asked in the aforementioned concerning the Key Actions of each Strategic Objective mentioned in the PoA for 2021-2025 of the OIC-StatCom and the activities undertaken by the Secretariat for the relevant Key Actions.

Strategic Area 1: Coordination of Statistical Cooperation and Collaboration
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Strategic Objective 1.1: Strengthen the coordination role of NSOs within the NSSs
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For the Key Actions under this Strategic Objective, questions concerning the presence of NSDS and official statistics, presence of national statistical council (or similar platform) where NSOs of OIC countries undertake the coordination role among other constituents of the NSSs, and number of consultation meetings and/or user engagement programmes with the other constituents of NSSs were directed to the respondents in the questionnaire.

18 out of 26 respondents are currently implementing their NSDSs, 3 of them are designing the strategy or waiting adoption, and 3 of them did not provide an answer. A respondent said that they developed the NSDS in 2010, but it was never adopted; while another respondent stated that there was no budget allocated for the implementation of draft NSDS prepared for the 2018-2023 period.

For question related to official statistics work programme, 21 respondents confirmed that they have a detailed programme for official statistics and 2 respondents said that they are currently in the process of designing the programme or awaiting adoption. A respondent said that they



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have annual work programme as well as action plan and implementation plan for 5 years; while another respondent stated that their annual programmes are part of the long term planning.

Concerning the question “To what extent the (current/planned) NSDS and/or official statistics work programme of your organisation is/are aligned with the requirements of the global indicator framework for Sustainable Development Goals?”, 5 respondents confirmed that their NSDS and/or official statistics work programme are very strongly aligned, 12 respondents said strongly aligned, and 8 respondents said some parts of their NSDS and/or official statistics work programme are aligned with the requirements of the global indicator framework for SDGs. A respondent who answered “strong alignment” informed that according to their NSDS for 2020-2025, the target was to reach 55.8% of the total indicators. Currently, they have reached 66.3%, and all these indicators are included in their 2023 Annual Statistical Program.

For the question related to whether the respondents have a national statistical council (or similar platform) where their institution undertakes the coordination role among other constituents of their respective NSS, 19 respondents confirmed the presence of a national statistical council in their countries, while 5 respondents said “No”.

The last question for Strategic Objective 1.1 was about the number of consultation meetings and/or user engagement programmes involving the other constituents of the NSSs of OIC-StatCom members since October 2022. The answers provided by 17 respondents varied from 2 regular meetings annually in addition to special meetings – when necessary – to more than 100 meetings/sessions.

Strategic Objective 1.2: Advance the cooperation and collaboration among OIC-StatCom and other national, regional, and international stakeholders active in the production of data and statistics
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In order to monitor the Key Actions of Strategic Objective 1.2, questions concerning the number of MoUs (or alike) with other NSS constituents and regional/international statistical stakeholders, number and/or USD value of statistical projects conducted together with other NSS constituents and regional/international statistical stakeholders, and number of meetings/workshops organised/attended related to statistics and share country experiences at OIC and international level were inquired in the questionnaire.

The answers provided by 14 respondents for the question concerning number of MoUs (or alike) enacted with other constituents since October 2022 ranged from 1 to 187; while the number of MoUs (or alike) enacted with regional/international statistical stakeholder ranged from 1 to 23.

Next question was about the number and/or USD value of statistical projects conducted by the OIC-StatCom members in collaboration with other constituents of their NSS since October 2022. The answers provided by 11 respondents ranged from 2 to 13 projects with maximum



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value around USD 800,000. For number and/or USD value of statistical projects conducted by the OIC-StatCom members in collaboration with regional/international statistical stakeholders, the answers from 10 respondents ranged from 1 to 3 projects and the maximum value was around USD 15,000,000.

For the number of meetings/workshops organised or contributed by the OIC-StatCom members related to statistics at the OIC level since October 2022, the answers provided by 11 respondents ranged from 1 to 7. A respondent said that they have contributed to SESRIC activities namely sharing their expertise as a speaker/presenter/facilitator for 5 online training courses, 1 webinar, and 2 workshops. For the number of meetings/workshops organised or contributed by the OIC-StatCom members related to statistics at the regional/international level, the responses ranged from 2 to 40 meetings/workshops.

