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SESRIC Statistics and Information Department at a Glance

As the main socio-economic information bank on and for the Member Countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the SESRIC gives special attention to contribute to the efforts of the OIC Member Countries in improving their national statistical systems (NSS) by bringing about synergies with stakeholders both from the OIC Member Countries and international agencies.

The Statistics and Information Department of SESRIC is mainly responsible for collecting, processing and disseminating socio-economic statistics and information on and for the utilisation of the OIC Member Countries. Successor to the Basic Social and Economic Indicators (BASEIND) Database, the OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database serves as the primary statistical source for SESRIC's research activities and statistical publications. It is available online in three official languages of the OIC to benefit all those interested in the OIC community and elsewhere. The coverage and content of the database is regularly updated and enriched essentially on the basis of information collected from the national and international statistical sources. Currently, the time series data over 313 socio-economic indicators under 19 categories for the 57 OIC Member Countries, dating back to 1985, are being collected either from national or international statistical sources and disseminated through OICStat the Database. An interactive and dynamic motion chart module, called SESRIC Motion Charts (SMC) is integrated with OICStat Database. The SMC Module allows the users to dynamically explore the trends of several indicators over time, based on statistical data hosted in the OICStat Database.

SESRIC devotes a large portion of its resources to providing the necessary statistical data and background information that would make the Member Countries better informed of each other's potentials and needs and, thus, facilitates their elaboration of cooperation projects and integration schemes. In this connection, the Statistics and Information Department regularly sends questionnaires to the National Statistics Offices (NSOs) of the OIC Member Countries to identify the capacities and needs of the respective NSOs on various statistical areas. Based on the responses of the Member Countries to these questionnaires, many short-term statistical training courses and workshops have been organized under the framework of Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) since 2007. SESRIC has also extended the scope of its StatCaB Programme by including consultancy and study visit components.

Assuming the role of the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), the Centre continues to organize the annual sessions of this Commission in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). At the OIC level, the OIC-StatCom is a very important forum to increase statistical cooperation and collaboration among the NSOs of the Member Countries. The Statistics and Information Department also carries out projects based on both South-South and trilateral cooperation approaches to improve the NSSs for the development of better national strategies and policies.

The department also publishes major publications periodically. Following the analytical approach of SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) method, the profile of OIC Member Countries, as a group, in different fields and sectors are compared with the groups of developed and other developing countries as well as the world average. In this regard, the SWOT Outlook unleashes the significant potentials, dire needs and future challenges of Member Countries in order to prioritize effective cooperation areas and facilitate sound integration schemes. It also serves as a critical roadmap for better strategic planning and policy making at the OIC level for achieving higher levels of welfare and socio-economic development.

In addition to these, the Department is responsible for updating the information captured in Directory of NSOs and Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE).

News from the OIC-StatCom

Sixth Session of the OIC-StatCom

The Sixth Session of the Statistical Commission of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom) was organised by SESRIC in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 5-6 November 2016 in Konya, Republic of Turkey with the participation of 65 delegates from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 34 OIC Member Countries, including Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, and Uganda, and regional, supranational and international organizations including OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC, IDB, Data

Documentation Initiative (DDI) Alliance, Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO), Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat), Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCCStat), International Labour Organisation (ILO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA).

The Sixth Session considered and reviewed the activities of the OIC-StatCom Secretariat undertaken since its Fifth Session. Additionally, the representatives of NSOs and international agencies delivered enlightening presentations on the following topics and discussed the possible cooperation schemes in the respective areas:

- Role of National Statistical Systems in the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework;
- Towards More Inclusive Measurement and Monitoring of Broader Development Finance for an Accountable Post-2015 Development Framework; and
- Modernisation of National Statistical Systems through Architectural Models and Skill Set Expansion of Human Resources.

SESRIC acts as the OIC-StatCom Secretariat, which aims to create a platform for exchanging experiences and best practices among OIC Member Countries to build effective statistical capacity building at the OIC level since 2011.

SESRIC to Hold a Side Event in the Margins of 48th Session of United Nations Statistical Commission

SESRIC, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), will organise the annual "***Meeting with the Delegates of National Statistical Offices of OIC Member Countries***" on ***8 March 2017*** between ***08:30*** and ***09:30*** in ***Conference Room A*** at the ***UN Conference Building*** as a side event of the 48th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in New York, USA. Delegates from the National Statistical Offices of OIC Member Countries will attend the meeting. During the meeting, the participants will be briefed on the progress of the OIC-StatCom activities. Besides, the draft agenda items of the Seventh Session of OIC-StatCom to be held in Spring 2018 will also be discussed in order to receive inputs and comments from the delegates.

