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## **OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts Meeting on Gender Related Issues**

In its capacity as the Secretariat of the Statistical Commission of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom), the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) organised the OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts (TCE) Meeting on Gender Related Issues on 21 – 22 January 2013 at the SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey. The Meeting brought together experts from the National Statistical Offices (NSO) of OIC Member Countries including Egypt, Indonesia, Nigeria, Oman, Sudan, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates. The delegation of United Arab Emirates chaired the Meeting. The experts representing various international organisations including Islamic Development Bank (IDB), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Turkey Country Office also attended the Meeting.

After recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran, the participants listened to the welcoming remarks of Dr. Savaş Alpay, Director General of SESRIC, and Mr. Abdulla Hassan Abdulla Al Shaer, Chair of the TCE and Director of Population and Social Statistics at the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of United Arab Emirates, in the Opening Session. In his remarks, Dr. Alpay commended the successful activities of OIC-StatCom although being a recently established Commission. He underlined that the gender related issues are under the close scrutiny of the international community for a long time; including the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG). In this regard, Dr. Alpay thanked the NBS of United Arab Emirates for having raised the importance of gender statistics with a specific focus of reflecting cultural issues in the Second Session of OIC-StatCom.

Referring to statistics on demographic characteristics of OIC Member Countries, Dr.



**The Technical Committee of Experts**

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Alpay highlighted that the young population of the OIC as a group can be an opportunity if proper guidance and conducive environment will be provided. Quoting from the book of Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz titled “Price of Inequality”, Dr. Alpay expressed that the top 1% of Americans control 40% of nation’s wealth and stated that if the world will not realize the high cost of growing inequality in all aspects, the most pressing problems of societies cannot be tackled. He also underlined the critical importance of fair treatment in all aspects including gender to have a more just and prosperous future.



Being the Chair of the TCE Meeting, Mr. Abdulla Hassan Abdulla Al Shaer took the floor after Dr. Alpay and thanked SESRIC for giving an opportunity to reflect the point of view of NBS of UAE in terms of gender statistics by organizing such a meeting.

In Session I, Mrs. Neda Jafar, Head of Statistical Policy and Coordination Unit at UNESCWA presented a comprehensive overview about the general framework of gender related statistics and informed the participants about the efforts of UNESCWA in this area. Highlighting the difference between sex disaggregated data and gender statistics, she emphasized the need to go beyond the sex disaggregated data through conducting situation analysis and to identify concrete strategies for evidence based development planning in elimination of gender inequality.

After the lively presentation of Mr. Al Shaer, Director of Population and Social Statistics reflecting the background and the expected tasks,

Mrs. Münevver Nilgün Egemen, Senior Researcher at SESRIC, provided a brief assessment about the current situation of OIC Member Countries in terms of some gender related indicators.

Under Session II, the presentation of Mrs. Kristonia Lockhart and Mr. Thiekoro Doumbia from IDB focussed on gender mainstreaming in the IDB and pointed out the lack of dialogue between producers and users. The speech of Mrs. Meltem Ağduk, Gender Programme Coordinator at UNFPA Turkey Country Office, about the various UNFPA activities in Turkey was followed by the presentation of Mrs. Dilek Güder, Vital and Gender Statistics Group Leader at TurkStat, in which she summarized the immense experience of National Statistical Office of Turkey in conducting gender related surveys and producing gender statistics.

For Session III, the participants from Indonesia, Sudan, Nigeria and UAE presented their country practices on gender related data collection and dissemination.

In the last Session, the future work of and the expectations from the Committee was discussed in detail to elicit the approaches the TCE should follow in order to reflect the various perspectives of OIC Member Countries to the international statistical community. Additionally, the issues and challenges that member countries experienced while adapting international concepts and definitions into their studies were addressed.



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## Third Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom)

The Third Session of the Statistical Commission of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom) was co-organised by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 10-12 April 2013 in Ankara, Turkey.

Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS), United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), International Labour Organization (ILO), Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT), Economic and Social Council for Western Asia (UNESCWA), and Prognoz Corporation also took part in the Commission.

The Centre was represented thereat by Prof. Savaş Alpay, Director General; Mr. Atilla Karaman, Acting Director of Statistics and



The delegates of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) from 26 OIC Member Countries including Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Niger, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Togo, Turkey,



United Arab Emirates, Uganda, and Yemen attended the Third Session of OIC-StatCom. The representatives of 9 international / supranational organisations including the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC), OIC General Secretariat, Arab Institute for

Information Department; Ms. Zehra Zümriüt Selçuk, Senior Researcher; Ms. Münevver Nilgün Egemen, Senior Researcher, and Mr. Syed Tahir Mahmud, Researcher.

After the recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran, the Third Session

of OIC-StatCom commenced on 10 April 2013 with the welcome addresses of Mr. Mohanna al Mohanna (Chair of the OIC-StatCom and Director General of the Central Department of Statistics and Information of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Mr. Mehmet Metin Eker



(Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office), and

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Mr. Jakhongir Khasanov (Professional Officer at the Economic Affairs Department of the OIC General Secretariat). Dr. Abdullateef Bello (Director of the Economic Research and Policy Department at the IDB) and Prof. Savaş Alpay (Director General of SESRIC) delivered the welcome speeches as co-organizers of OIC-

Activities and the Way Forward”, the participants listened to the presentations of Ms. Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk (Senior Researcher, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC), Dr. Suryamin (Chief Statistician, BPS-Statistics Indonesia), Ms. Münevver Nilgün Egemen (Senior Researcher, Statistics



StatCom. The opening session continued with the opening remarks of Mr. Elijah Muwanga-Zake (Chairman of the Board of UBOS, Uganda), Mr. Mohamed Ali Al Marzouqi (Director of Administration, QSA, Qatar), and Mr. Enver Taştı on behalf of Mr. Birol Aydemir (President of TurkStat, Turkey) representing African, Arab and Asian region, respectively.

and Information Department, SESRIC), and Mr. Atilla Karaman (Acting Director, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC) regarding the progress reports of OIC-StatCom TCEs, which have been established based on the resolutions of the Second Session of OIC-StatCom.

