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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. The OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database serves as the primary databank of OIC. 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 more than 470 socio-economic indicators under 23 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 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. Besides,

the Centre also hosts the OIC Countries in Figures (OIC-CIF) which presents the most recent available information and statistical data of OIC countries under nine headings, namely “Background”, “Geography and Climate”, “Society and Demographics”, “Government and Politics”, “Economy and Sectors”, “OIC Member Countries in Figures”, “International Partnerships”, “Logistics” and “Special Links”.

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 study visit and technical mission components.

Assuming the role of the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), the Centre continues to organise the regular sessions of this Commission in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).

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 such as SWOT Outlook. 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. Besides SWOT, Statistics and Information department is also publishing a Statistical Yearbook on OIC Member Countries and the OIC Statistical Outlook. The current Statistical Yearbook on OIC member Countries 2018 covers the periods 2000, 2005, 2010 to 2018 under the categories of Agriculture, Demography, Education, Energy, Environment, Gender and Family, Health, Indices, Industry and Manufacturing, Infrastructure, International Finance, Islamic Banking and Finance, Labour and Social Protection, Money and Prices, National Accounts, Private Sector, Public Finance, Science, Technology and Innovation, Tobacco Control, Tourism, Trade, and Water. While, the OIC Statistical Outlook series covers once of the categories hosted at the OICStat Database. It provides not only the data for all OIC member

countries with OIC and World level aggregate values, where applicable, but also brief analysis with figures reviewing the performance and progress of the OIC member countries in the covered thematic category.

In addition to these, the Department is responsible for updating all the information captured in Directory of National Institutions in OIC Member Countries (OIC-DIR) and Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE).

News from the OIC-StatCom

SESRIC to Hold Eighth Session of OIC-StatCom

SESRIC, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), will organise the ***Eighth Session of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom)*** in the ***fourth quarter of 2019***. The OIC-StatCom is a very important forum within the OIC framework for cooperation among the NSOs of the member countries. It is an instrumental platform similar to the UN Statistical Commission aiming at supporting the national statistical systems (NSS) in the member countries for development of better national strategies and policies. The website address of the OIC-StatCom is <http://www.oicstatcom.org/>.

SESRIC to Hold a Side Event in the Margins of 50th Session of United Nations Statistical Commission

SESRIC will organise the annual ***Meeting with the Delegates of National Statistical Offices of OIC Member Countries*** on 7



March 2019 as a side event of the 50th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in New York, USA.

During the meeting, the delegates will be briefed on the progress of the OIC-StatCom activities including future projects and current surveys conducted by SESRIC. The delegates also will share their inputs and comments about the possible themes of the Eighth Session of OIC-StatCom planned to be held in the fourth quarter of 2019 in Ankara, Turkey.

News from the Projects

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



At the 4th Session of the OIC-StatCom, Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) was presented and Member Countries agreed that on-going tobacco surveillance is an important part of a comprehensive tobacco control program. Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) was created so that globally standardized tobacco questions could be included in ongoing national and

international surveys. The subset of key questions from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) is meant to improve comparability of tobacco data over time by harmonizing tobacco surveillance activities across various ongoing surveys.

TQS is a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), which was developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other partners to assist countries in establishing tobacco control surveillance and monitoring programs. As a result, SESRIC facilitates the integration schemes based on the Terms set forth by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the CDC Foundation from 2014 until now.

Up to now, 15 OIC member countries, namely Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan and Togo have affirmed their commitment to integrate TQS into their ongoing national surveys and also ensure the regular implementation and collection of the TQS data. Of the countries who affirmed their commitments to integrate TQS into their on-going surveys, 11 of them namely Azerbaijan, Cote d’Ivoire, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo, have fully completed the project. In order to increase the level of participation of OIC Member Countries in the TQS integration project, five additional OIC countries will be approached.

