

Meeting of the Statistical Working Group (SWG)

15-16 June 2009, Ankara, Turkey

<u>Agenda</u>

Monday, 15 June 2009

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:05	Recitation from the Holy Qur'an
09:05 - 09:15	Welcoming Address by the Director General, SESRIC
09:15 – 10:00	Openning Statements
10:00 - 11:00	Statistical Working Group: where do we stand? • Past (Review of SWG-1) (IDB) • Present (SWG-2 plan & approach) (SESRIC)
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee Break
11:20 - 13:30	Progress report on the activities outlined in the recommendations of SWG-1

- SESRIC

- Develop a unified questionnaire for sourcing data from OIC countries
- Ways and means to increase response rate to the questionnaire (with IDB)
- Represent SWG in the UN Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) (progress or update of activities)
- Provide definitions for socio-economic and financial statistics indicators (with IDB)
- Coordinate the selection of the most reliable international sources for socio-economic and financial statistics indicators (with IDB)
- Prepare a concept paper on common database on OIC indicators
- Jointly prepare "Islamic Ummah in Figures" (with IDB)
- Prepare "A Framework for Statistical Coordination among OIC Institutions"
- Prepare a document on the coordination of statistical capacity development (with IDB)

- IDB

- Provide definitions for socio-economic and financial statistics indicators(with SESRIC)
- Ways and means to increase response rate to developed by SESRIC (with SESRIC)
- Coordinate the selection of the most reliable international sources for socio-economic and financial statistics indicators (with SESRIC)
- Provide methodologies for calculating aggregation for socioeconomic and financial statistics indicators (with SESRIC)
- Jointly prepare "Islamic Ummah in Figures" (with SESRIC)
- Prepare "A Charter for Statistics at OIC level".
- Prepare a document on the coordination of statistical capacity development (with SESRIC)

- ICDT

- · Provide definitions of trade statistics indicators
- Coordinate the selection of the most reliable international sources for trade statistics indicators
- Provide methodologies for calculating aggregation for trade statistics indicators
- Prepare a concept paper on issues related to measurement of intra-OIC trade
- Jointly produce a "Special Brochure on Intra-OIC Trade Statistics" to be released during the forthcoming COMCEC Meeting (with SWG members)

- General Discussion on activities for all members

- Exchange of statistical publication before publication
- Cross-reference of each other's web-page

Prayer and Lunch break

14:30 - 16:00 Statistical Initiatives at SESRIC, IDB and ICDT (20 minutes each)

-SESRIC

Statistical capacity building programme of SESRIC

-IDB

A new approach to statistical capacity building and IDB new databases

-ICDT

New Trade-related statistical activities/systems

The role of National Statistical Offices in SWG: Issues and prospects

General Discussion

16:00 - 17:00 Issues and Way Forward

- Deadlines for completing assignments from SWG-1
- Issues for deliberations
- New activities and assignment of responsibilities
- Conclusions and recommendations

Tuesday, 16 June 2009

09:30 - 11:00

13:30 - 14:30

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	- Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and Turkey (15 minutes each)
	- Discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	Agenda and Work Programme of the 1st Meeting of National Statistical Offices of the OIC Member Countries
13:00 - 14:30	Prayer and Lunch break
14:30 - 15:30	Way Forward: Issues for discussions and recommendations