News from the Projects

OIC Accreditation & Certification Programme for Official Statisticians

The ***OIC Accreditation and Certification Programme for Official Statisticians*** (OIC-CPOS) includes various levels of certification according to the knowledge and experience of the currently employed statistical professionals in the NSOs and relevant government institutions. The members of OIC-StatCom were requested to nominate the candidate members for the ***Certification Advisory Board*** (CAB) and the ***Examination Committee*** (ExCom) during the last half of 2014. Currently, the CAB has been formed from 20 members and members list can be accessed on ***http://www.oicstatcom.org/cpos.php***. In order to devise the curricula, course materials and the exam contents of 47 statistical themes, 31 potential experts were approached who had been designated by the NSOs of Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritania, Niger, Palestine, Senegal and Yemen. 20 experts accepted to be an ExCom member to prepare course materials and the exam contents for 30 statistical themes.

The OIC-StatCom Secretariat has exerted efforts in bringing the OIC-CPOS project to a more developed level. In this respect, the recommended study materials and examination questions are in the final stage of completion. Besides, the OIC-StatCom Secretariat has also launched the OIC-CPOS web presence (***http://www.oicstatcom.org/cpos.php***) during the Certification Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting held in Turkey on 7-8 September 2016. Moreover, in order to prioritising the Certification Examination themes during the initial phase in line with the recommendations of the OIC-CPOS CAB Meeting, the OIC-StatCom Secretariat will carry out a Tendency Survey. Besides, an ExCom meeting is planned to be held in November 2017 while an overall CPOS meeting consisting of CAB and ExCom is planned to be held in 2018 with the aims to evaluate the progress of CPOS project and to discuss the way forward.

Integration of the "Tobacco Questions for Surveys" (TQS) into the National Surveys in OIC Member Countries

At the Fourth Session of the OIC-StatCom, Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) was presented and OIC Member Countries agreed that on-going tobacco surveillance is an important part of a comprehensive tobacco control program. As a result, SESRIC facilitates the supervision of the integration schemes based on the terms agreed with the project partners; i.e., the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation, since 2014.

Within the project framework, 15 OIC Member Countries were selected for a pilot study. From the targeted countries, 7 of them; namely, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Egypt, Indonesia, Mauritania, Senegal, and Tajikistan, affirmed their commitment to integrate TQS into their ongoing national surveys and also ensured the regular implementation and collection of the TQS data. Besides, an agreement with the Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics of Qatar was also reached in which technical support will be given for the incorporation of TQS into their General Health Survey if need be. Moreover, SESRIC also received commitments from Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Gambia, Niger, Mali, Palestine, Togo, and Sierra Leone for the integration of TQS into the relevant national surveys to be conducted. In order to increase the level of participation of OIC Member Countries in the TQS integration project, 3 additional Member Countries were also approached. In 2016 alone, 1 Orientation Workshop and 2 study visits from Republic of Indonesia and Republic of Tajikistan to Republic of Turkey were realized within the project framework. Additionally, SESRIC is also planning to conduct the Second Orientation Workshop on TQS with a focus on TQS data analysis, data dissemination, and the impact of TQS surveys on policy design and implementation on 16-17 August 2017.

Developing Islamic Financial Industry Database (IBFStat) of OIC Member Countries

The IBFStat project aims at identifying the set of possible indicators to be hosted in the initial phase, develop a standardized methodology including the templates for data collection, and collaborate with national, regional and international stakeholders to collect, compile, perform quality assurance, and disseminate data on Islamic financial industry. Within the project framework, SESRIC circulated a survey (accessible under ***http://www.sesric.org/activities-announcements-detail.php?id=397***) to gather a preliminary insight about existing data collection, compilation and dissemination concerning Islamic finance practices in OIC Member Countries. An Expert Group Meeting (EGM) is planned to be held in July 2017 to exchange views related to data collection on Islamic banking, Islamic capital markets, Islamic Insurance (Takaful), and Islamic non-bank financial institution in OIC Member Countries.