During the session “OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts (TCE): Implemented

The first day of the Third Session of OIC-StatCom ended with the session on “Towards a More Comprehensive System of Labour

## SESRIC Conference Hall



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Statistics”. During the session, the representatives of ILO, Mr. Mustafa Hakkı Özel (Head of the Standards and Surveys Unit) and Ms. Elisa Benes (Statistician at the Household Surveys Unit) informed the participants about the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) that will be held on 2-11 October 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. Ms. Amira Ahmed Gamaleldin Abdelhamid (Undersecretary for Statistical Training Centre, CAPMAS, Egypt), Dr. Haji Abdul Rahman bin Hasan (Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics Malaysia), and Ms. Yosun Katı (Expert, TurkStat) also made presentations in this session. While the country case presentation of Egypt emphasised the impact of global recession of 2009 on global and Egyptian economies, and reflection of this impact on the labour statistics, the presentations

Open Data for Africa Platform, an initiative launched by the African Development Bank to significantly improve data management and dissemination in Africa. The presentations of Dr. Suryamin (Chief Statistician, BPS-Statistics Indonesia), Mr. Mahmoud M. A. Abdalrahman, (Director General of Area Statistics Directorate, Palestine Central Bureau of Statistics), Mr. Mamadou Falou Mbengue (Deputy Director General, ANSD, Senegal), and Mr. Furkan Metin (Assistant Expert, TurkStat), focused on the open data initiatives launched, challenges faced and ways to overcome them in their respective countries. After the presentations, the participants discussed about how to deploy open data platforms, the processes to follow, and the resource requirements in terms of manpower and infrastructure for such initiatives.



of Malaysia and Turkey gave an overview on the structure of labour statistics in their respective countries. After the presentations, delegates discussed the issues pertaining to the 19th ICLS and possible cooperation mechanisms in labour statistics.

The second day of the Third Session of OIC-StatCom, 11 April 2013, started with the session on “Open Data Initiative: Challenges and Opportunities for NSOs of OIC Member Countries”. Dr. Vladimir Eskin (Managing Director of International Operations at Prognoz Corporation) briefed the delegates about the

In the last thematic session on “From MDGs to SDGs: Involvement of National Statistical Offices in Measuring Progress in the Post-2015 Period”, Dr. Keiko Osaki-Tomita (Chief, Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, UNSD), and Ms. Claudia Junker (Head of Unit A6 Statistical Cooperation at Eurostat) took the floor first. UNSD gave a brief summary on the MDG reporting and monitoring processes, Rio+20 outcomes, and the role that the NSOs can play in SDGs while the presentation of the Eurostat reflected the perspective of European

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Union on the post-2015 development goals and the role of Eurostat in developing new indicators for these goals. Mr. Modou Sanda (Engineer specialized in Statistics and Economics, Cameroon), Mr. Adamou Bouzou (Adviser to the Director-General of INS, Niger), Mr. Yousuv Mohammed Thani AL Riyami (Head of Producer Price Section, Oman), and Ms. Naciye Başak Betin (Expert, TurkStat) also made presentations that mainly highlighted the national statistical activities concerning the monitoring and reporting of MDGs, experiences gained from tracking MDGs, and their involvement in the processes concerning SDGs.

Before the Closing Session, Mr. Hakan Eryetli, Director of IT and Publications at SESRIC, made a presentation on "Technical Cooperation Proposal of SESRIC on the Development of Visualization Tools" in which he informed the participants about the various modalities of cooperation between SESRIC and the NSOs concerning the development of data visualization tools. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Eryetli announced that SESRIC is planning to organise a workshop on how to implement these tools within the IT infrastructure of NSOs in the fourth quarter of

2013. After the presentation, Dr. Abdullateef Bello, Director of Economic Research and Policy Department of the Islamic Development Bank, briefly introduced the DfID Fund Phase-II, an amount of £1 million, for the OIC Countries of the MENA Region.

In the Closing Session, the delegates discussed and adopted the Resolutions of the Third Session of OIC-StatCom.



## The Delegates of Third Session of OIC Statistical Commission, Ankara/Turkey



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## Training Course on ‘External Trade Statistics’ in Kuwait

SESRIC organised training course on “External Trade Statistics” at the Central Statistical Office (CSO), Kuwait on 6-8 January 2013. The course was provided by Mr. Bülent Tungul, an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat), and was attended by 15 staff members of the Central Statistical Office (CSO), Kuwait.



The training course on “External Trade Statistics” mainly covered the following subjects:

- International definitions and recommendations on trade statistics
- Basic concepts and definitions of trade statistics
- International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Classifications
- External trade statistics in Turkey

- IT Tools used in trade statistics
- Data analysis and editing
- Specific movements
- Seasonal adjustment
- Trade by enterprise characteristics
- External trade indices
- Other trade indices

## 5th Meeting of the Delegates of the National Statistical Offices of the OIC Member Countries

SESRIC, in its capacity as the Secretariat of OIC-StatCom, organised the Fifth Meeting of the Delegates of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the OIC Member Countries on 28 February 2013 in New York, United States of America as a side event in the margins of the 44th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC).



The delegates of the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries attended the meeting that aimed to get their comments and feedback on the



Participants of “External Trade Statistics” Training in Kuwait

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tentative agenda of the Third Session of the OIC Statistical Commission.

Moderated by Dr. Yasin Elhag Abdin Ibrahim Elamin, Director General of the Central Bureau of Statistics of Sudan; the meeting started with a briefing by Mr. Atilla Karaman, Senior Researcher, on the progress recorded by the four Technical Committees of Experts (TCE) of OIC-StatCom. Prof. Savaş Alpay, Director General of SESRIC, stated that the relevant draft final documents of the OIC-StatCom TCEs would be sent to the member NSOs by March 2013.

Afterwards, the delegates of the OIC Member Countries shared their feedback on the draft agenda items of the upcoming OIC-StatCom session and confirmed to hold the Third Session of the OIC-StatCom on 10-12 April 2013 at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey.

