



Fourth Session of OIC Statistical Commission

21-23 April 2014, Ankara–Turkey





EXECUTIVE WORK PLAN

ACTIVITIES of OIC-STATCOM



OUTLINE

- **EWP #1: Prioritising Development Goals of the OIC Member Countries under StatCab Activities**
- **EWP #2: OIC-StatCom Forum: An Electronic Platform for Knowledge and Experience Sharing**
- **EWP #3: OIC Certification and Accreditation Programme for Statisticians (OIC-CPS)**

EWP #1

**PRIORITISING
DEVELOPMENT GOALS
OF THE OIC MEMBER
COUNTRIES
UNDER STATCAB ACTIVITIES**

OIC-StatCaB Questionnaire for the Biennium 2014-2015

- **OIC-StatCaB Survey conducted since 2007**
- **Aim: To identify statistical training needs and capacities of NSOs of OIC Member Countries**
- **42 countries responded to it in 2013**



**STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH
AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES
(SESRIC)**



OIC STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (StatCaB) QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE BIENNIUM 2014-2015

Carried out under the Statistical Capacity Development (StatCaB) Programme of SESRIC, this questionnaire has the objective to identify statistical training needs and capacities of the National Statistical Offices (NSO) of the OIC Member Countries. Based on the responses received to this questionnaire, the needs and capacities of the NSOs will be matched and short-term training programs for a duration of three or four days on the matched items will be planned for the biennium 2014-2015. After completing the questionnaire, please e-mail it to statcab@sesric.org

Changes to StatCaB Questionnaire

- **Activity taxonomy of CSA Rev.-I of October 2009**
- **Two new columns introduced asking:**
 - **Correspondence between development objectives and statistical activities**
 - **Priority of development objectives for which a correspondence is given**
- **A new section: “Professional Skills for Official Statisticians”**

Correspondence for Development Objectives & Statistical Activities

- **SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS**

- Population and Migration
- Labour
- Income and Consumption
- Justice and Crime

} 28 countries



Correspondence for Development Objectives & Statistical Activities

- **ECONOMIC STATISTICS**

- Quarterly National Accounts
- Supply-Use & Input-Output Tables
- Balance of Payments & International Trade
- Business Statistics
- Cross-Cutting Economic Statistics

25 countries



Correspondence for Development Objectives & Statistical Activities

- **ENVIRONMENT & MULTI-DOMAIN STATISTICS**
 - Environment
 - GIS
 - Poverty, Living Conditions
 - Gender & Special Population Groups
 - MDG Indicators
 - Sustainable Development



24 countries

Correspondence for Development Objectives & Statistical Activities

- **METHODOLOGY OF DATA COLLECTION, PROCESSING, DISSEMINATION AND ANALYSIS**
 - Metadata
 - Data Editing and Data Linkage
 - Data Analysis



11 countries



Correspondence for Development Objectives & Statistical Activities

- **STRATEGIC AND MANAGERIAL ISSUES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS**
 - Sound IT Project Management
 - Staffing for IT Support

} **8 countries**



EWP #2

OIC-STATCOM FORUM: AN ELECTRONIC PLATFORM FOR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SHARING

<http://forum.sesric.org>



Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission

**OIC-StatCom
FORUM**



Project Objectives

- **To share knowledge accumulated, experiences gained and challenges faced in a structured, systematic, and interactive way;**
- **To facilitate the information flow among OIC-StatCom Members through an online platform.**



Expected Results

- **Technical capacity increase;**
- **Continuous learning promotion;**
- **Quality amelioration through mutual learning;**
- **Collaborative interaction enhancement;**
- **Knowledge accumulation and sharing.**



Target Group

- **NSOs and other relevant departments of the NSS in the OIC Member Countries.**
- **Higher education institutes and private sector interested in the issues relevant to the official statistics.**



Relevance to OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision

In the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision Document, approved in 2012, the sub-objectives under the Statistical Capacity Development is to:

- *“share ‘Lessons Learnt’ and ‘Success Stories’ regarding the experiences gained and challenges faced by the OIC-StatCom members through a virtual statistical system”.*



Relevance to OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision

Another strategic sub-objective under the Coordination of Statistical Cooperation and Collaboration among NSOs; OIC-StatCom, Regional and International Organisations calls to

- *“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”*.

Structure of the OIC-StatCom Forum

The OIC-StatCom Forum includes the following five main categories:

- 1. General Discussion**
- 2. Events/Announcements**
- 3. Activities of Member National Statistical Offices**
- 4. Thematic Experience & Knowledge Sharing**
- 5. StatCaB Programme**

OIC StatCom Forum



SESRIC
Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission
**OIC-StatCom
FORUM**

Home Sign Up Log In New Conversation

☰ All Channels

🔍 Search conversations...

General Discussion 3 conversations

Forum Newbies 1 conversation

In this sub-section, new forum members can introduce themselves and mention about their expertise fields.

Frequently Asked Questions 1 conversation

The FAQ sections lists the common questions concerning the structure, content, and administration of the forum.