The last question inquired under Strategic Objective 1.2 was about the number of meetings/workshops attended by the OIC-StatCom members related to statistics at the OIC level since October 2022. 15 respondents said that they attended the meetings/workshops organised by SESRIC which ranged from 1 to 13 meetings/workshops. While for the number of meetings/workshops attended by the OIC-StatCom members related to statistics at the regional/international level, it ranged from 1 to 131 where they attended meeting/workshops organised by SESRIC, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), and International Labour Organization (ILO).

In line with the KPI of the first Key Action of Strategic Objective 1.2, the Secretariat organised the “Follow-up Meeting of the 11th Session of the OIC Statistical Commission” as a side event of the 54th Session of UN Statistical Commission on 2 March 2023 virtually. In addition to the representative of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), 32 delegates from the NSOs of 17 OIC member countries attended the meeting. In addition, 3 international organisations also attended the meeting including UNSD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and CDC Foundation.

The meeting discussed and agreed on the implementation of the Resolutions adopted at the 11th Session of the OIC-StatCom, the composition of bureau members and the agenda items of the upcoming 12th Session of OIC-StatCom to be organised on 3-4 October 2023 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Follow-Up Meeting continued with an information session on the Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) and TQS-Youth Integration Project contributed by SESRIC, CDC, and CDC Foundation.

On its part, SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) of Republic of Albania on 10 May 2023 within the framework of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) Integration Project.



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Strategic Area 2: Statistical Capacity Development

Strategic Objective 2.1: Ensure that statistical needs and capacities of NSSs of OIC member countries are identified based on the international frameworks

For this Strategic Objective's Key Actions, the Secretariat posed a question whether the respondents have submitted the Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) questionnaire for the biennium 2022-2023. 16 out of 21 respondents said confirmed that they had submitted the filled questionnaire, while 5 of them said that they are currently in the process of filling out the questionnaire.

The next question posed under Strategic Objective 2.1 was whether the respondents are aware of the Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE – <https://www.sesric.org/rose.php>). 17 respondents answered “Yes”, while 6 respondents answered “No”. To follow-up, the Secretariat has sent informative emails about ROSE to respondents with a “No” response.

To achieve the KPI of the first Key Action of Strategic Objective 2.1, the Secretariat updated the StatCaB survey for the biennium 2024-2025 and circulated it to the NSOs of OIC countries on 20 January 2023. The Secretariat has received StatCaB questionnaires from the NSOs of 24 OIC countries as of 1 October 2023. To increase the response rate, the Secretariat sent several reminders to the countries that have not yet submitted the completed StatCaB survey for the biennium 2024-2025.

Strategic Objective 2.2: Implement statistical capacity development activities based on the OIC-level and global development agenda

In order to monitor the Key Actions of Strategic Objective 2.2, questions concerning the number and/or USD value of capacity development activities from which OIC-StatCom members benefitted, number of StatCaB activities provided and/or benefitted by each OIC-StatCom member, and whether the OIC-StatCom members are aware of SESRIC StatCaB Reference Materials Repository (<https://www.oicstatcom.org/refmaterials.php>) were inquired in the questionnaire.

For the question concerning the number of capacity development activities from which OIC-StatCom members benefitted since October 2022, 8 respondents answered that they benefitted from capacity development activities ranging between 5 and 93 provided by SESRIC, various international organisations, and from their national statistics training institutes. As for the USD value, the maximum value was around USD 700,000.

Concerning the question related to how many activities the OIC-StatCom members have provided their expertise to other OIC member countries under the StatCaB programme since October 2022, the answers provided by 4 respondents ranged from 2 to 9 training courses.



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For the question regarding how many activities that the OIC-StatCom members have benefitted from the StatCaB programme since October 2022, 10 respondents confirmed that they have benefitted from the StatCaB Programme within the range of 1 to 17 activities.

12 respondents said “Yes” for the last question posed under Strategic Objective 2.2 about whether the OIC-StatCom members are aware of the SESRIC StatCaB Reference Materials Repository, while 8 respondents answered “No”. To follow-up, the Secretariat has sent informative emails about StatCaB Reference Materials Repository to respondents with a “No” response.