Peer Review for National Statistical Offices in the OIC Member Countries (OIC-Peer)

The OIC-Peer project aims to facilitate South-South learning in statistical development through a peer review mechanism to enhance the credibility of the NSSs, to strengthen the system's capacity to produce high-quality statistics and to reassure stakeholders about the quality of statistics produced by the NSOs and the trustworthiness of the system. In this regard, the Centre has approached EUROSTAT, PARIS21, and Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) to collaborate on the project towards establishing a sound mechanism for peer-review, sector reviews, and a self-assessment based on snapshot tool as the possible modalities of the assessment process. Furthermore, the Centre has circulated '***OIC-Peer Review Inclination Survey (OPRIS)***' (also accessible under ***http://www.sesric.org/activities-announcements-detail.php?id=404***) to the NSOs of OIC Member Countries with the aim to learn the current situation on the implementation of Peer Reviews for National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in OIC Member Countries. Besides, a Workshop on Peer Review is planned to be held in October 2017 with an aim to introduce the road map of peer reviews conducted by international institutions and the tools used in peer review process.

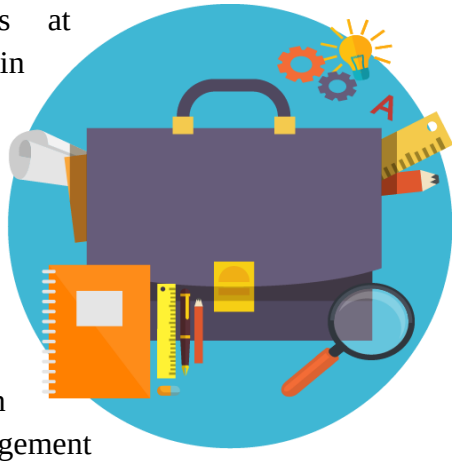
Official Development Assistance (ODA) Statistics in OIC Member Countries

The OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) is the leading international forum for bilateral providers of development co-operation. It updates the list of Official Development Assistance (ODA) recipients periodically. To facilitate and contribute to the efforts of the OIC member countries in appropriately measuring and reporting the ODA, SESRIC has contacted the OECD DAC and held meetings with the DAC officials in September 2016 in Paris and in Konya in November 2016 during the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom, for paving the way forward in this regard. The OECD DAC has welcomed the proposal of SESRIC in organising statistical capacity building activities to foster the collection, collation, processing, and dissemination of ODA statistics in OIC member countries. Through the collaboration of SESRIC and OECD DAC, a joint workshop is being planned to be held in Ankara on DAC Statistics and ODA reporting in May 2017. The Workshop will mainly sensitize the Workshop participants about the Sustainable Development Goal 17 Target 2 with "Developed countries to implement fully their official development assistance commitments, including the commitment by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of ODA/GNI to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of ODA/GNI to least developed countries" and the methods how to measure the progress concerning the achievement of this target.

Follow-Up of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and Survey on the Priorities Assigned to SDGs

In line with the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the Centre is closely following up the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) processes. In this respect, the Centre attended to the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDGs (IAEG-SDGs) meetings held in June 2015 in New York, in October 2015 in Bangkok, and in March 2016 in Mexico City. Being aware of the increased demand for detailed and timely data to monitor progress on the goals and targets of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the Centre has circulated a survey to identify the priorities of OIC member countries with respect to 17 SDGs, 169 goals, and 230 SDGs indicators in August 2016. Additionally, in line with the relevant Resolutions of the 31st and 32nd Session Committee Meeting of COMCEC, SESRIC was designated to be the focal point, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, at the OIC level for following up the SDGs indicator framework, to monitor the SDG progress in the OIC member countries via surveys, to conduct capacity needs assessment regarding SDG targets, and to report regularly the progress recorded to the upcoming sessions of COMCEC. Within this context, SESRIC circulated the "***Tendency Survey on SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries***" (also accessible on ***http://www.sesric.org/activities-announcements-detail.php?id=386***) to the OIC Member Countries in August 2016. The survey, made available in three official languages of the OIC, has the objective to identify the priorities given by the OIC member countries to each SDG.