<http://forum.sesric.org>

Structure of the OIC-StatCom Forum

The OIC-StatCom Forum include the following five main categories:

1. General Discussion

- *Forum Newbies*
- *Frequently Asked Questions*
- *Off-Topic Issues*



Structure of the OIC-StatCom Forum

The OIC-StatCom Forum include the following five main categories:

2. Events/Announcements
 - *OIC-StatCom Sessions*
 - *Events by SESRIC and IDB*
 - *Events/Announcements by Other Stakeholders*



Structure of the OIC-StatCom Forum

The OIC-StatCom Forum include the following five main categories:

3. Activities of Member National Statistical Offices

- *Upon notification by the respective NSOs, the activities/projects of OIC-StatCom members currently being undertaken or planned to be implemented will be announced here.*



Structure of the OIC-StatCom Forum

The OIC-StatCom Forum include the following five main categories:

4. Thematic Experience & Knowledge Sharing:

The sub-sections will be used to share the forum members experiences, success stories and lessons learnt, and seek answers to their questions falling under Statistical Domains



Structure of the OIC-StatCom Forum

The OIC-StatCom Forum include the following five main categories:

5. StatCaB Programme:

This section is for the announcement of the training programmes to be organised under the StatCaB programme by SESRIC



EWP #3

OIC CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME FOR STATISTICIANS (OIC-CPS)



Project Objectives



- **To enhance human resources quality of NSOs of OIC Member Countries and contribute to NSS capacity development by supporting and certifying bright junior statistical professionals.**
- **To certify the junior statistical professionals working in the NSOs of OIC Member Countries with at least 2 years of experience through the Basic Level Certification Exams (CertEx-Basic)**

Expected Results

- **Awareness about the need of certifying expertise and knowledge on professional conduct of official statistical work in OIC Member Countries increased.**
- **Technical capacity of statistical professionals increased and their achievement recognised.**
- **Notion of continuous learning in official statistics promoted.**



Expected Results

- **Commitment by the NSOs and their staff to statistical standards demonstrated.**
- **Quality in statistical processes ameliorated through OIC-CPS certified statisticians.**
- **Professionalism in official statistics function enhanced.**



Target Group

- **Statistical professionals**
- **At least 2 years of work experience**
- **Working in the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries.**



Relevance to OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision

In the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision Document, approved by the OIC-StatCom in 2012, one of the sub-objectives under the Accreditation of Statistical Professionals is to

- *“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”*



Certification Advisory Board (CAB)

The Certification Advisory Board (CAB) members are proposed to be composed of:

- Current OIC-StatCom Bureau Members; and**
- Volunteer OIC Member Countries**

Duties of Certification Advisory Board (CAB)

The duties of the CAB may include:

- *Appointing the members of the Examination Committee*
- *Specifying the themes of the certification exams*
- *Approving the official curricula, structure, timetable, admission criteria, and training materials of the certification exams*
- *Announcing the candidates who pass the certification exams*

Coordination Office (CO)

The Coordination Office (CO) is proposed to comprise 1 Coordinator and 1 Specialist to coordinate the activities, including the promotion activities, between the Examination Committee and various stakeholders.

Main duty: Facilitate the coordination among the OIC-CPS stakeholders



OIC-StatCom

Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission

Examination Committee (ExCom)

The members of the Examination Committee, at most 10 experts, is proposed to be appointed by the Certification Advisory Board from the nominations submitted by the competent NSOs and/or the academia representing the geographic and socio-economic regions of the OIC, and international organisations. The ExCom members is proposed to serve for a maximum of 5 years.



Duties of Examination Committee (ExCom)

- *Drafting the official curricula for the certification exam themes specified by the CAB*
- *Drafting the structure, timetable, admission criteria, and outlines of training materials of the certification exams*
- *Preparing the training materials and questions of the certification exams*
- *Evaluating the exams of the candidates*

Activities

- 1. Formation of the Certification Advisory Board (CAB) and Identification of the Focus on Basic Certification Exam (CertEx-Basci) Themes**
- 2. Formation of the Examination Committee (ExCom)**



Activities

- 3. Development of the Draft Official Curricula, Structure, Timetable, Admission Criteria, and Outlines of the Training Materials by the ExCom**
- 4. Organization of a General Meeting to Finalise the Items Submitted by the ExCom**
- 5. Development and Maintenance of the E-Learning Platform to Disseminate Short-Term Training Materials and to Conduct Online Exams**

Activities

- 6. Preparation of the Short-Term Training Materials and Pool of Questions for Each Thematic CertEx-Basic**
- 7. Announcement of the Official Curricula, Structure, Timetable, Admission Criteria, and Training Materials for Each Thematic CertEx-Basic**



Activities

8. Preparation and Announcement of the Procedures for the Conduct of CertEx-Basic

9. Promotion of the OIC-CPS

10. Calling NSOs to Participate in the Beta Testing of the CertEx-Basic

11. Beta Testing of the CertEx-Basic

12. Revision of the Identified Issues during the Beta Testing of the CertEx-Basic

Activities

- 13. Receipt of Applicant Official Files for the CertEx-Basic**
- 14. Conduct of the CertEx-Basic**
- 15. Evaluation of the Applicants' CertEx-Basic by the ExCom**
- 16. Announcement of the Applicants Passing the CertEx-Basic and Issuance of Certificates**



Increasing Project Impact

- Nomination of competent official statistics experts to the ExCom
- Encouraging junior statisticians to take CertEx-Basic
- Promoting a culture of continuous learning in the NSOs

