

**SIXTH SESSION OF OIC STATISTICAL COMMISSION**  
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1. The Sixth Session of the Statistical Commission of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom) was organised by Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 5-6 November 2016 in Konya, Republic of Turkey.
2. The delegates of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) from 34 OIC Member Countries including Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, and Uganda, and regional, supranational and international organizations including OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC, IDB, Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) Alliance, Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO), Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat), Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCCStat), International Labour Organisation (ILO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA). The participants list is made available on <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1517>.
3. The agenda of the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom was as follows:
  - Opening Session
  - Implemented and Planned Activities of OIC-StatCom
  - The Role of NSSs in the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework
  - Towards More Inclusive Measurement and Monitoring of Broader Development Finance for an Accountable Post-2015 Development Framework
  - Modernisation of National Statistical Systems through Architectural Models and Skill Set Expansion of Human Resources
  - Open Discussions and Closing Session

### **Opening Session**

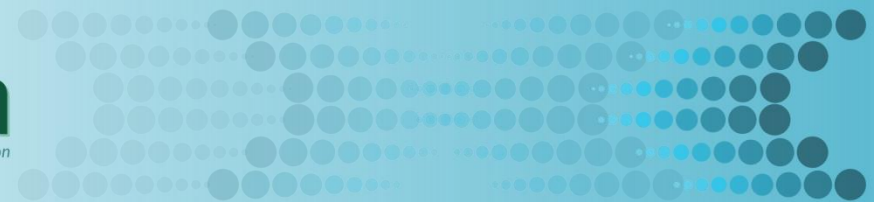
4. Following the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, the Opening Session started with the welcome addresses by HE Amb. Musa KULAKLIKAYA, Director General of SESRIC; Dr. Abdul Baquee Muhammad SHARAF, Economic Research and Policy Department, IDB; Mr. Jakhongir

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Khasanov, OIC General Secretariat; and Mr. Sairi Hasbullah, Chair of the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom and Deputy Chief Statistician for Social Statistics, BPS-Statistics Indonesia.

5. In his welcome speech HE Amb. Musa KULAKLIKAYA, Director General of SESRIC, stated that the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) are indispensable building blocks of decision making processes, which have the potential to identify the “development inputs” and accordingly affect the “development outcomes”. By giving examples from the recent activities and projects undertaken by SESRIC, he added that SESRIC – as the responsible subsidiary organ and main focal point of the OIC for the issues related to statistics – contributes to the efforts of the OIC Member Countries in leveraging their statistical capacities vis-à-vis the data and monitoring requirements of the Sustainable Development Indicators (SDGs) Indicator Framework by bringing about synergies with the regional and international agencies. The Director General of SESRIC also underlined that the agenda items of the annual session of OIC-StatCom have been shaped together with the inputs of the OIC Member Countries which is an indication of the ownership exhibited by the OIC Member Countries towards the OIC-StatCom.
6. Dr. Abdul Baquee Muhammad SHARAF, Representative of the IDB, focused on the new trends at the data landscape through the emergence of big data, Internet of Things, integration of geospatial information gathered from satellite imagery, and better visualisation in his opening remarks.
7. The message of the H.E. Acting Secretary General of the OIC to the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom was read by Mr. Jakhongir Khasanov. Commending the role of OIC-StatCom for contributing to the enhancement and sustaining of statistical capacity building in OIC Member States, he highlighted that both the SDGs and OIC-2025 Programme of Action increased importance of statistical data for better pooling the resources and collective efforts of OIC Member Countries to deliver on the new development agenda.
8. Mr. Sairi Hasbullah, Deputy Chief Statistician for Social Statistics, BPS-Statistics Indonesia, delivered the Opening Remarks as the Chair of the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom. In his speech, Mr. Sairi focused on the current situation of Indonesia National Statistical System (NSS) related to the Millennium Developments Goals (MDGs) and SDGs indicators, and initiatives of the BPS-Statistics of Indonesia concerning modernising the human resources and modern infrastructure system.



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**Implemented Activities of the OIC-StatCom**