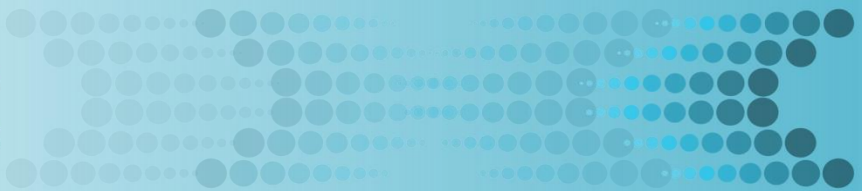
Concerning the Secretariat’s activities for the Key Actions of Strategic Objective 2.2, the Secretariat has planned around 38 StatCaB activities for the year 2023 including statistical training courses, webinars, and workshops. Between 20 October 2022 and 2 October 2023, 23 statistical activities were conducted by the Secretariat including 15 statistical training courses, 4 webinars, and 4 international meetings/workshops. Around 1,050 participants from 54 OIC countries and 6 international organisations took part in the statistical activities provided by 16 OIC countries and 20 international organisations.

For the number of StatCaB activities co-organised with the regional and international organisations between 20 October 2022 and 2 October 2023, SESRIC has organised 12 activities including 3 workshops, 5 statistical training courses, and 4 webinars in collaboration with the CDC, CDC-Foundation, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB), Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS), Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), UNSD, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UNSIAP), United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), and World Trade Organization (WTO).

Strategic Area 3: Statistical Modernisation and Innovation

Strategic Objective 3.1: Modernise governance and institutional frameworks to allow NSSs to meet the demands and opportunities of constantly evolving data ecosystems

In order to monitor the Key Actions of Strategic Objective 3.1, questions concerning the presence of statistical laws and regulatory frameworks in the OIC countries aligned with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FPOS) and presence of open data principles in the processes of OIC-StatCom members and other constituents of their NSSs were inquired in the questionnaire.



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According to the findings, 25 out of 26 respondents confirmed that their countries have statistical laws and regulatory frameworks aligned with the FPOS, while 1 respondent did not provide a response. As for the question whether open data principles present in the statistical processes of the OIC-StatCom members, 8 respondents answered “Yes”, 13 of them said “Partially”, and 1 of them said “No”. A respondent further explained that there is a tendency towards the use of open data in the official statistics in their office.

Strategic Objective 3.2: Facilitate the application of new statistical architectural Frameworks to improve statistical production and dissemination processes

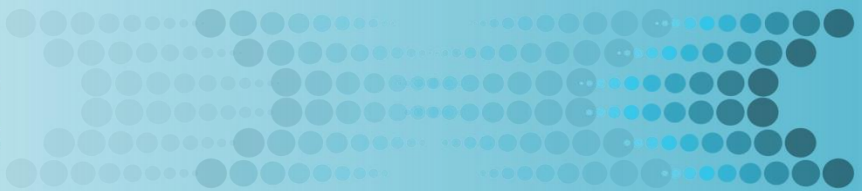
In order to monitor the Key Action of Strategic Objective 3.2, the respondents were asked to provide the extent of the statistical architectural framework(s) applied by their institutions. For the Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organizations (GAMSO), 6 respondents confirmed that to some extent their institutions implement it. 1 respondent stated that the activity model governed by their institution may be compliant with GAMSO to some extent. However, GAMSO is not officially examined and applied in their institution at present. Another respondent said that they were starting to introduce the model in their organisation.

For the implementation of the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM), 16 respondents confirmed that their production processes and statistical architectural frameworks have applied the GSBPM either fully or partially. Some respondents informed that they have been implemented GSBPM latest version (version 5.1) in line with international standards. Another respondent also informed that GSBPM is studied formally and processes are mapped to GSBPM when a standardized and common approach is needed.

For the implementation of the Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM), 7 respondents answered this question and confirmed the implementation of GSIM in their statistical processes partially. A respondent said that they are in the process of introducing GSIM and planned to study international experience in 2024-2025. Another respondent informed that a modernisation project on a metadata driven production management system is underway at present in their institution. The new conceptual model of the new system is based on GSIM 1.2.

For the implementation of the Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA), only 3 respondents confirmed the adoption of CSPA into their statistical processes partially. A respondent further informed that their production architecture model may be compliant to CSPA to some extent but it is not officially examined and applied in their institution at present.