Developing a Statistical Outreach Toolkit for the NSOs of OIC Member Countries (SOT)



The SOT project aims at developing a generic guide in a Statistical Outreach Toolkit format to assist the NSOs of OIC member countries in structuring strategies concerning their outreach activities not only through traditional channels but also especially through emerging ones and engagement with a broad spectrum of stakeholders. It is also expected to facilitate the alignment of the member NSOs' future data communication and dissemination practices with possible emerging and alternative channels. Within the project framework, a Workshop is planned to be held in the first quarter of 2018 with the aim to draw the outline and discuss the content of the SOT together with the potential contributors/experts from national/international agencies including UNECE, Paris21, Eurostat, TurkStat, Anadolu Agency, etc.

Synergies for Statistical Cooperation

SESRIC signed MoU with GCC-STAT

SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Statistical Centre for the Cooperation of the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-STAT) to initiate and facilitate collaboration and cooperation between two institutions in the area of statistics. The MoU was signed by H.E. Ambassador Musa KULAKLIKAYA, Director General of SESRIC, and H.E. Mr. Sabir Said AL HARBI, Director General of GCC-STAT on 6 November 2016 in Konya, Turkey.

The main objectives of the MoU are to:

- Enhance the capacity of quality data production, collation and dissemination;
- Contribute to the strengthening the efficiency and institutional frameworks of national statistical systems;
- Improve the development of human resources working in relevant stakeholders of national statistical systems;
- Promote best practices related to statistical systems; and
- Raise awareness towards improving official statistics

SESRIC signed MoU with ILO

SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to initiate and facilitate collaboration and cooperation between two institutions in matters of common interest and to establish the necessary arrangements for implementation by providing an operational framework.

The MoU was signed by H.E. Ambassador Musa Kulaklıkaya, Director General of SESRIC, and Mr. Rafael Diez de Medina, Director of Department Statistics of ILO in Paris, France on 29 September 2016.

Through this MoU, SESRIC and ILO will cooperate on the following statistical themes of employment and unemployment, economically active population, labour cost, consumer price indices, household expenditure, occupational injuries and occupational diseases, and industrial disputes.

SESRIC signed MoU with UNWTO

SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to combine their efforts and work together in strengthening tourism related activities in the areas of statistics, training, research and technical cooperation. The MoU was signed by H.E. Ambassador Musa Kulaklıkaya, Director General of SESRIC, and Mr. Márcio Favilla L. DE PAULA, Executive Director, Operational Programmes and Institutional Relations of UNWTO in Madrid, Spain on 2 June 2016.

The objective of the MoU is to enhance cooperation between UNWTO and SESRIC and to identify areas of mutual interest with a view to improving the National Statistical Systems of OIC Member Countries regarding the System of Tourism Statistics including Tourism Satellite Accounts; identifying major prospects and challenges in selected aspects of tourism sector in the OIC member countries; taking necessary steps to exchange technical know-how and provide inputs related to tourism; and contributing to human resources capacity.

Capacity Building Activities

A Summary of 2016 and Early 2017 Activities

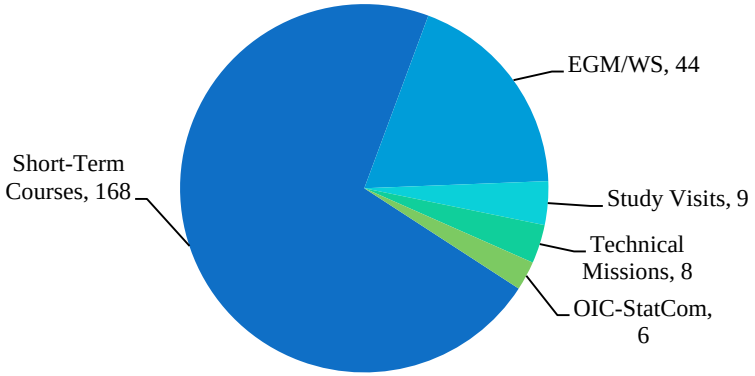
Accurate, timely, reliable and consistent statistical data is of an utmost importance for policy making and strategy development in any country. The OIC Member Countries have varying levels of capacities for producing statistical data in accordance with the relevant internationally-accepted statistical standards. Thus, the OIC Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme for National Statistical Offices (NSOs) tries to identify statistical needs and capacities of the NSOs of OIC Member Countries in order to enhance the National Statistical Systems in Member Countries.

The StatCaB Programme was initiated in early 2007. It is the flagship capacity development programme of the SESRIC. Within its framework, the Centre collects information from the NSOs of OIC Member Countries through biennial questionnaires, assesses their needs and capacities, and matches these needs and capacities through organizing statistical capacity development activities. Besides; the Centre, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) regularly reports the implemented activities to the regular sessions of the OIC-StatCom.

