



**CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) MEETING OF THE OIC  
CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME FOR  
OFFICIAL STATISTICIANS (OIC-CPOS)  
7-8 SEPTEMBER 2016 ANKARA, TURKEY**



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Thanking* the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) – in its capacity as the Coordination Office (CO) of the OIC Certification and Accreditation Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS) – and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for supporting the OIC-CPOS,

*Congratulating* the Examination Committee (ExCom) members of the OIC-CPOS on their efforts towards the development of OIC-CPOS preliminary study materials and CO for developing the demo web structure under the web portal of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom),

*Recalling* the related resolutions taken during First Session of the Statistical Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom) , Second Session of the OIC-StatCom, Twenty-Eighth Session of the COMCEC, Third Session of the OIC-StatCom, Fourth Session of the OIC-StatCom, Fifth Session of the OIC-StatCom,

*Emphasizing* the fundamental role of ownership by the NSOs of OIC Member Countries for the sustainability of the OIC-CPOS,

*Stressing* that **certification** – as a procedure for examining **conformity** with a set of clearly defined and expected requirements – and **accreditation** – as a procedure for examining **competency** for the conduct of certain activities and tasks – should be complementing approaches for the efforts to increase the human resources capacities of NSOs of OIC Member Countries and consequently the quality assurance for their statistical production processes,

*Having devoted attention* to the comprehensive presentations delivered by the participants and the fruitful outcomes of the break-out sessions that took place during the CAB Meeting,

*Bearing in mind* the challenges faced by the Coordination Office (CO) in the conduct and overview of processes related to the multiple statistical themes as per the Classification of Statistical Activities (CSA Revision I, October 2009) decided previously to be covered under OIC-CPOS,

Recommending to the consideration of the Sixth Session of the Statistical Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom) to be held on 5-6 November 2016 in Konya, Republic of Turkey, **the Certification Advisory Board (CAB) of the OIC Certification and Accreditation Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS):**



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Requests the SESRIC and IDB to actively support the implementation of the program both in terms of human resources and funding;
2. Encourages the CO to set up a Task Team under the auspices of SESRIC to prepare a Project Charter ensuring self-sustainability of the OIC-CPOS in the long term and draw the roadmap with effective timeline for OIC-CPOS and process flow for certification schemes based on the suggestions of the CAB members and undertake necessary activities for the implementation of OIC-CPOS ;
3. Requests the CO to cooperate and establish partnership with the relevant national, regional and international organizations for funding and working on similar programs;
4. Supports the proposal of the CO concerning the prioritisation of the tasks pertaining to the certification programme and consideration of the accreditation programme at a later stage;
5. Recommends the prioritising the Certification Examination themes during the First Phase to the suggested subjects, including but not restricted with, based on the results of the Tendency Survey on OIC-CPOS Certification Examination Theme Priorities to be circulated to the CAB Members;
6. Urges the CO to take the necessary actions for the revision of the available study materials by peer reviewers, development of new study materials and formation of pool of examination questions with the support of national, international and independent entity(ies) to ensure the provision of quality content to the candidates;
7. Trusts the CO and IDB with the operationalisation of a stand-alone web portal; and with the improvement of the currently available content including a repository to host study materials and information about the procedures of the examinations;
8. Invites National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of OIC Member Countries to support and promote OIC-CPOS among all the stakeholders of their National Statistical Systems;
9. Encourages statisticians working under the National Statistical Systems of OIC Member Countries to register their CVs through the Roster of Statistics Experts (OIC-ROSE) created by SESRIC towards establishing a pool of competent experts who technically contribute to the implementation of the Programme.