In 2018, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation organised the Workshop on ‘Transforming Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) Data to Action’ on 12-15 November 2018 in Ankara,



Turkey. The Workshop had the objective to provide additional information and technical support to the OIC countries in integrating TQS into their ongoing surveys and to provide the countries an opportunity in writing a Tobacco Brief and plan for dissemination and mobilization for tobacco control.

The Workshop was attended by 43 delegates from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and Ministries of Health of 17 OIC member countries including Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Indonesia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Palestine, Qatar, Senegal, Tajikistan, Togo and Turkey. The representatives of the CDC, CDC Foundation, and Turkish Green Crescent also participated in the Workshop.



Workshop on 'Transforming Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) Data to Action' on 12-15 November 2018 in Ankara, Turkey

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, the Centre has circulated a survey (also accessible under <http://www.sesric.org/activities-announcements-detail.php?id=397>) in January 2017 to gather a preliminary insight about existing data collection, compilation and dissemination concerning Islamic finance practices in OIC member countries.

Up to now, 45 institutions from 31 OIC countries have submitted the survey responses. Besides, a Consultative Meeting on 'Developing Islamic Finance Industry Database of OIC Member Countries' was held on 24 September 2017 in Bodrum, Turkey. In accordance with the recommendations and conclusions of the Consultative Meeting, focal points have been requested by the Secretariat from national and international stakeholders to strengthen the communication and collaboration for the development of the database in the further phases.

As an initial attempt to construct the database, the indicators basically on Islamic finance industry size and structure are integrated into OICStat database under a newly established category "Islamic Banking and Finance" which are available for 16 countries retrieved from different national and international sources such as IFSB and publications of mainly Central Banks



and Monetary Authorities of OIC countries. In addition to these, further indicators are planned to be uploaded to OICStat database.

Through collaboration with various stakeholders at national and international levels such as having joined in the Inter Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) Task Force on Islamic Finance initiated by UNSD with the participation of other relevant national, regional and international stakeholders, the Secretariat closely follows up the developments in the Islamic finance statistics arena and strengthens the synergy to improve the Islamic finance data quality and sound infrastructure for better data production and dissemination.



Workshop on 'Islamic Finance in the National Accounts' on 31 October - 2 November 2018 in Ankara, Turkey

In 2018, SESRIC, UNESCWA and UNSD jointly organized the Workshop on 'Islamic Finance in the National Accounts' on 31 October - 2 November 2018 in Ankara, Turkey. The objectives of the Workshop were to better understand the differences between Islamic finance and conventional finance and their

implications for the national accounts; to apprehend and apply the draft recommendations and guidance to classify the Islamic financial instruments according to their sectors and record Islamic finance transactions in the national accounts; and to review the recommendations to improve the coordination between regional and international organizations in the collection of statistics on Islamic finance.

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 National Statistical Systems (NSS), 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, African Union Commission (AUC), 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.

An Expert Group and Roundtable Meetings and a Workshop have been organised together with the partners, Eurostat and PARIS21, 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.





Workshop on 'Peer Review Mechanisms for National Statistical Offices in OIC Member Countries' on 19-20 December 2017 in Ankara, Turkey

In accordance with the recommendations of the OIC-Peer Workshop held on 19-20 December 2017 in Ankara, Turkey, SESRIC will work together with all relevant national, regional, international and supranational stakeholders for the implementation of peer reviews of NSOs of OIC countries and supported the proposal of a multilateral agreement for determining the cooperation modalities among them concerning the OIC-Peer Programme to support the countries in their common scope of work. Besides, SESRIC will participate in peer reviews as an observer and/or partner institution through incorporating the know-how and experience gained by the relevant stakeholders. Moreover, SESRIC, as being the main information bank of OIC and the secretariat of OIC-StatCom, will host an Online Repository of Peer Review Documents with proper intellectual property acknowledgements and requested relevant stakeholders to share the related documents with SESRIC.

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 met 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. The cooperation with OECD DAC continues based on the membership of SESRIC in Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD) Task Force.