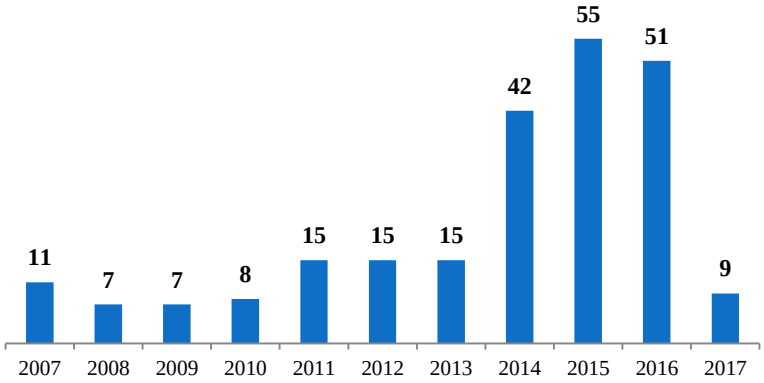
SESRIC exerts every possible effort to expand the coverage of its statistical activities in the OIC Member Countries. Between

2007 and early 2017, a total of ***235 statistical activities*** were conducted. Of those 235 activities, 185 of them were conducted as short-term courses, technical missions, and study visits, 44 of them were conducted as expert group meetings and workshops (EGM/WS), 6 of them were conducted as OIC-StatCom sessions.

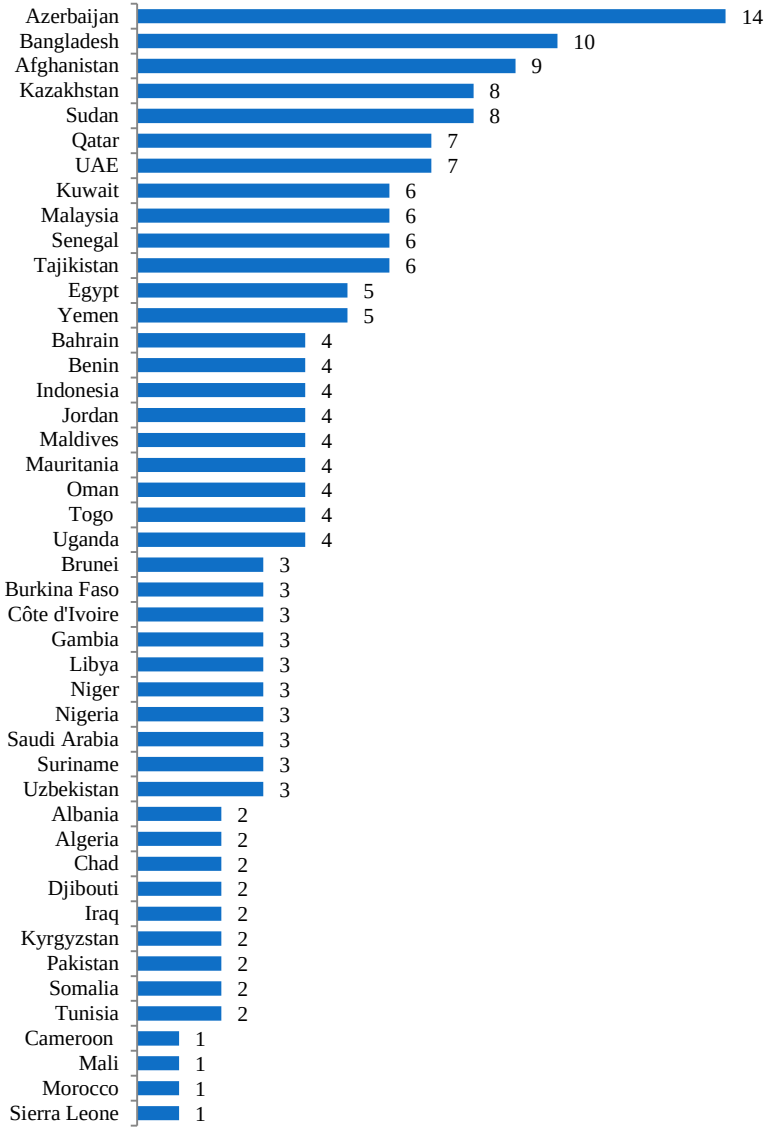
Number of Statistical Activities, by Type, 2007-2017



