

# **Follow-up Meeting of the OIC Statistical Commission**

17 February 2022, (11:00 - 12:00 Ankara time)

**Opening Remarks of H.E. Mr. Nebil DABUR**

**Director General of SESRIC**

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- **Distinguished representatives of the NSOs of OIC Member Countries,**
- **Distinguished Representatives of the OIC General Secretariat and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB),**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

**I wish you all a very Good Day**

**I am pleased to welcome you all and thank you for accepting our invitation to participate virtually in this Follow-up Meeting of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), which we organise it, in our capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC-StatCom, as a side-event on the margins of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC).**

**As you know, SESRIC, which is the only OIC institution mandated the work in the domain of statistics, is assuming the role of the Secretariat of this unique OIC statistical cooperation platform since 2010.**

**As the Secretariat of this important OIC cooperation forum in the domain of statistics, SESRIC continued its efforts to regularly organize the annual Sessions of the OIC-StatCom. In these Sessions, we try to bring together representatives of the NSOs of the OIC MCs and relevant regional and international organizations to deliberate on specific technical statistical agenda items, with a view to exchanging knowledge and sharing best practices related to the subjects of these agenda items.**

**As the Secretariat, we also organize the Follow-up Meeting of each OIC-StatCom Session on the margins of the annual sessions of the UN Statistical Commission. The aim of the Follow-up Meeting is to brief the Members of the Commission on the progress of the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations adopted during the main Sessions of the OIC StatCom as well as to discuss and exchange views on the proposed provisional agenda of the upcoming Session.**

**In this regard, I would like to inform you that we have already started the preparation for organising the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Session of OIC-StatCom in October this year. We have circulated a Note Verbale on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January this year to all the Members of the Commission seeking their feedback on the proposal for the composition of bureau members, the draft agenda items, and date and venue of the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Session, including both virtual and physical options.**

**In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the OIC Statistical Commission, the proposed composition of the Bureau Members of the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Session reflects the principle of the rotation among the three official geographical groups of the OIC; namely, the Arab, the African and the Asian groups as follows:**



- **Chair: Pakistan (OIC Asia Group)**
- **Vice-Chair: Cameroon (OIC Africa Group)**
- **Vice-Chair: Qatar (OIC Arab Group)**
- **Vice-Chair: Palestine (permanent)**
- **Rapporteur: SESRIC (permanent)**

**In this context, I would like to inform you that all the responses that we have received so far (from 18 countries as of 14 February 2022) indicated that they agree on the proposed composition of the Bureau Members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of OIC-StatCom.**

**As for the proposed draft agenda items of the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Session of OIC-StatCom, all the responses indicated also that they accept the following three agenda items to be covered during the Session:**

**1. Transforming Population and Agricultural Censuses to Mitigate Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic**

**2. Monitoring and Reporting Manufacturing and Industrial Statistics Related SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) Indicators**

**3. Monitoring and Reporting Research and Scientific Development Statistics Related SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) Indicators**

**Apart from these technical agenda items, the Commission will review and deliberate on the agenda item, namely “The Implementation and Follow-up Mechanism of the Strategic Vision of the OIC-StatCom for 2030 and its Programme of Action for 2021-2025”. This will be done based on the responses to be provided by your esteemed institutions to the questionnaire, which we will circulate few month prior to the date of the Session.**

**Concerning the type of the format of the Session this year, the majority of the responses that we have received from the member countries indicated the preference for the physical meeting format.**

**Accordingly, we decided that the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of OIC-StatCom will be organised in a physical format at SESRIC Headquarters on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October this year.**

**Distinguished Participants, Dear Colleagues,**

**Our meeting today will proceed by a brief presentation by Dr. Atilla Karaman, Director of Statistics and Information Department at SESRIC, on the follow up of the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Session. Then, following this presentation, we would be pleased to receive additional views and comments or any questions from the participants on our preparations for the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC-StatCom.**

**Before concluding, I would like, on behalf of you all, to thank the Chairman of the 10<sup>th</sup> Session, H.E. Mr. Adnen LASSOUED, Director General of the National Institute of Statistics of Tunisia, for his successful management of the 10<sup>th</sup> Session, which was held virtually online in October last year.**

**I would also like, on behalf of you all, to congratulate the elected Chairman of the 11th Session of OIC-StatCom, H.E. Mr. Zafar HASSAN, Chief Statistician of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) representing OIC Asia Group and all other Vice-Chairmen representing OIC Africa and Arab Groups, and wish them all the success in moderating the upcoming Session in October this year Insha'Allah.**



**I would like to thank you all once again for allocating part of your valuable time today to participate virtually in this Follow-up Meeting and share with us your views and comments.**

**I am confident that your cooperation with us, as the Secretariat of the OIC-StatCom, will be instrumental in improving our work and better targeting our activities and programs for more benefit to the NSOs of our member countries.**

**Thank you all. و السلام عليكم و رحمة الله و بركاته.**