

15TH SESSION OF THE OIC-STATCOM

29 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2026
Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Tuesday, 29 September 2026	
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30 – 10:15	<i>Opening Session:</i> • Recitation of Verses from the Holy Quran • Welcoming Remarks by the General Authority for Statistics (Saudi Arabia) • Addresses by the: ▪ Chair of the 14th Session of the OIC-StatCom (Türkiye) ▪ OIC General Secretariat ▪ Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group ▪ OIC-StatCom Secretariat (SESRIC) • Announcement of the Bureau Members of the 15th Session of the OIC-StatCom • Hand-Over of the Chairmanship of the OIC-StatCom from OIC Asia Group to OIC Africa Group • Address by the Chair of the 15th Session of the OIC-StatCom • Adoption of the Work Programme
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Family Photo & Coffee Break</i>
10:45 – 11:45	Reports of the OIC-StatCom Secretariat on the: (i) Implementation of the Resolution of the 14th Session of the OIC-StatCom (ii) Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Programme of Action for 2026-2030 Speaker: <i>SESRIC</i>
11:45 – 12:45	<i>From SDG Interlinkages to OIC Strategic Priorities: Shaping the Monitoring Future for OIC Programme of Action (PoA) 2026–2035</i> The session will examine how the experience gained from monitoring the OIC-2025 PoA, including the annual progress reports and the Final Report prepared by SESRIC in close cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat, can inform the development of a more integrated, measurable and forward-looking monitoring framework for the OIC PoA 2026–2035. Drawing on evidence derived from Member Countries' questionnaire responses, OICStat Database indicators, the Third Progress Report 2025 and the draft Final Report covering all 18 priority areas of the OIC-2025 PoA, the session will focus on how strategic priorities can be translated into clear indicators, baselines, data sources, reporting responsibilities and institutional follow-up mechanisms. It will also discuss how SDG interlinkages, data disaggregation, administrative and geospatial data, and emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, can strengthen the timeliness, comparability and policy relevance of future monitoring and support evidence-based progress reporting for the OIC PoA 2026–2035. Speaker: <i>OIC General Secretariat and SESRIC</i>

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12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch & Prayer Break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Modernising Population and Housing Statistics through Digital and Interoperable Data Systems</i> The 2030 World Population and Housing Census Programme and the fourth revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses call for population data systems that are more integrated, cost-efficient, resilient and capable of producing timely small-area statistics. This session will address how OIC Member Countries can modernise census and demographic statistics by combining digital census operations, administrative registers, civil registration and vital statistics, household surveys, geospatial information and other alternative data sources within interoperable data systems. The key focus areas will include governance, privacy protection, and maintaining data continuity in crisis contexts to better support national planning and monitoring the SDGs. The session will provide a platform to share recent practices and identify technical cooperation priorities for the 2030 census round. <i>Speakers: UNSD, UNFPA, ESCWA, and UNECE (tbc)</i> <i>OIC Member Countries</i>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:45 – 17:00	<i>Implementing the System of National Accounts 2025 (2025 SNA): Measuring the Digital Economy, Globalisation, Informality and Islamic Finance</i> The adoption of the 2025 SNA has opened a new implementation phase for national accounts and macroeconomic statistics. The session will discuss how OIC Member Countries can prepare national implementation roadmaps in line with their capacities and priorities, while ensuring comparability with international macroeconomic standards, including the parallel update of balance of payments statistics. It will focus on the practical measurement challenges that are particularly relevant for OIC economies, including digitalisation and digital supply-use tables, global production and multinational enterprises, the informal economy and data gaps, emerging financial issues, and the coherent recording of Islamic finance in national accounts and external sector statistics. <i>Speakers: UNSD, World Bank, IMF, ESCWA, and IsDB (tbc)</i> <i>OIC Member Countries</i>
19:00 – 21:00	<i>Gala Dinner</i>

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DAY 2: Wednesday, 30 September 2026	
09:00 – 11:00	<i>Sustainable Development Goals: Monitoring and Reporting SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation) Indicators</i> Water and sanitation statistics are becoming increasingly central to policy decisions on public health, food security, climate resilience, urban development and transboundary cooperation. This session will review practical approaches to strengthening the production, validation and reporting of SDG 6 indicators. It will focus on the role of NSOs in coordinating with water /environment ministries, regulators, and SDG focal points, while making better use of administrative records, utility data, geospatial and Earth observation data, household surveys and international metadata standards. The session will also identify common data gaps, quality-assurance needs and possible areas for capacity-building cooperation under the OIC-StatCom framework. <i>Speakers:</i> <i>FAO, UNEP, UN-Water, and WHO/UNICEF JMP (tbc)</i> <i>OIC Member Countries</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 13:00	<i>Closing Session:</i> • Consideration of the Draft Resolution • Any Other Business • Closing Remarks
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch & Prayer Break
14:00 – 16:00	Side Event to be co-organised by GASTAT and SESRIC: Panel Discussion on “Fostering Partnerships within Statistical Ecosystems”