



Department of Statistics - Jordan

Peer Review on the Implementation of the Statistics Code of Practice for the ENP South countries (based on the European Statistics Code of Practice) in Jordan

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- The peer review of the Department of Statistics (DOS) in Jordan was undertaken in the framework of the Eurostat funded project.
- Jordan is the first country of the region to request a peer review based on the ENP-South CoP.
- The review mission took place on 6-9 February 2017

- The objectives of peer reviews to assess compliance of the reviewed National Statistical Institute (NSI) with Principles 1-6 and 15 and 16 of the ENP-South CoP,

**The reviewers evaluated and studied 8 principles and concluded 23 recommendations.**

**The principles were:**

- 1. Professional independence**
- 2. Mandate for data collection**
- 3. Adequacy of resources**
- 4. Commitment to quality**
- 5. Statistical confidentiality**
- 6. Impartiality and objectivity**
- 7. Accessibility and clarity**
- 8. Coordination and cooperation**

- The evaluation report included 23 recommendations for different themes
- Focused on maximizing the pros in DOS such as the training center and the electronic transformation of the private surveys and censuses after the great success of the census 2015, which was implemented electronically in all stages.
- In addition to improving and developing the website and increasing the content in English.

- in the organizational and administrative side, the recommendations focused on updating the General Statistics Act to increase the independence of DOS
- A mechanism for the establishment of positive and negative priorities in statistics should be implemented.
- A standing committee for confidentiality protection should be established, under the chairmanship of the Director General.

# Highlight on difficulties in applying peer review and application of recommendations

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- The difficulties is the great number of partners in the statistical system and that require additional efforts in spreading awareness and urging cooperation to apply best statistical practices.
- numbers of recommendations need to amend laws and this requires long timetables to amend these laws and instructions.
- It also highlights the importance of unifying the concepts and mechanisms of evaluation among different statistical agencies

# benefits of having peer reviewed

- as a results of this work DOS immediately work on restructuring of the Advisory Committee for Statistics under the chairmanship of the Minister of Planning and the membership of the most important producers in the private sector and government, and held its first meeting in October of this year to Review the executive plans of the statistical system.
- DOS reorganized the website and focused on documenting all activities in Arabic and English, which aims to achieve the highest degree of satisfaction data users.

- DOS started build a national statistical strategy (2018-2022) on the basis of regular communication with data producers and data users. It has also raised the level of administrative records. As well as the beginning of the reform of a new organizational structure for DOS

Taking into account The recommendations contained in the evaluation report and the technical expertise which gain from the training workshops held in Jordan during 2017 by national strategic development experts with the assistance of Paris 21,

- DOS assesses this distinctive experience as a successful overall, this review which aims to enhance the credibility of its statistical system and strengthen its capacity to produce high-quality statistics to play its fundamental role in policy-making at the national and international levels

We recommend that this cooperation be implemented with all Member States and we look forward to further cooperation.

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*Thank you for  
Your attention*