

Second Session of
OIC Statistical Commission

13-15 May 2012, Izmir – Turkey

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Extending sincere gratitude to SESRIC and IDB for organising the Second Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) and lauding all the speakers for their presentations, the Members of the OIC-StatCom have taken the following decisions at its Second Session in Izmir, Turkey held on 13-15 May with the participation of 40 Member National Statistical Offices, OIC Institutions, EUROSTAT, UNESCWA, and Statistics Sweden:

1. Having profoundly considered the documents and presentation of the Working Group on “***Statistical Indicators Specific to OIC Member States***”, the OIC-StatCom
 - commended the preparation of a preliminary survey (SPIN-OIC) by the Secretariat and Jordanian Department of Statistics (DOS);
 - thanked the Working Group Members for their efforts and OIC Member States responded to the SPIN-OIC;
 - reviewed the report presented by Jordan; and
 - decided that this Working Group should follow its future activities as Technical Committee of Experts on three themes which are *Islamic banking and finance, halal food and products industry* and *waqf*.

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2. Having examined the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision Document prepared by the Working Group on “*Development of a Strategic Vision Document for the OIC-StatCom*”, the OIC-StatCom
- extended its gratitude for the efforts of the Working Group Members and BPS-Statistics Indonesia for hosting the preparatory meeting and its role as the Lead Country;
 - endorsed the attached Strategic Vision Document to guide its future activities; and
 - decided the establishment of a Technical Committee of Experts to develop an “*Executive Work Plan for the Short, Medium and Long Term Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision*”.
3. Having examined the documents prepared by the Working Group on “*Development of an Accreditation Program for Statistical Professionals in OIC Member States*”, the OIC-StatCom
- appreciated the Working Group Members for their efforts and specifically CIO-Bahrain for its full commitment to steer the Working Group;
 - approved the report presented by Bahrain and decided to establish Technical Committees to follow-up on the procedural details of the Accreditation Program;
 - agreed on to set up a Task Team under the auspices of SESRIC to undertake necessary activities for the implementation of Basic Level Accreditation;

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- requested IDB and SESRIC to actively support the implementation of this program both in terms of human resources and funding; and
 - recommended to submit the International Accreditation Program to COMCEC in its next meeting in October 2012.
4. The OIC-StatCom agreed to express the common view of the member countries on newly formed themes and indicators such as gender statistics in a coordinated manner so as to enhance studies of global statistical community in these areas by reflecting values of OIC Member Countries, and establish a Technical Committee of Experts with an aim to follow up the studies carried out at the international level on gender related issues.
5. Noting the immense interest shown throughout the session “*Country Experiences on the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses*” for the presentations of Bangladesh, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, and Turkey, the OIC-StatCom decided to dwell more on the population and housing censuses. In this regard, OIC-StatCom
- called for an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to be organized by SESRIC and IDB until the end of 2012 with the aim of defining a comprehensive profile, which includes all the relevant phases of censuses, to compile the different country experiences and practices from OIC Member Countries;
 - requested SESRIC and IDB to conduct study visits among the OIC Member Countries that desire to have more in-depth

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exposition to the new approaches in the implementation of censuses; and

- recommended Member Countries to integrate administrative records to derive related statistics on population with a view to conduct Register Based Censuses which will reduce the time gap for data analysis as well as minimise costs.
6. Strongly highlighting the importance of establishing strategic communication with all stakeholders (i.e., press, social media, policy makers, students, citizens, etc.) in order to increase the visibility of National Statistical Offices and to promote the widespread use of data produced, the OIC-StatCom invited all members to send their outreach methods to the Secretariat to be publicised through the Secretariat website.
 7. Reiterating its appreciation for the increasing interest shown, the OIC-StatCom calls all members to actively participate in the undertakings of all Working Groups and Technical Committees of Experts and carrying out their tasks timely.
 8. Noting with satisfaction that the quality management issues were brought forward during the Session, the OIC-StatCom supported the idea of organisation of study visits and other capacity building programs with the support of SESRIC and IDB to pioneer countries, which have already implemented quality management frameworks such as National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) and Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM), to share the experiences

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- and lessons learnt among the participating agencies and to increase the awareness regarding quality issues.
9. Highlighting the direct influence of National Statistical Systems on enabling the progress of societies through communicating evidence-based data for policy makers, the OIC-StatCom renewed its appeal to all OIC Member States and international organisations to strengthen the National Statistical Systems through effective and efficient statistical capacity building programmes.
10. Appreciating the efforts of SESRIC and IDB in terms of statistical capacity building activities, the OIC-StatCom requested to enhance and coordinate their efforts so as to bring higher benefits to the Member Countries.
11. Listening to the presentation given by BPS-Statistics Indonesia with interest, the OIC-StatCom welcomed the invitation of Indonesia for having students from OIC Member Countries to join the Institute of Statistics (STIS).
12. Having endorsed the amendment to the Rules of Procedures of the OIC-StatCom, the OIC-StatCom approved the inclusion of the IDB and SESRIC as permanent ex-officio members of the Bureau undertaking the organisational matters related to the activities of the Commission.
13. The OIC-StatCom decided to have their next Session in Istanbul, Turkey in April 2013.

**The Members of OIC-StatCom
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