9. During the session titled “Implemented Activities of the OIC-StatCom”, the presentations reporting on the activities and initiatives, which had been implemented since the Fifth Session of OIC-StatCom, were delivered by Dr. Atilla Karaman, Senior Researcher, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC, Ms. Nenden Octavarulia SHANTY, Researcher, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC and Dr. Nihat GUMUS, Project Consultant, SESRIC.
10. During this session, the participants were briefed about the following implemented activities of the OIC-Statcom:
  - OIC Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme
  - Enhancing National Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics
  - Improving Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Tourism Statistics
  - OIC Accreditation and Certification Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS)
  - Statistical Applications
  - Integration of the ‘Tobacco Questions for Surveys’ (TQS) into the National Surveys in OIC Member Countries
  - Peer Reviews for National Statistical Offices in the OIC Member Countries (OIC-Peer)
  - The Impact of Post-2015 Development Agenda on the Education Sector
  - Developing Islamic Financial Industry Database
11. Dr. Atilla KARAMAN, Senior Researcher, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC, in his presentation focused first on the OIC Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) based on the responses provided to the biannual survey which was circulated in summer 2015 after the Fifth Session of the OIC-StatCom. He informed the participants that since 2007 the Centre had organized 190 statistical capacity building programmes including 152 short-term capacity building courses, 22 international workshops, 8 study visits, and 8 technical missions. He further elaborated that since the Fifth Session of OIC-StatCom, a total of 70 statistical capacity building activities had been conducted by SESRIC (52 short-term capacity building courses, 7 study visits, 6 technical missions, and 5 workshops). In total, around 1,000 participants from 38 OIC member countries benefited from these activities which were provided by 17 OIC Member Countries and 10 international organizations.

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12. Dr. Karaman briefed the participants about the project titled “Improving Statistical Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics” which aims at building statistical capacity in poverty statistics and overall contributing to the NSSs of OIC countries through capacity building programmes in selected OIC countries. He also covered in his presentation the training courses and study visits that had taken place since the Fifth Session of OIC-StatCom and the Workshop on Multidimensional Poverty Measurement held in Dakar-Senegal on 30 November-6 December 2015 with the participation of delegates from 17 NSOs of OIC Member Countries including Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Malaysia, Maldives, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Senegal, Togo, and Tunisia and 5 international organizations including SESRIC, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI), Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC), Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), and IDB.
13. Dr. Karaman went on his presentation with the project “Improving Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Tourism Statistics” which aims at building statistical capacity in tourism statistics and overall contributing to the national statistical systems of OIC Member Countries. He enlightened the participants on the statistical capacity building activities on tourism statistics conducted by the SESRIC since the Fifth Session of OIC-StatCom, particularly on the Regional Workshop on Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) that focused on the Central Asia and South Asia regions of the OIC. Organised by SESRIC in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and hosted by the Committee on Statistics of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Almaty on 30 November-3 December 2015, this Workshop had been attended by 16 experts working at the NSOs, Tourism Authorities, and Central Banks from Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.
14. Dr. Karaman also informed the delegates on the progress regarding the OIC Accreditation and Certification Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS) project which aims at certifying the official statistics experts and recognizing those who have achieved an acceptable level of professional competence in the understanding and application of statistical methods in the OIC Member Countries. He briefed the attendees about the recommendations taken at the Certification Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting of the OIC-CPOS organised on 7-8 September 2016 at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.

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15. Dr. Karaman finalised his presentation by giving details of the statistical applications maintained and developed by SESRIC. Particularly, he covered Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE), a platform to host the profiles of the official statistics experts of OIC member countries to facilitate communication among them, and the currently developed OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database, the successor data platform to the Basic Social and Economic Indicators (BASEIND) Database of SESRIC.
16. Following Dr. Karaman, Mrs. Nenden Octavarulia SHANTY, Researcher, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC, made her presentation on the progress in the Integration of the ‘Tobacco Questions for Surveys’ (TQS) into the National Surveys in OIC Member Countries. The project which aims at building capacities in health statistics in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation, selected 15 OIC Member Countries at the beginning for a pilot study under the framework of this project namely; Albania, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tunisia and Uganda. She also talked of SESRIC’s support for the NSOs of aforementioned member countries in the integration of TQS into their on-going national surveys. She also informed the delegates about the Orientation Workshop on TQS held at SESRIC Headquarters on 3-4 May 2016 organised by SESRIC in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO), Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation. The workshop was attended by the NSOs of Azerbaijan, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Qatar, Tajikistan, and Togo, and Ministry of Health of Morocco. The representatives of the CDC, CDC Foundation, the World Health Organization (WHO), WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO), WHO Country Office of Turkey, Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority of Turkey (TAPDK), Yıldırım Beyazıt University, and Turkish Green Crescent (YESILAY) also participated in the Workshop.
17. Mrs. Shanty further presented the progress concerning the OIC-Peer Project in which she stated that the importance of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Systems to better plan and to coordinate the future strategies of NSOs had been underlined by the Fifth Session of OIC-StatCom. She brought the participants up-to-date concerning the activities carried out and to be carried out including virtual meeting rounds conducted in March and April 2016, Expert Group Meeting (EGM) conducted on 3 November 2016, Roundtable Meeting conducted on 4 November 2016, designing an OIC-Peer Review Inclination Survey (OPRIS), its circulation, collection and collation,

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organisation of a Peer Review Workshop, and conducting Peer Review Missions to selected pilot member countries.