Following the discussions on the Third Session of OIC-StatCom, the meeting ended with the presentation of Dr. Abdullateef Bello, Director of Economic Research and Policy Department of the Islamic Development Bank, that



introduced the DfID Fund Phase-II for the OIC Countries of the MENA Region. The DfID representative explained the terms and conditions of the fund, an amount of £1 million, available to the NSOs in the MENA region.

## Seminar on Population and Housing Census Practices of OIC Member Countries

In accordance with the Resolutions of the Second Session of the OIC-StatCom, the members of the OIC-StatCom called for an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to define the structure of a comprehensive profile that will include all the relevant phases of censuses and to compile the different country experiences



and practices from OIC Member Countries.

In this regard, SESRIC, being Secretariat of the OIC-StatCom, organized the "Seminar on Population and Housing Census Practices of OIC Member Countries" together with Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 6-8 March 2013 at its headquarters in Ankara, Turkey. The meeting was attended by delegates from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 17 member countries, namely Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Maldives, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda, Yemen and the representatives of the IDB, United Nation Statistics Division (UNSD) and

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United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA).

Based on a survey conducted by UNSD on country practices, Ms. Margaret MBogoni, Statistician at UNSD, presented a comprehensive overview in Session I about the experiences of OIC Member Countries during the implementation of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses. She compared the results of OIC Member Countries with the global findings in terms of census methodology, enumeration methods, use of technology, methods of data dissemination, successes and challenges experienced.

After the informative presentation of Ms. Mbogoni, Mr. Atilla Karaman and Ms. Münevver Nilgün Egemen, Senior Researchers at SESRIC, provided a general assessment about the demographic facts of the OIC Member Countries.

Under Session II, the delegates of Afghanistan, Bahrain, Pakistan, Palestine, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda and Yemen presented their country practices on population and housing censuses, respectively. In Session III, the participants

from Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Niger, Qatar and Senegal took the floor to describe the innovative approaches they have used in different phases of censuses.

During the last Session, which was moderated by Ms. Mbogoni, the participants discussed the future of population and housing censuses in the OIC Member Countries and challenges ahead following the guideline questions. Additionally, the participants dwelled on the possible cooperation areas among OIC Member Countries in order to strengthen the national capacities in implementing more successful censuses.



## Participants of The Seminar



## Albania



The Albanian National Institute on Statistics (INSTAT) prepare to conduct survey on Return Migration and Reintegration in Albania at August-September 2013, the sampling will be random and will include 2000 individuals, and all respondents will be returned persons 18 years and over.

The overall objective of the proposed survey is to better understand return migration to Albania and reintegration needs of returnees. The research will contribute to strengthen Government of Albania' efforts to proactively plan and provide reintegration services to returning migrants and their families, in order to ensure a sustainable return and to optimize migration benefits for the migrants and the country.

The Survey represents a joint undertaking of the Albanian National Institute on Statistics (INSTAT) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM)..

The specific objectives of the survey are:

- To profile return migration to Albania, push and pull factors, characteristics of returning migrants;
- To assess the impact of the financial crises in the migratory process of Albanian citizens and prospect of return to Albania (in particular from Greece);
- To analyse the reintegration system and services provided in Albania and comparison with migrants' perceptions and needs;
- To formulate programmatic recommendations for Albanian authorities on how to best tailor reintegration services to returning migrants in Albania according to their needs as to ensure sustainable return.

INSTAT is currently prepare to conduct another Survey on Scientific Research development and Innovation at Private Companies and Public Institutions in Albania.

The survey is a joint initiative between UNESCO and INSTAT.

Questionnaires were built in cooperation with UNESCO experts based on the recommendations of the handbook "Frascati" for scientific research and development and the manual "OSLO" for Innovation.

### Specific Objectives.

- To present the financial resources used for scientific research and experimental development, types of activities where the scientific research activity is performed and the reason why it is carried out;
- To provide information on the personnel involved in the processes of scientific research, development and innovation, their educational level and involvement of women in scientific research activities;
- To provide information on efforts of Albanian or foreign businesses operating in Albania taken to improve technology for new product launches and new goods, to upgrade the existing ones, to improve service, etc.



Also INSTAT is currently processing the survey data of Domestic Violence Survey 2013.

**Survey purpose.** Domestic Violence Survey was carried out with the intention of monitoring the domestic violence as a phenomenon to understand how much it is spread in our society. INSTAT in collaboration with UNDP made possible the realization of this survey. This survey is done to obtain information, to understand the extent of domestic violence, to help the interested organizations and other programs to raise the awareness against this social phenomenon in Albania. For the first time this survey was conducted in 2007 in Albania.

**Objectives.** The main objective of Domestic Violence Survey is to collect information on domestic violence where women/wives aged 18 -55 years were on focus.

The questionnaire consists of different separate modules. The methodology used in the questionnaire design was the adaptation of similar surveys conducted in other countries and the experience of the survey in 2007 conducted in our country.

## Azerbaijan



### Seminar on “Global Assessments and Peer Reviews - Follow-up and Next Steps” held in Alushta, Ukraine

Deputy Chairman of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan – Rauf Salimov and Head of sector of the Department on Coordination of Statistical Works – Farhad Aliyev participated in the Seminar on “Global assessments and peer reviews - follow-up and next steps” held in Alushta, Ukraine on 25-27 June, 2013. This seminar was designed for directors-general and heads of the international departments.

The Seminar was organized by three international organizations - Free Trade Association (EFTA), Eurostat and the UNECE. Heads and high-ranking representatives of OIC countries member including Azerbaijan, Albania, Algeria, Kirgizstan, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Palestinian, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan as well as Chairman of Interstate Statistical Committee of CIS, representatives European Free Trade Association, Economical Commission of Eurasia, Eurostat, UNECE and World Bank participated in the seminar.

The purpose of the seminar was to discuss key findings and good practices concerning the institutional organization of national statistical systems and their capacity to produce and disseminate official statistics according to international and European standards; share experiences on the implementation of improvement recommendations related to the institutional environment as well as to the production processes, output, dissemination and quality aspects; evaluate the program through exchange of views among participating countries, experts and donors; map out common and specific needs and establish a roadmap for focused and coordinated future actions.