To meet the relevant KPI, the Secretariat organised a virtual Workshop on ‘Generic Models of Statistical Production’ (<https://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=2751>) in collaboration with the UNECE on 10-11 July 2023 with the participation of 62 experts from the NSOs of 20 OIC countries. The Workshop had the objective to provide an overview of ModernStats and



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other models, and to facilitate sharing and exchange of experiences among OIC member countries in implementing the ModernStats and/or other models.

Strategic Area 4: Common Statistical Standards and Classifications

Strategic Objective 4.1: Promote harmonisation of concepts, classifications and methodologies used in performing statistical activities in OIC member countries to promote consistency in statistical systems

For the implementation of Key Actions of this Strategic Objective, questions concerning the number of national compilers guides harmonising statistical concepts, classifications and methodologies at the national level with the internationally accepted statistical standards and norms, presence of (an) online repository(ies) hosting the relevant internationally accepted statistical standards and norms in the NSSs of OIC countries, and level of involvement by the OIC-StatCom members in key decisions (need, scale, and scope) on the international survey programmes were asked in the questionnaire.

Based on the responses to the question related to the number of national compilers, 11 respondents confirmed the availability of national compilers and provided the links to the said documents. The answers from 11 respondents ranged from 1 to more than 20 manuals/guidelines for harmonising their statistical production in line with the internationally accepted statistical standards and norms. As for the question related to whether the OIC-StatCom members have (an) online repository(ies) for hosting the relevant manuals/guidelines, 15 respondents said “Yes” and 8 respondents said “No”.

Regarding the involvement of OIC-StatCom members in key decisions on the international survey programmes, 4 respondents said “Very high”, 7 respondents said “High”, 9 respondents said “Moderate”, while 1 respondent said “Low” level of involvement. The respondents with “Very high” response informed that they involved in the discussions during the process of designing, developing and reviewing standards/guidelines with various stakeholders. In addition, they also participated in international surveys and provided supporting data to international organisations, such as the International Comparison Programme and the Sustainable Development Programme, etc. For a respondent with the answer “Moderate”, they informed that this was because their Statistics Law had just been approved.

Strategic Objective 4.2: Strive to produce common methodologies for selected statistical indicators specific to OIC member countries

In order to monitor the Key Actions of Strategic Objective 4.2, questions concerning the number of constituents of NSSs of OIC countries reporting their Prudential and Structural Islamic Financial Indicators (PSIFIs) to IFSB and presence of national methodologies for the collection, collation, processing, and dissemination of Muslim Friendly Tourism data were inquired in the questionnaire.



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For the first question under this Strategic Objective, only 4 respondents said “Yes” that their institutions collect/collate and report data on PSIFIs and 17 respondents said “No”. For the second question whether the OIC-StatCom members have a national methodology for the collection, collation, processing, and dissemination of Muslim Friendly Tourism data, only 2 respondents said “Yes”, 1 respondent said that they are currently developing the methodology, and 18 respondents said “No”.

To meet the relevant KPI under this strategic objective, the Secretariat organised a Webinar on ‘Reporting Data on Islamic Financial Services Sector’ on 14 March 2023 in collaboration with IFSB, UNSD, and UNESCWA with the participation of 67 experts from the NSOs of 24 OIC member countries as well as representatives from the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). The Webinar had the objective to exchange knowledge on how to utilize the Prudential and Structural Islamic Financial Indicators (PSIFIs) methodology as well as how to implement the recommendations of the joint task team on Islamic finance (IFTT) Guidance Note on the Statistical Treatment of Islamic Finance in the National Accounts and External Sector Statistics in national statistical systems of OIC member countries including discussions about the relevant initiatives, experimentations, challenges faced and lessons learnt by all stakeholders.

In addition, the Secretariat organised a Webinar on ‘Toward a Methodology for Production and Dissemination of Islamic Tourism Indicators’ on 23 August 2023 in collaboration with SMIIC and UNWTO. The webinar was attended by 80 official statisticians and tourism experts from 28 OIC member countries as well as international experts working or interested in the Islamic tourism sector. The Webinar provided a space to elaborate on a possible framework for the general methodology of Islamic tourism indicators. SESRIC briefed the participants on its study titled as ‘Strategic Roadmap for Development of Islamic Tourism in OIC Member Countries’ concerning data and monitoring. Member countries have benefitted from the good practices and knowledge exchange on how to develop the required standards and mechanisms to produce and disseminate such indicators within their national statistical systems.