Besides and in accordance with the Resolution #3.b of the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom requesting SESRIC to thoroughly study the ODA situation in OIC Member Countries with an aim to construct the underlying basis towards the collection of related statistics in the member countries in line with SDG 10.B and SDG 17.3 by taking the challenges and concerns of member countries into consideration, SESRIC has prepared and circulated to OIC countries the "Survey on Mapping the Landscape of Development Assistance and Cooperation in OIC Member Countries". The aim of the Survey is to gather



institutional information, activities of existing National Development Assistance Agencies (DAAs) in member countries responsible for the coordination of Official Development Assistance (ODA) and other bilateral and multilateral cooperation programmes related to economic and social development.

The Survey covers the aspects of institutional information, background, activities and statistics related to the Official Development Assistance (ODA) and other kinds of development aid under the responsibility of the national DAAs. Additionally, the to-be-collected data through the said Survey will prepare the basis for the online Directory of Development Assistance Agencies of OIC Member Countries and a statistical brief on Official Development Assistance Landscape in OIC Member Countries.



Workshop on ‘Development Finance Statistics’
on 12-13 July 2017 in Ankara, Turkey

Through the collaboration of SESRIC and OECD DAC, a joint workshop was held in Ankara on DAC Statistics and ODA reporting on 12-13 July 2017. The objective of the Workshop

was to introduce the key concepts and methodologies on development finance statistics, identify existing obstacles and challenges of integrating development finance statistics into national statistical systems (NSSs) and data reporting, and exchange experiences and share good practices among participating countries.

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

SESRIC is closely following up the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDGs Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) agenda. The Centre has already participated in the three IAEG-SDGs meetings held back in New York in June 2015, Bangkok in October 2015, and Mexico in late March 2016, and the 47th, 48th, and 49th Sessions of the UNSC in New York in early March 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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 had 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. As of 10 September 2018, SESRIC finalised the collection of feedback for the “Tendency Survey on SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries” in line with the relevant resolutions taken during the three summits of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held in 2015, 2016, and 2017.





Based on the responses received, 36 OIC countries responded in which 17 had completed the survey while 19 had incomplete surveys and no response was received from 20 OIC countries. Against this background, the report titled “Results of the Tendency Survey on SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries” has been prepared by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in line with the above resolutions and covers the activities follow-up of the international fora on SDGs and results of the “Tendency Survey on SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries”. In light of the responses, more than half of the respondents assigned “High” priority to 8 SDGs in the order of No Poverty, Good Health & Well-Being, Zero Hunger, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Decent Work & Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure, and Climate Action. Additionally, in line with resolution #121 of the 34th Session of the COMCEC took note with appreciation of the Report presented by SESRIC and requested SESRIC to prepare an annual report on the progress at the OIC level towards achieving

the aforementioned eight prioritized SDGs to be submitted to the Ministerial Sessions of the COMCEC. The Resolution further requested SESRIC to give special importance to the development of the statistical capacities of the National Statistical Offices of the Member States within the framework of its OIC Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB).

Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST)

Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST) is a network of international and regional training institutions, working together build sustainable statistical capacities through efficient, effective, and harmonized delivery of training. The Goal of the GIST is to build sustainable capacities in countries through efficient, effective, and harmonized delivery of training at global and regional levels that will enable production and use of quality data and statistics including monitoring and implementation of SDGs.

As of 23 April 2018, the GIST Founding Members include African Development Bank (AfDB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WB), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UNSIAP), Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre (EASTC), Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Économie (ENSEA), Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS), **Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)**, United



Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), International Statistical Institution (ISI), and United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). In addition to the above-mentioned training institutes, the following countries whose NSOs provide training outside their countries are also members of GIST: Brazil, China, India, Republic of Korea and United States.

