



Fourth Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom)

SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) co-organised the Fourth Session of OIC-StatCom in April 2014 at SESRIC Headquarters, Ankara, Turkey. The OIC-StatCom meeting has been organised since 2011 annually in which SESRIC acts as the Secretariat of the Commission.



Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme

The StatCaB Programme has been initiated in early 2007. It is a long-term training programme and large capacity development project. In 2014, SESRIC organised 32 StatCaB training programmes and 1 study visit for the benefit of 22 OIC Member Countries.



Capacity Building Programme on Health Statistics - 'Integrating of the Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) into the National Surveys in OIC Member Countries'

Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) is a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), which was developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other partners to assist countries in establishing tobacco control surveillance and monitoring programmes.



13th Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences

SESRIC sponsored The Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) in organising the Conference on 18-21 December 2014 in Bogor, Indonesia.



Regional Workshop on 'Tourism Statistics and Tourism Satellite Accounts'

The Workshop was organised by SESRIC in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism (UNWTO) in December 2014 at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey.



Expert Group Meetings (EGMs) on Enhancing National Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics

Two EGMs on Enhancing National Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics have been organised by SESRIC within the framework of SESRIC poverty project carried under the support of Project Cycle Management (PCM) Programme of the OIC Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC).



Regional Workshop on 'Integrating a Gender Perspective in the Production of Statistics'

SESRIC, in partnership with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) and Jordan Department of Statistics organised the Regional Workshop in Amman, Jordan.



Regional Workshop on 'Revision 3 of Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses and Census Data Evaluation'

SESRIC, in partnership with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) and Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) organised the Regional Workshop in Amman, Jordan.



International Forum on Transforming the Statistical System in GCC Countries: Productivity and New Data Challenges

SESRIC attended the Forum in April 2014 in Oman. Prof. Savaş Alpay, Director General of SESRIC, delivered a presentation titled "Strengthening National Statistical Systems of GCC Countries through GCC-Stat".



Sessions of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA)

The Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) organises the Session regularly twice in a year. The twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions were held in March and September 2014.



Fourth Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom)



The Fourth Session of the Statistical Commission of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom) was co-organised by SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) at SESRIC Headquarters on 21-23 April 2014 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.

The delegates of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) from 38 OIC Member Countries at 29 Director General and Assistant Director General level participation attended the Fourth Session of OIC-StatCom. Besides, the General Secretariat of OIC and the representatives of 9 international organisations took part in this OIC-StatCom session the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), United Nations Economic and Social Council for Western Asia (UNESCWA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CDC Foundation, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS), and Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT).



Some important issues discussed in this meeting were:

- The OIC Certification and Accreditation Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS)
- The OIC-StatCom forum, the OIC-StatCom Online Knowledge and Experience Sharing Platform
- Health Statistics
- Post-2015 Development Agenda and Implications for NSOs
- The Integration of Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) into official statistics
- The outcomes of the Expert Group Meeting on 'Islamic Banking and Finance Statistics'

In this meeting, SESRIC also introduced two successful projects which have been entitled grants under the COMCEC Project Cycle Management (PCM) Programme for the period 2014, namely 'Enhancing National Capacities in Poverty Statistics' and 'Improving Statistical Capacities in Tourism Sector'.





Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) - 2014

The Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme, a long-term training programme and large scale capacity development project, has been initiated in early 2007. Within its framework, the Centre collects information from NSOs of OIC Member Countries through questionnaires, assesses the needs and capacities of the Member Countries accordingly, and matches these needs and capacities through organizing short term training programs, courses or workshops. Besides, the Centre evaluates the outcomes and impacts of the training and disseminates the activities.

In 2014, 32 training courses and 1 study visit have been realized in the NSOs of 22 OIC Member Countries provided by 11 OIC Member Countries. Nine OIC Member Countries including Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Cote d'Ivoire, Iraq, Mauritania, Nigeria, Suriname and Tunisia participated in the StatCaB programme for the first time in 2014. Moreover, an **MoU with AFRISTAT has been signed** which aims at bringing about synergies to organize joint capacity building activities for their mutual African member countries by avoiding overlapping efforts.



Training Course on 'Information Society Statistics' in Suriname, October 2014.



Training Course on 'Classifications' in Algeria, December 2014



Training Course on 'Poverty, Living Conditions and Cross-cutting Social Issues' in Senegal, November 2014



Training Course on 'Information Society Statistics' in Kuwait, October 2014



Training Course on 'Informal Statistics' in Uganda, November 2014



Training Course on 'Tourism Statistics' in Tunisia, October 2014



Training Course on 'Data Dissemination and Data Warehousing' in Azerbaijan, August 2014



Training Course on 'Social Accounting Matrices (SMAs)' in Mauritania, June 2014



Training Course on 'Environment Statistics' in Albania, May 2014

For more information: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/statcab.php>



Capacity Building Programme on Health Statistics - ‘Integration of the Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) into the National Surveys in OIC Member Countries’



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Fifteen OIC Member Countries including Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Senegal, Tunisia, Albania, Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritania, Sudan, Tajikistan and Uganda, have been selected for a pilot study under the framework of the project on 'Integration of the Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) into the National Surveys in OIC Member Countries'.

The main aim of the project is to technically support the OIC Member Countries in their efforts to integrate the TQS into the on-going national surveys.