18. Mrs. Shanty also delivered a presentation about the upcoming Workshop on the Impact of Post-2015 Development Agenda on Education Statistics to be organised by SESRIC in collaboration with ISESCO and UNESCO Institute for Statistics on 29-30 November 2016 in Ankara, Turkey. She informed the audience that the Workshop will both consider the progress recorded in the MDGs period and cover the SDG 4 indicators and their implications on the education statistics.
19. Dr. Nihat GUMUS, Project Consultant, SESRIC, updated the participants about the progress recorded so far in the “Developing Islamic Financial Industry Database” project. In his presentation, he briefly covered the recommendations of the Stakeholders Meeting held in the margins of the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings held in October 2016. These recommendations can be accessed on <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1533>. As a way forward, he shared with the participants that a survey on the context, relevancy, feasibility, methodology, content and existing data compilation practices of the Islamic Financial Industry is going to be circulated to the relevant institutions in OIC member countries to collect their feedback within the project framework.
20. After these presentations, the Chair opened the floor for interventions by the delegates. Gambia recommended that analysing poverty data is limited in most of the NSOs of the OIC member countries in the region and concentration should be put on in technical support to enhance capacity in various methods of analysing poverty data and therefore requested for a capacity building training on this topic. Gambia also recommended that the OIC member countries should be supported with more capacity building activities regarding tourism statistics. Mrs. Zehra Zumrut SELCUK, Director of Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC, assured the delegates that SESRIC is exerting a lot of efforts to contribute to the efforts of OIC member countries in advancing their official statistics capacities and informed the audience that a Regional Workshop on Tourism Statistics is going to be held in Algeria in February 2017 in collaboration with ONS of Algeria, UNWTO, and SESRIC. Regarding the OIC-CPOS project, International Labour Organization asked whether training materials developed were in line with internationally accepted statistical practices, such as those of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Dr. Karaman responded that the recommendations of the CAB Meeting in September 2016 stipulated 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

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and independent entities to ensure the provision of quality content to the candidates. Bangladesh asked for the inclusion of their country in the TQS project since they are going to launch a similar survey in December 2016 or January 2017. Mrs. Shanty thanked Bangladesh for their interest in the TQS project and stated the Secretariat would be communicating this request to the project partners. HE Amb. Musa KULAKLIKAYA, Director General of SESRIC, emphasised that Islamic finance is one of the key instruments for broadening financial inclusion in the world, and urged all the NSOs of OIC member countries to actively participate in the survey to be circulated within the framework of IBFStat project.

**The Role of NSSs in the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework**

21. The Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom continued with the session titled “Role of NSSs in the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework”. Dr. Kenan Bağcı, Senior Researcher, Economic and Social Research Department, SESRIC, and Dr. Atilla Karaman, Senior Researcher, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC delivered two presentations titled “Moving from MDGs to SDGs: Prospects and Challenges for OIC Countries” and “Tendency Survey on SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries”. These were followed by presentations of Dr. Juraj Riečan, Director, Statistics Division, UNESCWA; Mr. Sher Mohammad Jami Zada, President, General of Central Statistics Organization, Afghanistan; Mr. Modou Sanda, Senior Executive, National Institute of Statistics, Cameroon; Mr. Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Ali Zaid, Director, Information Technology Training General Department, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Egypt.
22. After the presentations in the first part of this session, the Chair opened the floor for questions and answers (Q&A). Palestine emphasised that indicators relevant to topics in the Arab region are not included and asked whether any OIC member country has developed a plan based on the Global Action Plan. UNESCWA responded that there are too many activities between international agencies and Arab region countries and merging different initiatives under one coordination mechanism for UN agencies in the Arab Region is needed.
23. Additional presentations under the session were delivered by Mrs. Liuksina Tekeeva, Deputy Chairperson, National Statistical Committee, Kyrgyzstan; Mrs. Ezatul Nisha Abdul Rahman, Deputy Director, Price, Income and Expenditure Statistics Division, Department of Statistics,

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Malaysia; Mr. Sajjad Akhtar, Member of Economic Statistics, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics; Mrs. Esengül Tanrikulu, Head, Economic and Social Indicators Department, Turkish Statistical Institute of Turkey. Due to limited time, Palestine proposed to share their presentation with the participants rather than presenting it.

24. The Chairman made the closing remarks for the first day of the session. He also highlighted that there is a need to have more capacity building activities to be carried out as a strategy to transform NSSs as it been discussed in session.