## Training Course on “Quality Management in Statistical Agencies” held in Cologne, Germany

Head of Department of Quality Management and Information Technologies of the State Statistical Committee Gasim Aliyev, head of sector Vugar Mammadalizade and adviser of the same department Aynur Sultanova participated in the training course on “Quality Management in Statistical Agencies” held on 17-20 June, 2013 in Cologne, Germany. The training was organized by Eurostat. The technical part of this project was handled by the Consortium Adetef / ICON.



Cologne, Germany

Experts of the Statistical Bodies of OIC countries member including Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan participated in the training course. Representatives of Eurostat and ADETEF also participated in the training. The course finished with the presentation of certificates of course participants.

## Regional Training Workshop on “Food Security Analysis using Food Consumption Data Collected in National Household Surveys” held in Budapest, Hungary

Representative of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan Yashar Pasha – Head of Department on Population Living standards and Household

Budget Survey participated in the Workshop on “Food Security Analysis using Food Consumption Data Collected in National Household Surveys” held on 3-7 June in Budapest, Hungary. Representatives of OIC Member Countries including Albania, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkey participated in the workshop.

The objective of the workshop was to enhance the capacity of national experts in processing food consumption data collected in National Household Surveys (NHS) to derive food



Budapest, Hungary

security indicators at national and sub-national level. The capacity development was comprised: i) the preparation of the datasets in a standard format and ii) the analysis, interpretation and use of the food security statistics derived from the data. Participants were familiarized with the FAO methodology for deriving food security statistics from NHS and

## Bahrain

### Tourism Students at the German University of Technology in Oman visited the General Directorate of Statistics

The General Directorate of Statistics in CIO received a delegation created of 15 students from the Department of Sustainable



Development Tourism of the German University of Technology in Oman to see the work of the Directorate and its role in providing information and statistics to contribute the development process in the kingdom, the visit also comes to identify the mechanism of the



Students of GUTech, Bahrain

Directorate's work in the Tourism Statistics field in the Kingdom in light of the celebration of Manama, the Capital of Arab Tourism for the year 2013. The Senior Satiation Noora Al Saadon explained to the delegation CIO role in Tourism Statistics field in the Kingdom. The presentation included a review of the current status of tourism statistics, and listed the



difficulties and problems faced by the Kingdom of Bahrain in order to develop the Tourism Statistics System. And she pointed to follow a number of steps to develop Tourism Statistics System as an adjust the granted visas form of ports and work on tourism expenditure surveys and begin to study in collaboration with the World Tourism Organization (WTO) on the requirements for completion of the Tourism Satellite Account of the Kingdom of Bahrain (TSA).

Dr. Heba Abdulaziz Adviser in Ministry of Culture and Professor in the Department of

Sustainable Development Tourism of the German University of Technology in Oman offered thanks and appreciation to the CIO and specifically for the General Directorate of Statistics for their efforts, noting that the visit has achieved the goal and allowed the students to learn about the Kingdom of Bahrain experience in the Tourism Statistics field.

## Kingdom of Bahrain leads a Program to Train the Statisticians of the Organization of Islamic Conference States

CIO President Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Al Amer said that the Organization was elected to representative the Kingdom of Bahrain to lead a working group to develop a fellowship program to train the statisticians Member of the Organization of Islamic Conference. This came in the first meeting of the Statistical Commission and the Organization of Islamic Conference that held in Turkey recently.

For his part, the Director General of Statistics of the CIO and the member of the Statistical Commission of the Organization of the Islamic Conference confirmed that there is a strong desire of the member States of the Organization in promoting statistical cooperation between members and coordination among these countries and build strategic alliances with the international community.



CIO President Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Al Amer

The Director General of Statistics of the CIO noted that representatives of the statistical institutions focused in their final statement on the importance of effective national statistical system in making of policies and development strategies in Member States for being the official supplier of national statistics.

The committee functions to support the production and publishing of statistical data in accordance with the concepts and internationally recognized standards, develop a strategic vision towards an effective statistical systems to identify plans for achieving this vision, encourage the governments of Member States to provide sustainable human and financial resources to develop the statistical capacity, develop the standards and general concepts of statistical indicators and facilitate coordination and cooperation in policy-making in the Member States.

## Bangladesh

### BBS Conducting Nationwide the Economic Census-2013

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is conducting the Economic Census 2013 in the country to produce a reliable, accurate and dependable statistics. Economic census is the official count of entrepreneurial units and households involved to non-agricultural economic activities. The main census activities began officially with an inaugural ceremony of training for the Master Trainers on 9 March 2013 at BBS headquarters. Hon“ble Minister

for Finance, Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith attended the occasion as Chief Guest and declared the opening of the Economic Census 2013. He opined that effective & successful economic census depends on strong commitment of the BBS personnel.



BBS presented a keynote paper highlighting on the census preparatory programme and the other aspects of the census.

The census will provide information on formal & informal economic enterprises, households with non-farm economic activities, number & types of activities, employments therein; deliver information on growth centers, inventories of manufacturing industries, merchandise establishments, ownership, number of taxpayer establishments, VAT providers & other information. The main purposes of the economic census are to provide benchmark data for conducting future sample surveys, measuring the growth and changes in the nation’s economy over time. The government and other organizations use this valuable document to develop the national & regional economic programs & policies.

### Inception Workshop on Strengthening Capacity of BBS

On 14 February 2013, BBS conducted an inception workshop on “Strengthening Capacity

Minister of Finance, Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith



of BBS in Population and Demographic Data Collection Using GIS". The workshop was launched at BBS Auditorium aiming at effective consultation with the stakeholders, data users, researchers, statisticians, and policy-makers to find out new development approaches for BBS capacity building and conducting surveys on health, demography & education, and for producing time series data on violence against women (VAW).

Suggestions were sought to improve capacity building in data collection, analysis, dissemination and report writing to present countrywide enormous datasets, drilling-down to local areas using built-in GIS mapping capabilities using major GPS land marks including small area ATLAS preparation. In the inception workshop, Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister for Planning, Air Vice Marshall (Retired) A K Khandker, BU, MP attended as Chief Guest and Mr. H. N. Ashequr Rahman, Hon<sup>ble</sup> MP and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Planning was present as Special Guest. Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, Statistics and Informatics Division (SID) chaired the session and Mr. Arthur Erken, Representative, UNFPA was present as Guest of Honor.