Study Visit on 'Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)' from the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Turkish Statistical Institute, Turkey, November 2014

For more information: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/tqs.php>



13th Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Science

The Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) organised, under the sponsorship of SESRIC, the 13th Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences (ICCS-13) in Bogor, Indonesia on 18 - 21 December 2014. Prof. Savaş Alpay, Director General of SESRIC, made a welcome speech on 18 December 2014 where he focused on the linkages between National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and academia including higher education institutes and research centres.



For more information: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1122>

Improving Statistical Capacities of Tourism Sector in Mediterranean and Gulf Regions



Being among the successful final projects entitled to receive the support of the **Project Cycle Management (PCM) Programme of the OIC Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC)**, the SESRIC project titled **"Improving Statistical Capacities of Tourism Sector in Mediterranean and Gulf Regions"** included two phases.

In the first phase, **six short-term trainings** were conducted on various aspects of tourism statistics in **Albania, Jordan, Qatar, Oman, Tunisia, and UAE** in the last quarter of 2014.

In the second phase, the Regional Workshop on **'Tourism Statistics and Tourism Satellite Accounts'** was organised by SESRIC in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism



Organisation (UNWTO) on 2-4 December 2014 at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey. The Workshop was **attended by 50 delegates of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs), Ministries of Tourism, Central Banks, and Private Sector Associations** from 27 OIC Member Countries.

The main purposes of the Workshop were to **build statistical capacity in compilation, production and dissemination of tourism statistics and share common goals to enhance the National Statistical Systems (NSSs) to start to build some of the recommended tables for Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSAs).**

The SESRIC and UNWTO have declared their intentions to cooperate further to contribute in the efforts of OIC member countries in building capacities in tourism statistics by organizing joint activities.





Enhancing National Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics

Two Expert Group Meetings (EGMs) have been organised within the framework of SESRIC project on 'Enhancing National Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics' which is among the successful final projects selected for the Project Cycle Management (PCM) Programme of the OIC Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC). The first EGM was held on 7-8 August 2014 and the second EGM was held on 19-20 November 2014 at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey.

The main objectives of the project were to produce a policy-oriented comprehensive report that will provide insights into the state, causes and consequences of poverty in OIC Member Countries, formulate strategies for strengthening national capacities in the area of poverty statistics, and overall raise awareness of decision makers in terms of poverty alleviation, monitoring poverty and aid effectiveness.



First Expert Group Meeting in Turkey, August 2014



Second Expert Group Meeting in Turkey, November 2014

The Report on 'Measurement of Poverty in OIC Member Countries: Enhancing National Statistical Capacities' has been finalised and will be distributed to the National Statistical Offices within March 2015 in the three official languages of the OIC.



For more information:

➡ 1st EGM: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1041>

➡ 2nd EGM: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1082>

Regional Workshop on ‘Integrating a Gender Perspective in the Production of Statistics’



SESRIC in partnership with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) and Jordan Department of Statistics and within the framework of the Global Gender Statistics Programme, organised the Regional Workshop on 'Integrating a Gender Perspective in the Production of Statistics' for Arabic-speaking countries in Amman, Jordan on 1-4 December 2014.



The objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of national statistical offices on the production, analysis and use of gender statistics through the integration of a gender perspective into the national statistical systems, with a special focus on population censuses as a source of gender statistics. The workshop also fostered exchange of national experiences among participating 12 Arabic-speaking countries.

For more information: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1118>

Regional Workshop on ‘Revision 3 of Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses and Census Data Evaluation’



SESRIC in partnership with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) and Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) organised the Regional Workshop on 'Revision 3 of Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses and Census Data Evaluation' in Amman, Jordan on 19-23 October 2014 with the participation of 20 national experts from 15 Arab countries.

The workshop aimed at increasing the knowledge of the government statisticians on the revised international principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses and enhancing the knowledge of staff on importance of evaluation of the quality of census data and identification of types of errors in census data through using demographic techniques. The workshop also aimed at providing a platform for participants to share their national experiences and learn from good practices.



For more information: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1110>

International Forum on Transforming the Statistical System in GCC Countries: Productivity and New Data Challenges

The Forum was organised on 9-10 April 2014 with the participation of heads of the statistical system of the GCC region; senior officials of the GCC Secretariat; representatives of national, regional and international statistical agencies and organisations; academics and researchers; and users of official statistics.



In this Forum, Prof. Savaş Alpay, Director General of SESRIC, delivered a presentation on "Strengthening National Statistical Systems of GCC Countries through GCC-Stat". He emphasized the need for an overall statistical coordination mechanism to oversee and measure the whole development process through statistics. Besides, he also highlighted recent developments in official statistics including Big Data, Open Data and Data Revolution.



For more information: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1015>



The Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA)

The Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) was established in 2002. The Session is organised regularly twice in a year. Currently, the CCSA has members from 43 international and supranational organisations in which mainly in each session, the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities is discussed.

SESRIC joined the CCSA at 8th Session of CCSA on 4-5 September 2006 and hosted the Twenty-second Session of the CCSA at its Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey on 4-6 September 2013. Representatives of 21 international organisations participated in this Session. In 2014, SESRIC, represented by Prof. Savaş Alpay, Director General of SESRIC, participated in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Session of CCSA which were held on 3 March 2014 in USA and 11-12 September in Italy.



For more information:

- Twenty-third Session: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=998>
- Twenty-fourth Session: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/event-detail.php?id=1083>



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