

Workshop on
Peer Review Mechanisms for National Statistical Offices (NSOs)
of OIC Member Countries
19-20 December 2017, Ankara – Turkey

RECOMMENDATIONS

Expressing their thanks to the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) for the support in organising the **Workshop on Peer Review Mechanisms for National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in OIC Member Countries** which was held on 19-20 December 2017 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey with the participation of delegates from 25 OIC countries including *Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda and Uzbekistan*, and international and supranational organisations including *Eurostat, PARIS21 and African Union Commission (AUC)*, the Workshop participants have agreed on the following recommendations:

1. ***Extended their sincere thanks*** to SESRIC for the warm hospitality and Albania, Cameroon, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mozambique, Niger, Palestine, Senegal, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Eurostat, PARIS21 and AUC for their enlightening presentations;
2. ***Expressed*** their support to and willingness to be involved in the OIC-Peer Programme aiming to enhance the credibility of the NSOs and to strengthen the capacity of National Statistical Systems (NSSs) of OIC countries towards addressing the challenges posed by regional and global agenda;
3. ***Commended*** the efforts of SESRIC for the design and circulation of the OIC-Peer Review Inclination Survey (OPRIS) (available on www.sesric.org/activities-announcements-detail.php?id=404), ***appreciated*** the progress report of OPRIS and ***called*** the NSOs of OIC countries which have not responded to the survey to submit the completed survey to SESRIC;
4. ***Welcomed*** the readiness of SESRIC to work together with all relevant national, regional, international and supranational stakeholders for the implementation of peer reviews of NSOs of OIC countries and ***supported*** the proposal of a multilateral agreement among SESRIC, Eurostat, PARIS21 and AUC for determining the

cooperation modalities among them concerning the OIC-Peer Programme to support the countries in their common scope of work;

5. **Encouraged** SESRIC to participate in peer reviews as an observer and/or partner institution through incorporating the know-how and experience gained by the relevant stakeholders;
6. **Suggested** SESRIC, as being the main information bank of OIC and the secretariat of OIC-StatCom, to host an Online Repository of Peer Review Documents with proper intellectual property acknowledgements and **requested** relevant stakeholders to share the related documents with SESRIC;
7. **Requested** SESRIC to ameliorate the features of Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE) (available on www.sesric.org/rose.php) in order to gather a pool of eminent experts that will be candidates for the teams of OIC-Peer Programme and in this regard **called** the NSOs of the OIC countries to propose qualified candidates.
8. **Encouraged** the NSOs of the OIC member countries to volunteer in and to raise awareness about the OIC- Peer Programme.