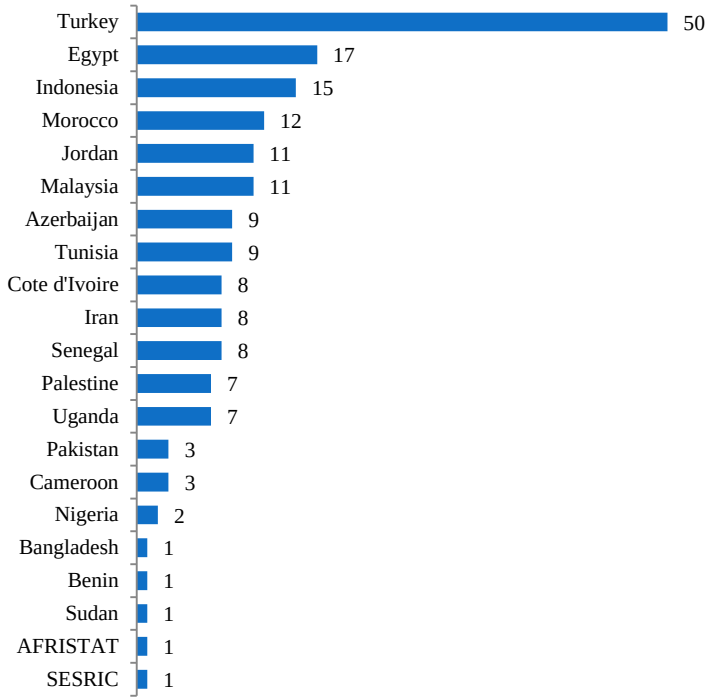
Number of Statistical Activities, by Year, 2007-2017



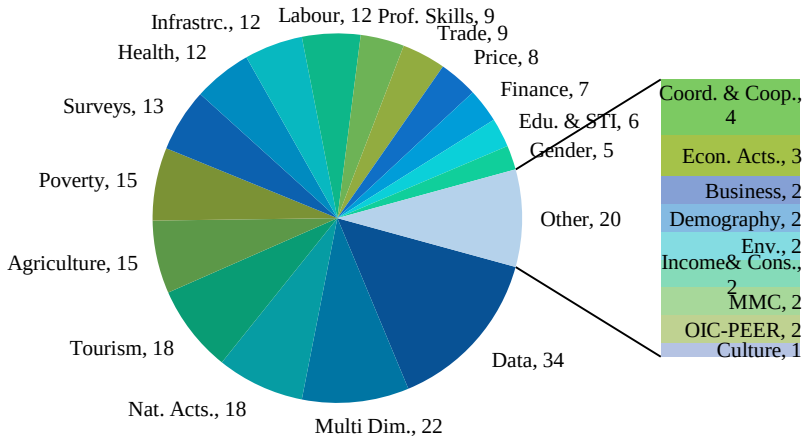
Number of Courses, Visits, Missions Conducted, by Beneficiary Country, 2007-2017



Number of Courses, Visits, Missions Conducted, by Provider, 2007-2017



Number of Statistical Activities Conducted, by Theme, 2007-2017



45 OIC Member Countries benefitted from the ***185 short-term courses, technical missions, and study visits*** between 2007 and early 2017. These activities facilitated by SESRIC could not have been realized without the generous support of 19 OIC Member Countries and 2 organisations since 2007. Also in 2016 and early 2017, the first-ever statistical activities in the forms of short-term courses, technical missions, and study visits facilitated by SESRIC were benefitted by 3 OIC Member Countries including ***Brunei***, ***Gabon***, and ***Libya***.

The breakdown of the 235 statistical activities conducted between 2007 and early 2017 by theme shows that the top of list hosts data related activities (34), multi-dimensional statistical activities (22), national accounts (18), tourism statistics (18), agriculture statistics (15), poverty statistics (15), activities related to surveys (13), health statistics (12), activities related to statistics on infrastructure (12), and labour statistics (12).

