

## Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Peer Reviews for National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of OIC Member Countries (OIC-Peer)

3 November 2016, Konya – Turkey

### DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Expressing their thanks to the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) for the support in organising the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Peer Reviews for National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of OIC Member Countries (OIC-Peer) which was held on 3 November 2016 in Konya, Republic of Turkey with the participation of delegates from Eurostat, Paris21 (virtual), and 14 OIC Member Countries including, Albania, Azerbaijan, Benin, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Uganda, and acknowledging with appreciation the presentations and deliberations by all speakers, the participants of the EGM have agreed on the following recommendations to the consideration of the Sixth Session of the Statistical Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom) to be held on 5-6 November 2016 in Konya, Republic of Turkey:

1. **Emphasizes** the need for enhancing the credibility of the NSOs and for strengthening the capacity of National Statistical Systems (NSSs) of OIC member countries in addressing the challenges posed by the Post-2015 Development Agenda,
2. **Affirms** the dire need to depict the current situation of the NSSs of the OIC member countries and to assess the compliance status to the international codes and standards,
3. **Welcomes** the SESRIC Project on OIC-Peer which will be a good example to strengthen South-South and Triangular Cooperation towards identifying the strengths and weaknesses of NSOs of OIC member countries,
4. **Supports** the proposal of composing a volunteering Technical Team from OIC member countries with an experience on monitoring and evaluation mechanism to share their experience with SESRIC,
5. **Thanks** SESRIC for taking the initiative to prepare the Draft OIC-Peer Review Inclination Survey (OPRIS) and **urges** the Technical Team to ameliorate the content and structure of OPRIS in light of their experiences in collaboration with Eurostat and Paris21 (*tbc*),
6. **Requests** SESRIC to circulate the OPRIS to all OIC member countries and **underlines** the importance of the timely completion of the OPRIS by member countries in accordance with the project timeline,
7. **Calls on** the Technical Team to suggest the most appropriate underlying criteria/benchmarks based on which the compliance of the OIC member countries volunteering for the Peer Review will be assessed, and to provide the concrete rationale behind their proposal,
8. **Invites** the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries to volunteer for being candidates as reviewer and reviewee under the OIC-Peer project.