

## Sixth Session of OIC Statistical Commission

5-6 November 2016, Konya – Turkey

### RESOLUTIONS

*Expressing* their thanks to SESRIC, as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) and ex-officio bureau member, and IDB, as the ex-officio bureau member, for their support in co-organising the Sixth Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) which was held on 5-6 November 2016 in Konya, Republic of Turkey with the participation of 65 delegates from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 34 OIC Member Countries and the representatives of regional, supranational and international organisations;

*Acknowledging with appreciation* the presentations and interventions delivered by all participating countries and international organisations;

The Members of the OIC-StatCom have agreed on the following resolutions:

- 1. Having considered** with contentment the progress reports and presentations on the “Implemented and Planned Activities of the OIC-StatCom” prepared and delivered by the SESRIC and **having commended** the efforts of the SESRIC and all relevant stakeholders in the successful conduct and organization of the statistical projects and activities in their respective thematic fields; the OIC-StatCom:
  - a) lauds** the tremendous efforts exerted by the Secretariat in planning and implementing the OIC Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme based on a South-South Cooperation approach in line with the *Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17.18* and *SDG 17.19* which aims at enhancing capacity-building support to developing countries to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable disaggregated data and support statistical capacity building in developing countries , **entrusts** the Secretariat to continue implementing the StatCaB Programme, **calls upon** the OIC-StatCom Members to actively support the StatCaB Programme by directly being involved in the programme from provider and beneficiary country perspectives, and **reiterates its appeal** to OIC-StatCom Members to timely complete the current and upcoming OIC StatCaB Biannual Surveys;
  - b) congratulates** the Department of Statistics of Jordan for having successfully conducted its Population Census and **supports** the sharing of know-how and best practices among all OIC Member Countries through the facilitation of SESRIC and IDB;
  - c) encourages** SESRIC to increase the number of activities on poverty statistics in collaboration with the national, regional, and international stakeholders for the facilitation of monitoring *SDG 1.2* which calls on countries halve poverty in all its dimensions;



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- d) concurs** that the Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) approach is necessary for the achievement of **SDG 8.9** and **SDG 12.B** which urges countries to devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism for job creation and cultural promotion, and TSA can only be successful with a sound coordination mechanism among the relevant stakeholders of the National Statistical Systems (NSSs), and thus **calls upon** SESRIC to facilitate competence enrichment activities on tourism statistics and TSA in cooperation with UNWTO;
- e) endorses** the Recommendations of the Certification Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting of the OIC Certification and Accreditation Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS) that was held on 7-8 September 2016 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, **renews its appeal** to SESRIC and IDB to actively support the OIC-CPOS both in terms of human and financial resources, and **calls upon** the NSOs of OIC Member Countries to promote and take necessary actions for the promotion of OIC-CPOS among the early-career official statisticians as a career advancement opportunity;
- f) invites** the NSOs of OIC Member Countries to actively take part in incorporating the relevant modules of Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS), namely Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS), into their ongoing national surveys so as to succeed crucial steps on public health issues and tobacco control at the national level and **authorizes** the Secretariat to continue with the project with the relevant stakeholders to facilitate the integration of the TQS into the nationwide surveys of OIC Member Countries in support of **SDG 3.A** for strengthening the implementation of the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC);
- g) requests** the active collaboration among the relevant stakeholders of the NSSs including the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries and other relevant national and international organizations for the development of the Islamic Banking and Finance Statistics (IBFStat) database currently undertaken by SESRIC, and **urges** the OIC-StatCom members to facilitate the completion and coordination of the IBFStat Survey with the relevant agencies in their countries;
- h) welcomes** the Recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on ‘Peer Reviews for NSOs in the OIC Member Countries (OIC-Peer)’ that was held on 3 November 2016 in Konya, Republic of Turkey, **trusts** SESRIC to take further steps in institutionalizing the Peer Review Approach among the NSSs of the OIC Member Countries, **invites** OIC Member Countries to benefit from the project through volunteering as candidate countries with an aim to objectively learn the strengths and weaknesses of their NSSs, and get comprehensive

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feedback for their improvement, and **calls on** the NSOs of OIC Member Countries to timely complete and submit the to-be-circulated OIC-Peer Survey to SESRIC;

- i) **welcomes** the organization of the Workshop on the Impact of Post-2015 Development Agenda on Education Statistics” by SESRIC in collaboration with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Institute for Statistics (UIS) on 29-30 November 2016 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, **urges** all relevant stakeholders of the NSSs of OIC Member Countries to participate in this important Workshop, and **expresses its confidence** to SESRIC to initiate cooperation linkages on education, science, technology, innovation, and intellectual property statistics to bring about synergies with the relevant stakeholders in better contributing to the efforts of OIC Member Countries in improving their statistical capacities.