Workshops in 2016 and Early 2017

Workshop on Monitoring Food Security in the Context of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

SESRIC in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) organised the Workshop on Monitoring Food Security in the Context of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda on 22-23 February 2017 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. 40 participants from National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 19 OIC member countries and 7 international organisations attended the Workshop. During the Workshop, the participants were informed both about the Prevalence of Undernourishment (POU) and the FIES methodologies, as well as the steps to implement them and the relevance of the information they provide for food security policy. The participants listened to the country experiences on conducting nationwide household surveys and governing food security data, and the challenges they face vis-à-vis during the relevant household surveys. The Workshop also included a data analysis session in which the participants found the opportunity to carry out analysis on FIES data.

Workshop on 'The Impact of Post-2015 Development Agenda on Education Statistics'

SESRIC in collaboration with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) organised the Workshop on 'The Impact of Post-2015 Development Agenda on Education Statistics' in Ankara, Republic of Turkey on 29-30 November 2016. The Workshop was attended by 36 delegates from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs), Ministries of Education, institutes of higher education of 27 OIC Member Countries and representatives from 5 international organisations. The overall objective of the Workshop was to share the current systems of OIC Member Countries on the collection, collation and dissemination of education statistics; raise the awareness concerning the effective integration of SDG #4 indicators into education systems; and explore the effective coordination for a better education statistics capacity within the NSSs of OIC Member Countries.

Expert Group and Roundtable Meetings on 'Peer Reviews for National Statistical Offices in the OIC Member Countries (OIC-Peer)'

The Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on 'Peer Reviews for National Statistical Offices in the OIC Member Countries (OIC-Peer)' was organised by SESRIC on 3 November 2016 in Konya, Republic of Turkey. The Meeting had the objectives to introduce the Peer Reviews mechanisms in the world including the methodology of different methods, to receive recommendations and inputs on the OIC-Peer project, and to discuss the way forward. The EGM was attended by EuroStat and the delegates from 14 National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of OIC member countries. Paris21 also attended the meeting virtually. On 4 November 2016, Roundtable Meeting (RM) was held as a half-day back to back meeting following the end of the EGM and was attended by Eurostat, Paris21 (virtually) and Turkish Statistical Institute. In this meeting, the timeline of the Project were discussed in detail.

Stakeholders Meeting on 'Developing Islamic Financial Industry Database of OIC Member Countries'

The Stakeholders Meeting on SESRIC Project titled 'Developing Islamic Financial Industry Database of OIC Member Countries' was organised by SESRIC in collaboration with the World Bank Global Islamic Finance Development Center on 9 October 2016 in the margins of the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington DC, USA. High level representatives of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) and World Bank Global Islamic Finance Development Center participated in the meeting. The Stakeholders Meeting aimed to develop cooperation means in this area and to receive the comments and advises of relevant stakeholders in order to prepare a technical conceptual framework "project document" for developing a database on Islamic Finance industry based on the lessons learnt from previously initiated projects by other stakeholders.

Certification Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting of the OIC Certification and Accreditation Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS)

The Certification Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting of the OIC Certification and Accreditation Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS) was organised on 7-8 September 2016 at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The Meeting was attended by CAB Members from 11 NSOs. The representatives of Vocational Qualification Authority of Republic of Turkey and Econometric Research Association also participated in the Meeting. The CAB members discussed Relevancy/Mission, Target Audience, Certification Method, Accreditation Method, Maintenance of Credentials Received, Sustainability of the OIC-CPOS, and Promotion/Vision during the break-out sessions that took place on the first day of the Meeting. The outcomes of the discussions were presented and an open discussion took place on the last day of the Meeting. The draft resolutions adopted at the Meeting were submitted to the consideration of the Sixth Session of OIC Statistical Commission held on 5-6 November 2016 in Konya, Turkey.

Orientation Workshop on 'Tobacco Questions for Surveys'

The Orientation Workshop on 'Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)' was organised and hosted by SESRIC in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation on 3-4 May 2016 at SESRIC Headquarters, Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The Workshop was attended by experts from 13 OIC countries. The representatives of the CDC, CDC Foundation, the World Health Organization (WHO), WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO), WHO Country Office of Turkey, Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority of Turkey (TAPDK), Yıldırım Beyazıt University, and Turkish Green Crescent (YESILAY) also participated in the Workshop.

The said Workshop had the objective to provide additional information and technical support to the OIC Member Countries in integrating TQS into their on-going surveys. Participants presented about their organizations, surveys, and how they integrated TQS into national surveys.