As a follow-up to the First Meeting of GIST held on 8 March 2018 in New York, USA, 5 main work streams were established and SESRIC is being the member of Task Team 5: Outreach, Communication and Statistical Literacy, together with ILO, PARIS21, UNITAR and China International Statistical Training Center.



First Meeting of the 'Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST)' on 8 March 2018 in New York, USA

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 2019 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 the AITRS



SESRIC Signed MoU with the AITRS on 30 April 2018 in Amman, Jordan

SESRIC signed an MoU with the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) 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 Dr. Abdelaziz MAALMI, Director General of AITRS, on 30 April 2018 in Amman, Jordan.

SESRIC Signed MoU with the HCP of the Kingdom of Morocco



SESRIC Signed MoU with the HCP of the Kingdom of Morocco on 5 July 2018 in Rabat, Morocco

SESRIC signed an MoU with the High Commission for Planning (HCP) of Kingdom of Morocco to further strengthen 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 Mr. Ahmed Lahlimi ALAMI, High Commissioner for Planning of HCP, on 5 July 2018 in Rabat, Morocco. The MoU will assist the two institutions to share knowledge, ideas, action plans and lessons learned; to plan joint activities in areas of common interest to address common issues together so as to prevent repetition and duplication; and to utilize and leverage their existing resources and facilities to mutual advantage and benefit.



SESRIC Signed MoU with the IFSB



SESRIC Signed MoU with the IFSB on 22 November 2018
in Istanbul, Turkey

SESRIC and the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) signed an MoU on 22 November 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey to reinforce the collaboration on the field of Islamic finance statistics. The MoU was signed by H.E. Ambassador Musa Kulaklıkaya, Director General of SESRIC and Dr. Bello Lawal Danbatta, the Secretary-General of the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB). The first MoU between the IFSB and SESRIC was signed in 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey.

This collaboration will increase knowledge of practitioners, statisticians as well as researchers in the Islamic banking and finance, Islamic capital markets, takāful and other socio-economic sectors and strengthen the capacities of the relevant constituents of national statistical systems in their common member countries.

Capacity Building Activities

A Summary of 2007 – February 2019 Activities



The 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 the Constituents of the National Statistical Systems of OIC Member Countries tries to identify statistical needs and capacities of the official statistics producing institutions of the 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.

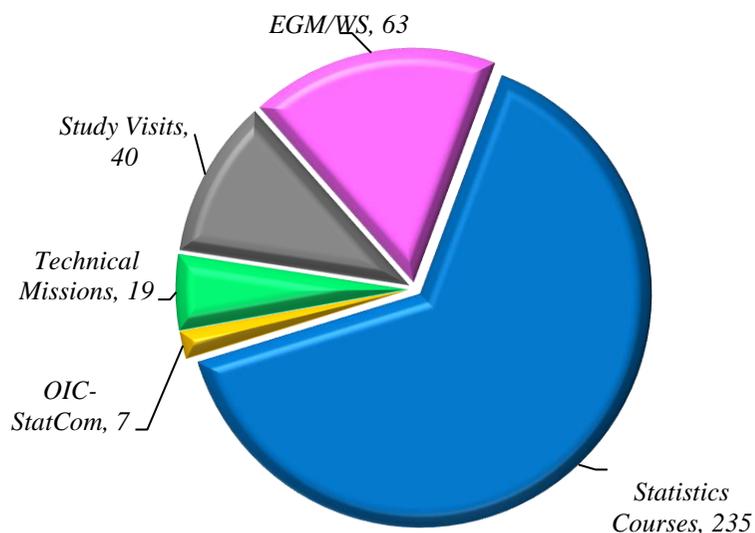
The Centre, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) also reports the implemented activities to the regular sessions of the OIC-StatCom regularly. The StatCaB questionnaire for biennium