## Egypt

### Protocol of Collaboration between CAPMAS and NCW

Within the framework of collaboration between Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics (CAPMAS) and National Council for Women (NCW) in the field of planning and exchanging of information & statistics to form special systematic information serve policies makers and decision makers.

Protocol of collaboration aims to support and activate the collaboration between them in the field of providing digital & geographic data,

statistical information and the available indicators in CAPMAS. Also, to support and serve women's matters and to improve her economic & social conditions on the domestic and international's level.

CAPMAS believing by acting this role in supplying all the state agencies, authorities and International organizations with data and statistics, it helps in planning, development and decision making, where CAPMAS is the official source known in execute statistics, census and surveys.

### Protocol of Cooperation between CAPMAS & ILO to implement International Immigration Survey



CAPMAS held under the auspices of Mr. Brigade / Abu Bakr El Gendy – president of CAPMAS on Monday 11/3/2013 Mokhtar Hallwda hall at 10:30 am a signing ceremony of cooperation protocol with ILO with the participation of CIDA and Danish Embassy in Cairo to implement the international migration survey.



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Attendees of the ceremony were Mr./ Khaled Al Azhari – minister of Manpower & Migration, Dr./ Yousef El Qeryouti – regional director of ILO in Cairo & South Africa, representatives of CIDA, Danish Embassy, WHO, ILO, VNFPA, EU Commission, UN-HCR, IMO, in addition to, representative of Manpower & Migration and a number of CAPMAS leaders.

## Yemen Statistics delegations in an exploratory visit to CAPMAS

An official delegation from CSO-Yemen visiting CAPMAS for the Second time during 3 -4 February 2013 at "Ehab Alwy" hall within the framework of the fruitful cooperation between them.

Lead the delegation Mr. Dr./ Hassan Thabet Farahat – President of the Central Statistical



Monthly specialized newspaper issued by CSO

Organization of Yemen, Vice – president of the Higher Committee of Census in Yemen and number of CSO's leaders.

As this visit came in the framework of preparation in which the CSO of Yemen prepare to conduct and implement the public census of population, housing and establishments for 2014, also it aims to viewing and study the study of CAPMAS in using the scanner and the modern technologies in census.

First visits for Yemen statistics delegation was 16-23 December 2012, to attend a training sessions in the field of GIS, using samples in census & surveys, using scanner, design

graphics & electronic sites and training on how to design, test and operate the population database.

## Indonesia

The Training on Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) and Capital Account, held on 14 to 18 January 2013, was one of co-operation program between BPS-Statistics Indonesia and



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Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The program is not focus on National Accounts only but also on labor force surveys, household surveys, and training management, as expressed by Dr. Suhariyanto - Deputy of National Accounts and Statistical Analysis, BPS - at the opening session. The training was attended by approximately sixty participants from Directorate of Production Accounts and Directorate of Expenditure Accounts.



ABS provides technical assistance in training and workshop of compilation of Supply and Use Table (SUT) and Full Sequence of Accounts (FSA) as part of the preparation of 2008 SNA implementation. Which is targeted accomplished in 2014. The training on GFCF and Capital Account is a succeeding training of the previous training held in November 2012 on SNA Framework and SUT Concept. The aims of SUT and FSA compilation are to meet UN recommendation on international comparability, and as the benchmark of GDP/

GRDP 2010 base year, Input-Output Tables, and other accounts.

The keynote speakers were Mr. Sachin Naidu, Mr. Andrew Tomadini, and Mr Simon Lawier, who gained expertise in financial and capital accounts. At the beginning of the presentation, Mr. Sachin Naidu delivered overview of GFCF, Capital Stock, Capital Account and Balance Sheet and the workshop agenda. A technical presentation was delivered by Mr. Andrew Tomadini that concentrated on private GFCF and Capital Stock. The topic of Public GFCF was presented by Mr. Simon Lawier.

The scheduled co-operation program during 2013 includes advanced trainings and workshops on GDP Income and SUT Reconciliation System in April, GFCF and Capital Account (continued) in June, and Financial Account and Flow of Funds in November. Through the technical assistance and support from ABS, the national accounts team of BPS is expected to complete the SUT and FSA compilation in accordance with the target.

## Iran

### 47th Session of the High Council of Statistics

The 47th Session of High Council of Statistics attended by Dr Moradi, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Supervision and Head of the Council was held in the Statistical Centre of Iran on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013. In this Session, the



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Deputies Ministries and the member organizations of the Council participated. Issues such as implementation of the Survey of Pilgrims to Holy Mashhad in 2013, developing a profile for the indices related to the Article 68 of the Fifth 5-Year Development Plan of the I.R. Iran, and the progress report on the realization of the goals of the National Strategy of the development of Statistics (NSDS) and the National Statistical System were discussed and addressed.

According to the approvals of the Session, all government agencies are duty-bound to have cooperation on collecting statistics required for calculating the indices of the Article 68 and formulating performance report of the NSDS. Moreover implementation of the Survey of Pilgrims to Holy Mashhad in 2013 by the General Governor Office in Khorasan-e-Razavi province which is supervised by the Statistical Centre of Iran was approved.

## Jordan

### Course on the Principles of Statistical Analysis using SPSS Software

Director General of the Department of Statistics Fathi Al nasur opened specialized training session in the principles of statistics and statistical analysis using advanced SPSS program Organized by the Jordanian statistical training center of the Department.



During his opening speech, Al nasur confirmed that the statistical software SPSS package is one of the most common and comprehensive statistical programs , so they can be used in the analysis of statistical data and can also call and



export files to and from the statistical programs to other easily .

Al nasur also stressed the need for practice and ongoing follow-up to this session, to reach the best results and building the technical abilities of the trainees for statistical work at the national level.

For his part, the Jordanian Director of statistical training center Ali Al shebly indicate that this session will continue for three weeks and lectures by the expert of SPSS in statistical software package Iman Bin mofarraj from Department of statistics with the participation of 11 trainees from The Ministry of Health and Development Bank for towns and villages.