**2. Mindful of the fact that** the SDGs indicator framework calls for transformative actions and provision of resource flows based on sound strategies and action plans at the national, regional, and international level for fulfilling the monitoring and reporting requirements, **recognizing** the challenges facing the countries at the OIC and global level, and **referring** to the presentations on “*The Role of NSSs in the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework*” delivered by SESRIC, UNESCWA, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Egypt, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Turkey; the OIC-StatCom :

- a) **urges** the OIC-StatCom members to submit the “*Tendency Survey on SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries*” to SESRIC at the earliest convenience and facilitate the completion of relevant sections of the Survey by the constituents of the NSSs in their countries so as to enable SESRIC to take a broader snapshot on the inclinations of the OIC Member Countries towards the SDGs together with their needs and capacities on the current SDGs indicators for analytical and organisation of skills enrichment activities purposes;
- b) **highlights** the need to mobilize the resources needed to strengthen and modernize national, regional and global statistical systems;
- c) **affirms** the role of SESRIC –in line with relevant resolutions of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) that took place in 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey– to follow up the processes related to the SDGs indicator and monitoring framework at the regional and global level;



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- d) underlines** the importance of the implementation of the transformative agenda in the framework of the Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data, and **requests** the SESRIC –as the main responsible OIC institution for the coordination of statistical outreach and cooperation activities at the OIC level in line with its mandate– to involve in the regional and international initiatives including the Regional Action Plans.
- 3. Recalling** the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, **conscious** of the data gaps in capturing the magnitude and scope of development finance which is required to the implementation of the SDGs, and **having devoted attention** to the presentations on “*Towards More Inclusive Measurement and Monitoring of Broader Development Finance for an Accountable Post-2015 Development Framework*” delivered by the OECD, Indonesia, and Turkey, the OIC-StatCom:
- a) welcomes** the efforts of the OECD and the international statistical community in developing the total official support for sustainable development (TOSSD) approach which aims to complement official development assistance (ODA) by increasing transparency and monitoring the broader development finance;
  - b) thanks** SESRIC to focus on the ODA from the perspective of statistics and **requests** SESRIC to thoroughly study the ODA situation in OIC Member Countries with an aim to construct the underlying basis towards the collection of related statistics in the member countries in line with **SDG 10.B** and **SDG 17.3** and taking the challenges and concerns of member countries into consideration;
  - c) encourages** relevant OIC Member Countries with active ODA flows to consider conducting TOSSD pilot exercises from both provider and recipient perspectives to contribute to the current discussions regarding the measurement of international development finance;
  - d) asks for** SESRIC to collaborate with the OECD and other relevant stakeholders to build capacities in volunteering OIC Member Countries for the conduct of TOSSD pilot exercises.
- 4. Cognisant** of the international work to develop frameworks, tools and methods for the improvement of the efficiency of statistical production, and the ability to produce outputs that better meet user needs by promoting standards-based modernisation of official statistics, **fully believing** that the high calibre human resources are the most vital asset of the NSSs in fulfilling its responsibilities for the provision of high quality data, and **having considered** the presentations on “*Modernisation of*

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*National Statistical Systems through Architectural Models and Skill Set Expansion of Human Resources”* by UNECE, DDI Alliance, Eurostat, IDB, Indonesia, and Tunisia, the OIC-StatCom:

- a) **urges** the constituents of the NSSs of the OIC Member Countries to use common standards-based definitions and processes to serve as the basis for streamlined statistical production and to ensure everyone has the same understanding of the information and processes to produce official statistics;
  - b) **recommends** the conduct of awareness raising activities to be co-organised by the SESRIC and the international statistical community to facilitate the modernisation of NSSs based on internationally recommended standards;
  - c) **calls upon** the decision makers of the OIC Member Countries to increase the resources allocated to their NSSs with a view to make the competences of their human resources up-to-date to ensure the production of high quality statistics and to implement more efficient and effective production processes based on new technologies.
- 5. Referring** to the Report of 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Sessional Committee held on 24 November 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey, the OIC-StatCom **commends** the efforts of SESRIC in developing its new database titled “OICStat” to replace BASEIND which will also host the aggregate figures of the OIC Member Countries as a group and in restructuring the Member Countries in Figures (CIF) module to cover more information on OIC Member Countries.
- 6. Noting with approval** of the time required by the SESRIC to successfully carry out the execution of its planned activities, the OIC-StatCom **decides** to have the Seventh Session in spring of 2018.

**The Members of OIC-StatCom**

**Konya, 6 November 2016**