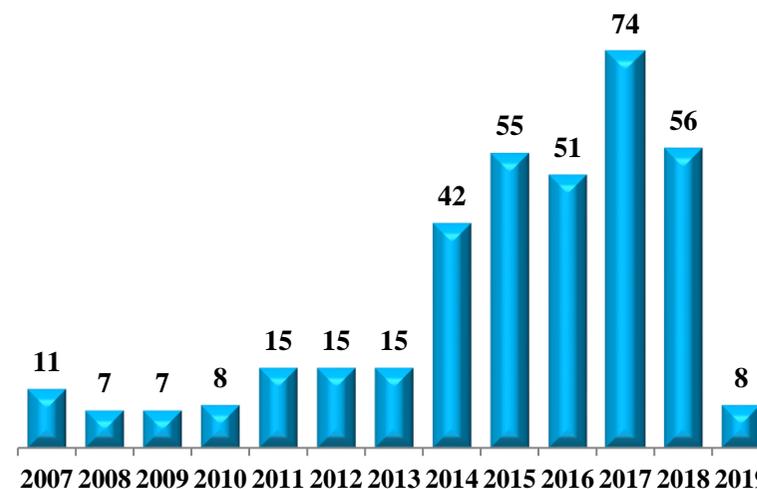
2020-2021 has been circulated to the NSOs, Embassies, Permanent Representatives and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of OIC countries in January 2019 and is available on <http://www.oicstatcom.org/statcab.php> in three official languages of the OIC. Besides, SESRIC will also develop an online StatCaB survey for biennium 2020-2021.

SESRIC exerts every possible effort to expand the coverage of its statistical activities in the OIC member countries. Between 2007 and February 2019, a total of **364 statistical activities** were conducted including **235 short-term statistics courses**, **40 study visits**, **19 technical missions**, **63 expert group meetings and workshops (EGM/WS)**, and **7 OIC-StatCom sessions**.

Number of Statistical Activities Conducted, by Type, 2007 - February 2019



Number of Statistical Activities, by Year, 2007-February 2019



50 OIC member countries and 1 organisation benefitted from the **294 StatCaB programmes including short-term statistics courses, technical missions, and study visits** between 2007 and February 2019. These activities facilitated by SESRIC could not have been realized without the generous support of 25 OIC member countries and 2 organisations since 2007.

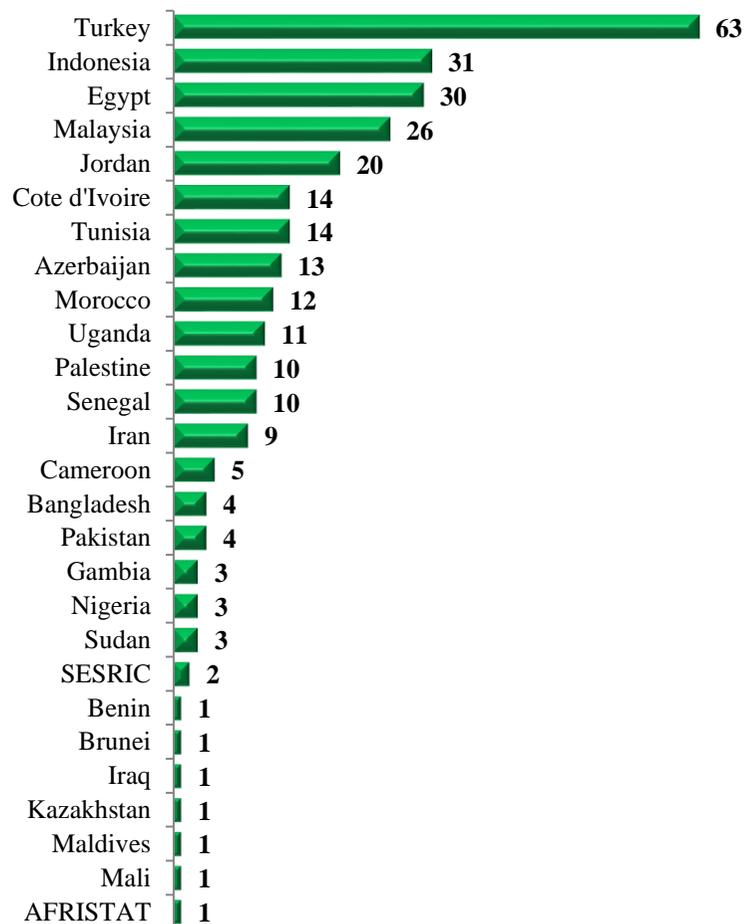
The top ten countries that have contributed to StatCaB since 2007 are Turkey (63), Indonesia (31), Egypt (30), Malaysia (26), Jordan (20), Côte d'Ivoire (14), Tunisia (14), Azerbaijan (13), Morocco (12), and Uganda (11).