## Kuwait

### Dashti congratulated the staff 'Statistics' to be classified among the Top 6 Government Agencies

Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs and Minister of State for Planning and Development Dr. Rola Abdullah Dashti, welcomed in her office by a delegation from the Central Statistical Office headed by Director Dr. Abdullah Yusuf sahar, for the occasion for the Central Administration of Statistics by achievement fourth place among



**Dr. Rola Abdullah Dashti**

the top 6 government agencies, according to evaluate reform Perceptions Index organized by the Kuwait Transparency Society.

The group of employees Secretary presented Achievement Award to Dashti, who congratulated the staff for their accomplishment, wishing them continued success and continue to excellence. Dashti said: I congratulate the staff of the Central Administration of Statistics to blow remarkable within Perceptions Index and reform, and access to fourth place within the state points of Kuwait Prize winner for transparency and reform in 2013 and provided by the Kuwait Transparency Society. She said: I hope that this step will be a motivation to continue to make efforts to achieve remarkable progress in reform, including Perceptions reflects positively on the interest of the work, and wished the Central Administration of Statistics more progress and achievement in the public interest.

## Lebanon

### Lebanon elected as the Co-Chair of the Forum of Euro-Mediterranean Statisticians during the First Meeting of the Forum in Luxembourg, 13-14 May 2013



**Dr. Maral Tutelian**

The first meeting of the Forum of the Euro-Mediterranean Statisticians was organized in Luxembourg on 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Two Chairpersons were appointed: one from the European Commission and one from the ENP-South, nominated by the member countries.

From the side of the European Commission the co-chair is the head of unit “Statistical cooperation” at Eurostat and from the side of the Mediterranean countries, the Director General of the Central Administration of Statistics in Lebanon, Dr. Maral Tutelian was elected as the co-chair of the Forum. The co-chairpersons have a mandate to serve for two years, which may be renewed once. The co-chairpersons will chair the Forum and represent the Forum at international and national meetings.

## Malaysia



**Department of Statistics Malaysia participated a lot of events with others at the first half of 2013 .**

Courtesy Visit from International Monetary Fund (IMF ) visiting Department of Statistics, Malaysia, on Friday 18 January 2013 within the framework of the fruitful cooperation between them.

On Tuesday 19 February 2013 , Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony between Department of Statistics Malaysia and Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation Sdn. Bhd in Magellan Sutera Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

27 March 2013 (Wednesday), the Press Conference on Findings of Household Income Survey (HIS) 2012 had done at Anggerik Hall, Department of Statistics, Malaysia.



Duration 10 - 12 April 2013, chief Department of Statistics Malaysia participated at The Third Session of the Statistical Commission of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC COUNTRIES MEMBER-StatCom) in Ankara, Turkey.

## Maldives

### Census 2014- Preparation ongoing

The Department of National Planning (DNP) is currently preparing to conduct Population and Housing Census in 2014. The Population and Housing Census is the largest statistical collection undertaken by the Statistics Division and one of the most important.



As a first step, DNP has held a press conference on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 to launch the Census dates for 2014. It was announced that Census would



be conducted from **20th- 27th September 2014** and DNP is taking necessary preparation to make the operation a success.

For the first time in a Maldives Population and Housing Census, the foreign population will be enumerated in the Census 2014.

As the foreign population accounts for more than 20 percent of the population, it is important to get a proper count and the characteristics of the foreign population in the 2014 Census.

For the Census 2014 data collection DNP is planning to introduce new methods comprising Internet enumeration, Computer Assisted

Telephone Interview (CATI) in addition to the face-to-face interview method. After testing these methods a final decision will be taken.

The data collected and tabulated from Census will provide detailed information right down to the smallest area and the results are an essential tool for effective policy, planning and decision making.

## Oath under the Statistics Regulation taken by the Staff of Statistics Division

Marking one month after the endorsement of the Statistics Regulation, on 18th February 2013 all the present staff of the Statistics Division has taken the oath of retaining the confidentiality and to obey the clauses stated in the “Statistics Regulation”. The ceremony was held in the Department of National Planning, with the presence of Mr. Ismail Shafeeq, the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Finance & Treasury. The ceremony began with a welcome



speech given by Mr. Ismail Shafeeq, where he highlighted the importance of Statistics in the country and how confidential the information is and urged all staff of Statistics Division to sustain the confidentiality of the information whether the staff is currently working at the Department or whether the staff has left to other organizations and Ministries.

Following was a brief speech given by the Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Aishath Shahuda. In her note she thanked all the staff who have continually participated in the compilation and extensive review of the regulation.

A brief presentation was also given regarding the important clauses of all the chapters of the Statistics Regulation that all staff of Statistics Division need to be aware of.

The ceremony was concluded by the special item, all the staff of the Division signing the oath papers. The ceremony was very successful and marked as a huge success in the history of Statistics Division, Department of National Planning.

## Nigeria

### Scope of the Job Creation Survey

The National Bureau of Statistics is about to commence another round of its Quarterly Job Creation Survey. As in the past, the survey will



cover the informal and formal sectors in all thirty-six (36) states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). Five thousand (5,000) formal establishments employing Ten (10) persons and above will be selected for interview in each state. One thousand households (1000) per state and the FCT will be covered for the informal sector.

Our field officers will be visiting the selected establishments and households between June 21st and July 6th, 2013 to collect the required data. The NBS hereby solicits from



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establishments/households the necessary cooperation for the success of this exercise, particularly in completing the questionnaires correctly. In compliance with the Statistical Act, 2007, all information collected through this survey will be held in strict confidence and used for statistical and planning purposes by the Federal Government only. Failure to give information as required to NBS, however, attracts penalty of fine or imprisonment as stated in the Act. We would want to reiterate that national development and inclusive growth is a collective responsibility, with accurate, timely and reliable data a major pre-requisite for strategic planning and development.

## Palestine

### On the Eve of the International Day of Refugees (20/06/2013).

On the eve of the International Day of Refugees, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a statistical review on the current status of Palestinian Refugees. The main findings are summarized as follows:

- According to UNRWA records, the Palestinian registered refugees are totaled to
- 5.3 million at 1/1/2013, of whom 40% in Jordan, 24% in Gaza Strip, 17% in the West Bank, 10% in Syria and 9% in Lebanon.
- The Data 2012 showed that the percentage of Palestinian refugees in Palestine was 42.1% of the total populations, about 27% of the total population of West Bank were refugees, compared to about 67% in Gaza Strip.