**Towards More Inclusive Measurement and Monitoring of Broader Development Finance for an Accountable Post-2015 Development Framework**

25. The second and last day of the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom commenced with the presentation of Mr. Willem Luijkx, Adviser on Development Finance and Statistics, OECD in which he enlightened the audience on “Towards more Inclusive Measurement and Monitoring of Broader Development Finance”. He covered in his presentation the mandate of the OECD’s Development Assurances Committee (DAC), its “engagement” and relations with other countries, and the recently developed new measure entitled “Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)”.
26. In his presentation, Mr. Sasmito Hadi Wibowo, Deputy Chief Statistician for Distributions and Services Statistics, BPS-Statistics Indonesia, informed the participants about the experience of BPS-Statistics of Indonesia in mobilizing funds for statistical activities.
27. The third presentation of the session was delivered by Mr. Emre Yüksek, Senior Expert, Department of Strategy Development, Reporting and Coordination Unit, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA). In his presentation, he covered the responsibility of TIKA in coordinating Turkey’s development cooperation with other government agencies, international organizations, and other bilateral donors, collecting and reporting ODA statistics, current ODA system, need for change to SDG Agenda.
28. In the Q&A part of the session, the delegates directed questions to and shared their opinions with the presenters and the floor. IDB stated that the OIC member countries do not have the same developmental level concerning the SDGs and therefore called for a study to uncover the reasons for these differences. Jordan asked Turkey what plan has been adopted for SDGs in order to decrease the gaps, how to implement the SDGs and what kind of assistance is provided by TIKA



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for the projects in other countries. In response to these questions, TIKA said that they have ongoing technical capacity programmes for countries in the south and country offices of TIKA can be consulted concerning the details of technical cooperation programmes. Amb. Musa KULAKLIKAYA, Director General of SESRIC, thanked Jordan for their efforts in successfully conducting their recent population census and further asked them to facilitate the transfer of their experiences also to other OIC member countries.

**Modernisation of National Statistical Systems through Architectural Models and Skill Set Expansion of Human Resources**

29. The second and last day of the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom continued with the session titled “Modernisation of National Statistical Systems through Architectural Models and Skill Set Expansion of Human Resources”. Mr. Steven Vale, Senior Statistician and Regional Adviser, UNECE, delivered two presentations on (i) Statistical Architecture Models including Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM), Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organisations (GAMSO), and Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM), and (ii) Human Resources Management for National Statistical Offices in the Post-2015 Period in which he concluded that identifying and developing the right individual, team and organisational capabilities is key to statistical modernisation.
30. Mr. Joachim Wackerow, Chair, DDI Scientific Board, gave a presentation on the role of DDI specifications for the modernisation of official statistics. He explained that the main focus of DDI is to capture metadata about microdata and the DDI is aligned with standards such as Dublin Core, ISO/IEC 11179 (metadata registry), and GSIM.
31. Ms. Claudia Junker, Head of Statistical Cooperation Unit, EUROSTAT, briefed the participants about the Modernisation of the European Statistical System with a focus on the ESS Vision 2020. She focused on the four main drivers and five key areas for achieving the ESS vision.
32. Dr. Abdul Baquee Muhammad SHARAF, Economic Research and Policy Department, IDB, informed the participants about the Big Data concept and the opportunities it presents for the official statistics community.
33. Mr. Sasmito Hadi Wibowo, Deputy Chief Statistician for Distributions and Services Statistics, BPS-Statistics Indonesia, and Ms. Mouna Dhane Ep Zgoulli, Director General of IT Distribution &

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Coordination, National Institute of Statistics, Tunisia also shared their national experiences on “Reforming National Statistical System by Utilizing Statistical Business Framework Architecture” and “Communication and Dissemination Policy”, respectively.

**Open Discussions and Closing Session**

34. The Chair opened the floor for discussions before concluding the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom. Kuwait commented on UNECE’s presentations by stating that that the workload on the NSOs requires the statistical activities conducted be practical basis and in this respect, member countries need to improve the skills set of their human resources. Chad stated that the member countries should also be supported financially as lack of funds limits the activities to be undertaken by NSOs. Chad also proposed the Tendency Survey on SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries conducted by SESRIC should be redesigned in a way that so as to enable NSOs to report the data availability vis-à-vis SDGs indicators. In response to Chad, Mrs. Zehra Zumrut Selcuk, Director, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC, stated that SESRIC asks from the NSOs to facilitate the circulation of the said survey to the stakeholders of the NSS which are expected to complete the parts relevant to their responsibility areas. She also said that SESRIC would evaluate to redesign the questionnaire by taking into consideration of the member countries and to conduct it on a rolling basis. Sudan also seconded Chad and countries in the region also need exchange of tools and instruments for statistical activities that require serious budgets; such as population censuses.
35. Following the discussions, participants adopted the Resolutions of the Sixth Session of the OIC-StatCom which is accessible on: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1517>. The Seventh Session of the OIC-StatCom is decided to be held in the spring of 2018.
36. With the closing remarks of the Chair, SESRIC, and IDB, the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom has been completed.