Strategic Area 5: Statistical Quality Improvement

Strategic Objective 5.1: Improve the production of high-quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated data by all characteristics relevant in national contexts in line with OIC-level and international development agenda

In order to monitor the Key Action under this Strategic Objective, number of National Quality Assurance Frameworks (NQAFs) that also cover non-traditional data sources for sustainable development introduced/updated by the OIC-StatCom members was inquired in the questionnaire.

5 out of 7 respondents confirmed the implementation of an NQAF based on UN NQAF Manual (2019), Quality Assurance Framework based on the Principles of European Statistics Code of



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Practice, Statistical Quality Assurance and Certification Framework (SQACF), and Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) in their statistical process. 2 other respondents informed that they are starting to introduce the use of non-traditional data sources into their statistical legislations.

To meet the relevant KPI, the Secretariat organised a Webinar on ‘Implementation of NQAF for Official Statistics’ on 8 November 2022, in collaboration with the UNSD and UNECE with the participation of 158 experts from NSOs of 29 OIC member countries. The Webinar provided a platform to exchange knowledge on how to implement NQAF and assess the data quality using Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) in national statistical systems of OIC member countries including discussions about the challenges faced and lessons learnt by all stakeholders.

Strategic Objective 5.2: Increase the competencies of OIC member countries in the use of administrative registries towards high-quality statistics instrumental in the monitoring of OIC-level and international development agenda

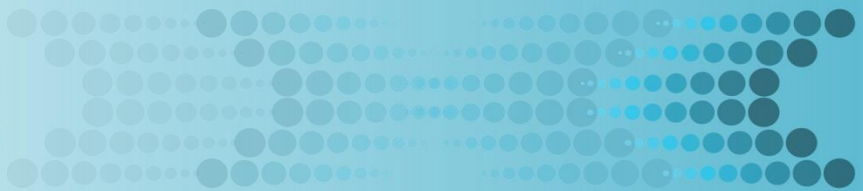
For the Key Actions of this Strategic Objective, questions concerning the presence of regulatory frameworks that enable the OIC-StatCom members use administrative registries and data in their relevant processes, number of other constituents of the respective NSSs of OIC countries that have already incorporated administrative registries and data into their statistical processes, and values of funds in USD spent by the OIC-StatCom members to establish/maintain the infrastructure and develop capacities of their human resources for the integration of administrative registries into their relevant processes were posed in the questionnaire.

For the first question, 20 respondents confirmed the presence of regulatory frameworks that enable their institutions to use administrative registries and data in their relevant processes and 4 respondents said “No”.

Regarding the number of other NSS constituents in the respondents’ countries that have already incorporated administrative registries and data into their statistical processes, the answers of 10 respondents ranged from 1 to 43 ministries/agencies.

The last question was about the value of funds in USD spent by OIC-StatCom members to establish/maintain infrastructure of their institutions and develop human resources capacities for the integration of administrative registries into relevant processes. Of the 10 respondents, a respondent said that the value of funds varies according to their annual budget and another said that they relied heavily on external funding because there was no national statistical development fund. The other 2 respondents stated that the value of funds spent by their institutions ranged from USD 20,000 to USD 3.5 million.

To meet the relevant KPI, the Secretariat organised a Webinar on ‘Transforming Administrative Registers for Statistical Data Production’ on 14 February 2023 in collaboration with the UNSD



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and UNECE with the participation of 103 experts from NSOs of 24 OIC member countries. The Webinar had the objective to exchange knowledge on how to develop and deploy the required technology and the mechanisms to transform the administrative registers for statistical data production in national statistical systems of OIC member countries including discussions about the relevant initiatives, challenges faced and lessons learnt by all stakeholders.

In addition, within the framework of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme, SESRIC hosted the Regional Training Workshop on “Transition to Register-Based approaches for Population and Housing Censuses” in collaboration with the UNESCAP, UNSD, and ECO at SESRIC Headquarters on 12-15 June 2023 in Ankara, Republic of Türkiye. 27 census experts from the National Statistical Offices of 8 OIC member countries participated in the Workshop. The Workshop aimed at strengthening participants’ capacity on how to better use registers to support the census.