- The Refugees in Palestine are characterized as young population, 41% of them are under the age of 15 years compared to 39.7% for non-refugees. On the other hand, 4.2 % of refugees aged 60 years and over, compared to 4.6% for the non- refugees in Palestine for the year of 2012.
- Total fertility rate for refugees in Palestine was 4.4 births per woman in the period (2008-2009).
- Percentage of poor households in refugee camps in Palestine is 31.2% in 2011.
- Unemployment rate of Palestinian refugees among those of 15 years and over in Palestine in 2012 was 27.9% compared to 19.8% for non-refugees.
- Illiteracy rate among Palestinian refugees of 15 years and over in Palestine in 2012 was 3.7%, compared to 4.3% for non - refugees.
- Percentage of refugee households that own their housing units in Palestine in 2010 was 86%.
- Percentage of refugee households that own private cars in Palestine in 2010 was 15.9% compared to 25.6% for non - refugees.

### The Survey Results Victimization Survey 2012.

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics "PCBS" conducted the fifth round of the Victimization Survey of 2012. Data collection was conducted during the fourth quarter of 2012 (04/10/2012 – 31/12/2012).



The main objective of the survey is to monitor key indicators concerning current status of households and individuals subjected to criminal offenses.

The survey was based on a questionnaire completed by a random sample of 7,704 households: 5,168 in the West Bank and 2,536 in Gaza Strip.



## Criminal Offenses against Households

In the survey, offenses against households were 9.6% of Palestinian households in Palestine: 7.1% in the West Bank and 13.4% in Gaza Strip.

The offenses cited in the survey were including: theft, (excluding vehicles) (3.2%), theft of a vehicle or part of it (4.3%), damage to property (0.5%), threats to property (0.3%), and assault on property (0.7%).

In addition, 4.4% of households had been subjected to harassment or assault by Israeli soldiers or settlers.

In general the results showed that crime against households was higher in Gaza Strip than in the West Bank.

## Criminal Offenses against Individuals

1.8% of individuals in Palestine had been victims of a criminal offense: 1.4% in the West Bank and 2.3% in Gaza Strip.

Criminal offenses against individuals in Palestine were as follows: 37.8 % theft (43.5% in the West Bank and 32% in Gaza Strip); 6.2% assaults (8.4% in the West Bank and 3.9% in Gaza Strip); 3.0% damage to property (4.2% in the West Bank and 1.9% in Gaza Strip); and 42.2% of individuals had been harassed or assaulted by Israeli soldiers or settlers (24.8% in the West Bank and 59.7% in Gaza Strip), out of victimized individuals.

49.4% of criminal offenses in Palestine took place inside the home, 19.0% near to the home, 12.8% outside the locality and 17.2% took place elsewhere in the locality. The percentage of criminal offenses occurring inside the home in Gaza Strip was 71.1% compared with 27.6% in the West Bank. The number of criminal offenses that were taken place outside the locality was low in Gaza Strip at 4.2% compared with 21.2% in the West Bank.

Reported crime by victims of offenses in Palestine increased to 55.8% in 2012 compared to 53.0% in 2008.

The percentage of criminal offenses against individuals causing actual bodily harm was 5.5%; and it was higher in the West Bank at 7.6% compared with 3.3% in Gaza Strip.

The results showed that 20.6% of the criminal offenses against individuals in Palestine caused tangible losses of more than 1000 Jordanian dinars.

## The Statistical Report - Palestinian Children "Statistics and Trends"

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Issued Child Statistics Report on the Eve of Palestinian Children's Day April 5, 2013, within the framework of its proactive dissemination policy, PCBS issued the annual child statistics report on the occasion of Palestinian children's day.

Based on the results of the Population, Housing and Establishment Census-2007, the estimated number of children in the Palestine totaled to 2.04 million out of 4.29 million individuals (the total population in the Palestine) in the mid of 2012. The percentage of individuals under the age of 18 is still high which about 47.6% of the total population is.



Demographic statistics and trends in the Palestinian society showed that the children will constitute the majority for several coming years; due to the considered high fertility rate of the Palestinian woman and low rates of infant mortality.

The Palestinian household is formed at early ages, where the females mean age at first marriage in the Palestine was 20.0 years and 24.6 years for males in 2011.

## Qatar

### Qatar Statistics Authority brings together Waste Experts to work jointly towards better Statistics on Waste Generation, Treatment and Disposal

Qatar Statistics Authority organized a workshop on waste statistics on 18 and 19 June 2013. About 60 experts from QSA, ministries, the private sector and research discussed information needs for better waste management and draft recommendations for to address existing data gaps and shortcomings.

The goals of this workshop were to identify existing waste flows and related reporting mechanisms, to provide training concerning



international standards in waste statistics and to draft recommendations for the work of QSA and its partner institutions for regular waste statistics which can be used by everyone.

Two waste management and waste statistics experts of the Austrian Environment Agency (Ms. Dr. Brigitte Karigl and Ms. Milla Neubauer) are providing the training on waste statistics standards and the presentation of international best practice examples.

The workshop was organized and moderated by Mr. Michael Nagy, Head of the Environment Statistics and Sustainable Development Section of QSA.

## United Arab Emirates

### National Bureau of Statistics participated in the Founding Meeting for the establishment of Gulf Statistics Centre.

National Bureau of Statistics participated as a representative of the State of the U.A.E. in the twenty-seventh meeting of the Committee and the heads of the statistical agencies in the GCC, which was hosted by the Omani capital Muscat on 22 and 23 February 2013.

Commenting on the participation in this meeting Rashed Khamis Al Suwaidi, Director General of the National Bureau of statistics that this meeting is an exceptional meeting and one of the important meetings of the Commission and heads of statistical agencies in GCC as constituent meeting on creating and launching the statistics center of the Gulf, in implementation of the resolutions of the GCC leaders, the meeting aims to come up with a number of recommendations on the draft budget for the first year of the establishment of the Centre, to be submitted to the Ministerial Council for approval, along with the general framework of the tasks and activities The Center, also included discussions of the statistical work of the Gulf and mechanisms developed in the framework of GCC statistical Centre .



