

**Recommendations of the OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts Meeting
on Gender Related Issues**

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The delegations participating in the OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts (TCE) Meeting on Gender Related Issues recognized that the content, scope and profile of gender statistics, including statistics on violence against women, vary from country to country due to economic, cultural and traditional differences as well as differences in policy objectives. Considering the above, the TCE agreed on the following recommendations:

1. The performance of OIC Member Countries in statistical processes concerning gender related data has still room for improvement to reach the desired level. In this regard, SESRIC and IDB in collaboration with UNESCWA should scale-up capacity building efforts in that area.
2. The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in consultation with the interested members of TCE, should prepare a draft report highlighting its perspective on the concepts and definitions of “violence against women” indicators brought forward by the international statistical community. To have a broader view, the draft report may also be extended to cover the common perspectives of other GCC countries.
3. As the Secretariat of OIC-StatCom, SESRIC should circulate NBS’s draft report to the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of OIC Member Countries to collect their feedback before the Third Session of OIC-StatCom.
4. The final report should be submitted to the Third Session of OIC-StatCom to invite the participants from NSOs and international organisations to take note of the concerns of respective OIC Member Countries.
5. By considering the previous efforts of UNESCWA exerted for Arab Gender Indicator List and VAW toolkit, a short questionnaire should be prepared and sent to the NSOs of OIC Member Countries by the Secretariat of OIC-StatCom to assess the relevance of the UN minimum set of gender indicators. The outcome of the survey should be shared with Members of OIC-StatCom.
6. OIC Member Countries should participate and take an active role in all relevant expert group meetings of the UN and voice their perspectives and concerns about specific issues directly during those meetings.
7. SESRIC and IDB are encouraged to participate in the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) for Arab Countries.