Arab Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics

The Arab Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics was organised and hosted by SESRIC in collaboration and partnership with the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-STAT), and Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey on 5-7 April 2016. The Conference was attended by 11 NSOs. The representatives of Eurostat and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) also participated in the Conference. Organized as a High-Level Forum of official statisticians to seek a broad consensus on the strategic framework for statistics for the consideration, the Conference also aimed at formulating an adequate response to the increased demand for detailed and timely data to monitor progress on the goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda.

Online Databases and Applications

OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database

Planned to be launched at SESRIC's side event on 8 March 2017 in the margins of the 48th Session of UN Statistical Commission, the OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database is the first and only international official statistics repository on OIC Member Countries.

Enriched with the experience drawn from its predecessor BASEIND Database, OICStat is periodically maintained to ensure the dissemination of most up-to-date data and inclusion of new data categories on the OIC Member Countries. Equipped with more "user-friendly" features, the Database currently hosts 313 indicators under different categories dating back to 1985. To ensure data completeness and methodological comparability among the OIC Member Countries and the to-be-introduced aggregate groups, the OIC-Stat currently presents data on OIC Member Countries extracted from databases of officially recognized international organisations including FAO, ILO, IMF, ITU, OPEC, OECD, UNESCO UIS, UNPD, UNSD, World Bank, WHO and UNWTO.

The OICStat Database can be accessed on: ***http://www.sesric.org/oicstat.php***

Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE)

The Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE) serves for hosting the profiles of professionals that work in the official statistics sector or in other sectors that deliver services contributing to the efforts of the agencies with an embedded statistical role.

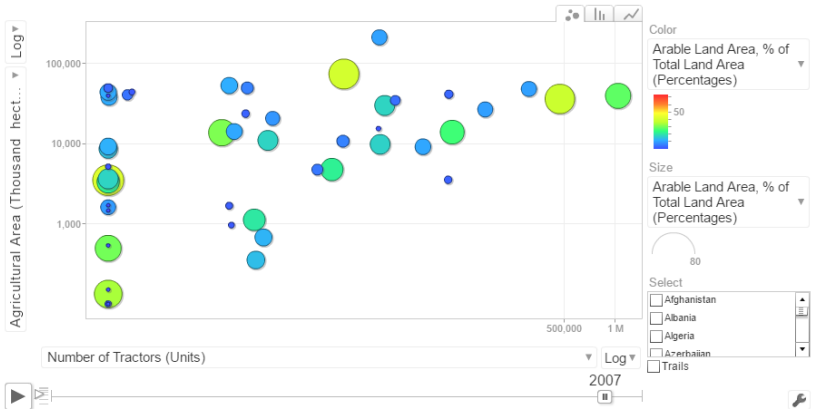
By establishing a pool of relevant expertise, the ROSE is expected to be instrumental in identifying the available professionals in relevant domains of official statistics as per the taxonomy of Classification of Statistical Activities (***http://goo.gl/olg3Tz***) for the current and future statistical activities of the Centre.

In addition, the ROSE will contribute significantly to useful exchange of information and experiences within the Islamic World through enabling the flow of communication between the professionals and the relevant stakeholders.

Currently hosting profiles of 444 statistics experts, the Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE) can be accessed on: ***http://www.sesric.org/rose.php***

SESRIC Motion Charts (SMC)

SESRIC Motion Charts (SMC) Module is an interactive and dynamic online application that generates data visualisations from multiple indicators available in the OICStat Database. The SMC Module allows the users to dynamically explore the trends of several indicators over time, based on statistical data hosted in the OICStat Database. The SMC Module uses the Adobe Flash technology to generate charts within the user's browser. The charts generated by the SMC Module are time series based bubble charts including two indicators from the OICStat Database. The users also have the option to display the charts either on linear or logarithmic scale(s). In addition, the users can also alter the default indicator specifying the bubble size (currently total population of the chosen countries for the given time period) with another indicator hosted in the OICStat Database. The SMC application module can be accessed on ***http://www.sesric.org/smc.php***



OIC Ranker

Working on top of OICStat, this online module ranks the OIC Member Countries with respect to a selected indicator hosted in the database. OIC Ranker is accessible on ***http://www.sesric.org/oic-ranker.php***

OIC Top Bottom Finder

Working on top of OICStat, this online module extracts the full list of indicators in which an OIC Member Country is positioned at the very "Top" or "Bottom".

OIC Top Bottom Finder is accessible on: ***http://www.sesric.org/oic-tbf.php***

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