## Workshops on Population Projections using Census Data Beijing, China, 14-18 January 2013

The International Workshop on Population Projections using Census Data took place in Beijing, China, from 14 to 16 January 2013. The workshop was organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS). The workshop was attended by a total of 92 participants 29 from national statistics offices of 12 Asian countries including China and 63 from subnational



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statistics offices of China. The primary objective of the workshop was to provide guidance on producing population projections. The workshop drew participants' attention to the necessary preparatory work before under taking population projections. These include detecting and correcting errors in the base data, making assumptions about future trends in demographic parameters, the choice of method to use to project the population, how far into the future to project the population, and for what level of geography it is feasible to generate the projections. The workshop also provided a forum for countries to discuss national experiences in population projections and challenges faced. OIC member countries Indonesia and Malaysia participated in the workshop. <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/>

[demographic/meetings/wshops/China/2013/default.htm](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/meetings/wshops/China/2013/default.htm)

## Tenth Session of the ESCWA Statistical Committee

The Tenth Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for Western Asia (ESCWA) Statistical Committee was held on 30-31 January 2013 in the Headquarters of the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) in Cairo, Egypt. The delegates of National Statistical Offices (NSO) from 11 ESCWA Countries including Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Oman, Sudan Tunisia, and Yemen and the representatives of the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS), Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), League of Arab States (LAS), Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Bahrain participated in the Session.



The Participants

During the meeting the outcomes of ongoing activities and projects implemented by statistics division were presented in order to inform the Committee Members on gaps, shortcomings and areas for future improvement in the field of economic and social statistics, gender related matters, monitoring of millennium development goals and statistical capacity building. Members of the Committee expressed their views on the progress achieved and, expectations that will guide the future

work of the Committee and that of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

The Session was organised consecutively with the Thirty Seventh Session of the Permanent Technical Committee on Statistics of LAS which was held on 28-29 January 2013. Also it was decided to organize future meetings of the Committee back to back with the Permanent Technical Committee on Statistics of LAS to ensure higher participation.

## **Workshop on CountryData– Technologies for Data Exchange; Bangkok, Thailand, 18-22 March 2013**

This workshop provided training to participants on technologies used for data exchange and dissemination with the international level; and specifically with CountryData ([data.un.org/countryData](http://data.un.org/countryData)) a website for the dissemination of national development indicators. The training mainly focused on Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) a technology which can be used to automate and standardize data and metadata exchange so that data are more timely and can be updated easily. The workshop provided participants with an introduction to SDMX, followed up with

practical examples for the exchange of national development indicators with a focus on specific key SDMX tools such as SDMX Registry and mapping tool. OIC member countries experts from Morocco, Palestine and Uganda participated in the training. <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/Dissemination/workshops/countrydata/default.html>

## **Workshop on International Statistical Classifications, Kishinev, Moldova, 19-21 March 2013**

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in cooperation with the Statistics Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) organized a Workshop on International Statistical Classifications, primarily for CIS member countries. The Workshop focused on the implementation of the recently revised activity and product classifications and in particular: review the current implementation and use of national activity and product classifications and their relationship to the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC) in the region; provide information on methodological changes related

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to the application of the classification, such as outlined in the revised introductions; address implementation issues in connection with the revised classifications; discussed country experiences and case studies; and discussed measures to facilitate cooperation in the field of classifications, including coordination of work on regional/sub regional cooperation in classifications. OIC member countries Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan participated in the workshop. [http://unstats.un.org/unsd/newsletter/globalstat\\_unsd\\_calendar.htm](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/newsletter/globalstat_unsd_calendar.htm)

## Workshop on Improving the Integration of a Gender Perspective into Official Statistics, Chiba, Japan, 16-19 April 2013

A regional *Workshop on Improving the Integration of a Gender Perspective into Official Statistics* was held from 16 to 19 April 2013 in Chiba, Japan. The workshop was organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of the Government of Japan. The main objective of the workshop was to strengthen capacity of national statisticians to improve the integration of a gender perspective into official statistics.

Twenty five participants from 15 National Statistical Offices in Asia and representatives from UNSD, UNFPA, the WB and SIAP discussed three manuals on gender statistics: (1) the United Nations Manual on Integrating a Gender Perspective into Statistics, (2) Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence against Women: Statistical Surveys, and (3) the UNFPA/UNSD/UNWomen Guide on Gender Analysis of Census Data. The participants recognized usefulness of the guidelines in production and analysis of gender statistics in different fields of official statistics including health, work, poverty, environment, violence against women, and tabulation and analysis of population and housing data, and exchanged their experiences in compilation and dissemination of gender statistics under each topic.

Global initiatives such as global overview of gender statistics and minimum set of gender indicators and work of ESCAP Committee on Statistics on developing a regional programme for improving gender statistics in Asia-Pacific region were reviewed. At the end of the workshop, participants developed a 12-month national plan for mainstreaming gender perspective into all statistical activities from the view point of decision makers, coordinators, data producers, and data analysts.



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# NEWS from International Organisations

OIC member countries experts from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia and Maldives participated in the workshop.

[http://www.unsiap.or.jp/news/2013/st\\_Gender\\_Apr13.php](http://www.unsiap.or.jp/news/2013/st_Gender_Apr13.php)

## **Expert Group Meeting on International Statistical Classifications UNHQ, New York, 13-15 May 2013**

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) organised an Expert Group meeting on International Statistical Classifications on 13-15 May 2013 in New York. The objective of the meeting was to agree on priorities and work arrangements for international classifications work over the next years, to further work on the implementation of recently revised classifications in the International Family of Statistical Classifications, such as the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC), to review classifications currently under development and consider other issues relevant to the application and use of international standard classifications. OIC member countries experts from Morocco and Oman participated in the meeting.

[http://unstats.un.org/unsd/newsletter/globalstat\\_unsd\\_calendar.htm](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/newsletter/globalstat_unsd_calendar.htm)



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