Results of the Survey on Identifying the Views of OIC-StatCom Members on the "Executive Work Plan for the Short, Medium and Long Term Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision"

Background

The Third Session of the OIC-StatCom, held on 10-12 April 2013 in Ankara-Turkey, expressed its appreciation in the work undertaken by Indonesia, as the Lead Country, and other members of the TCE on "Executive Work Plan for the Short, Medium and Long Term Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision", and requested the Secretariat to circulate the brief survey to all members and collect their feedback by 6 May 2013 so as to identify the views of more members concerning the assignment of short, medium, and long term, and the prioritisation on the strategic sub-objectives stated in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision Document.

The survey circulated by the Secretariat was completed by the following 30 OIC Member Countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates.

Methodology

The survey included the following fields: The twenty strategic sub-objectives mentioned in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision Document; Short, medium, and long term columns for timeframe assignment; and Priority level (1 to 20) assignment column.

The respondents were requested to assign one timeframe (short, medium, or long) to each strategic sub-objective and give a priority level ranging between 1 and 20 to be only used once.

The timeframes were identified by taking the average of the assigned ticks to the respective strategic sub-objective. The priority level score assignment was used to rank the strategic sub-objectives having the same timeframe assignment (The least the priority score sum is, the higher the rank is).

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The results of the survey circulated by the Secretariat showed that respondents assigned 7 strategic sub-objectives to Short Term (between 2013 and 2016); 10 strategic sub-objectives to Medium-Term (between 2016 and 2019); and 3 strategic sub-objectives to Long Term (between 2019 and 2020).

In this respect, the Executive Work Plan for the Short, Medium and Long Term Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision is summarized in the Table 1.

Table 1 Executive Work Plan for the Short, Medium and Long Term Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision

PRIORITY	STRATEGIC SUB-OBJECTIVE	TIMEFRAME	TO BE INITIATED IN THE PERIOD
1	Prepare an OIC-StatCom framework for supporting the NSS of the OIC Member States in accordance with their development priorities. This framework outlines the statistical capacity development priority areas by identifying the needs of the NSOs and professional skills essential for statistical information collection, collation, processing, and dissemination; and describes general strategies for carrying out effective programs;	Short Term	2013-2014
2	Initiate cooperation and collaboration programmes for the needs of the NSOs of the OIC Member States to be identified through the physical and virtual meeting rounds of a panel of experts in a structured, systematic, and interactive way;	Short Term	2013-2014
3	Ameliorate the professional skills of the staff in ICT, modern management methods, statistical data collection, collation, processing and dissemination, and NSS management by organising training programs and constructing platforms for offering e-learning programs that are embedded in or offered as extensions of the statistical consultancy service programs to be carried out among the OIC-StatCom members;	Short Term	2014-2015
4	Develop statistical awareness and outreach programs for the public and media workers in cooperation with relevant stakeholders;	Short Term	2014-2015
5	Promote harmonisation of concepts, classifications and methodologies used in performing statistical activities in OIC Member States to promote consistency in statistical systems;	Short Term	2014-2015
6	Share "Lessons Learnt" and "Success Stories" regarding the experiences gained and challenges faced by the OIC-StatCom members through a virtual statistical system;	Short Term	2015-2016
7	Develop a clear-structured governance mechanism based on a life-cycle approach for the statistical capacity development activities of OIC-StatCom;	Short Term	2015-2016
8	Develop effective dissemination and communication systems including the usage of social media through a Communications Toolkit for NSOs for enhancing the usage of data produced by the NSOs and ensuring the data provided are correctly perceived and appropriately used by the users;	Medium Term	2015-2016
9	Take a strong leadership role to promote close collaboration and cooperation among the OIC- StatCom, other relevant OIC bodies and relevant stakeholders by actively communicating the objectives of the Committee and identified needs of the OIC-StatCom members;	Medium Term	2016-2017
10	Identify priority areas specific to the OIC Member States and develop conceptual and methodological background for the selected indicators;	Medium Term	2016-2017
11	Strengthen the cooperation among OIC-StatCom and other national, regional, and international stakeholders by establishing sustainable relationships through effective networking channels for supporting the trainings, and developing mobility programs; such as staff exchange (secondment) between NSOs and international organisations, study visits, etc;	Medium Term	2016-2017
12	Encourage the NSOs to communicate with higher education institutions to develop and strengthen academic curricula satisfying the human resources' needs of NSOs and also encourage and support instructors-in-training in the Faculties of Education in using their services and products in class activities.	Medium Term	2017-2018
13	Exchange knowledge on particular topics of interest, and new statistical fields and indicators through an academic journal that is under the guidance of an editorial committee formed of active researchers and practitioners in official statistics;	Medium Term	2017-2018
14	Support the production of regional strategies by regional and international stakeholders for the development of statistics similar to national strategies for development of statistics;	Medium Term	2017-2018
15	Harmonize levels of statistical development of OIC Member States on the basis of Statistical Work Program to be prepared by considering priorities of the OIC policies and urgent needs of the NSOs;	Medium Term	2018-2019
16	Develop conceptual and methodological background of the accreditation program for professional official statisticians working for organisations of the OIC Member States;	Medium Term	2018-2019
17	Develop a quality assurance framework for the NSOs of OIC Member States describing the tools and procedures put in place to ensure that the statistics produced by the NSOs are of high quality with a focus on statistical processes and outputs.	Medium Term	2018-2019
18	Transform the current working conditions of NSOs into learning environments by considering change management and business process re-engineering to nurture dynamism into the operations of NSOs;	Long Term	2019-2020
19	Promote the design and implementation of national education curricula that are bound for bringing in statistical literacy to students of primary and secondary education levels with relevant stakeholders;	Long Term	2019-2020
20	Encourage the certification of expertise and knowledge under an official context for the professional conduct of statistical work of statistical specialists working for the organisations of the OIC Member States.	Long Term	2019-2020