From the beneficiary perspective, Azerbaijan (21), Sudan (13), Bangladesh (11), Benin (11), Kazakhstan (11), Qatar (11), Kuwait (10), Malaysia (10), Saudi Arabia (10) and Tajikistan (10) are the top ten countries benefited from StatCaB since 2007.

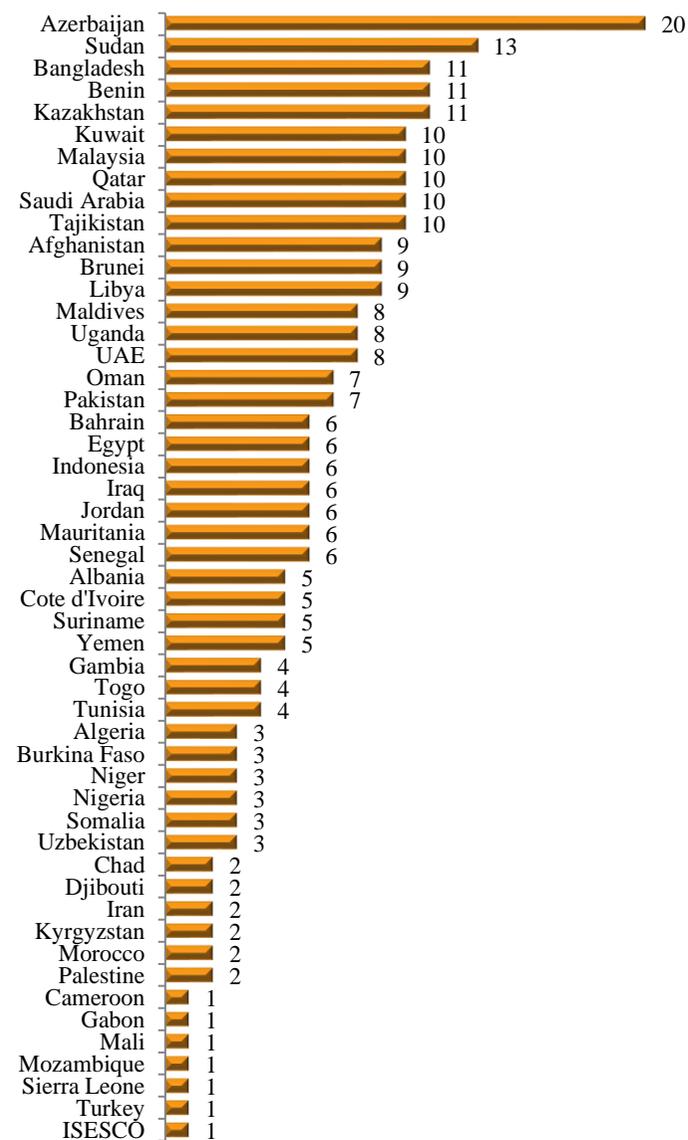


Also in 2018, the first-ever statistical activity in the form of short-term courses facilitated by SESRIC were benefitted to Mozambique and Turkey.

Number of StatCaB Programmes Conducted, by Provider, 2007-February 2019

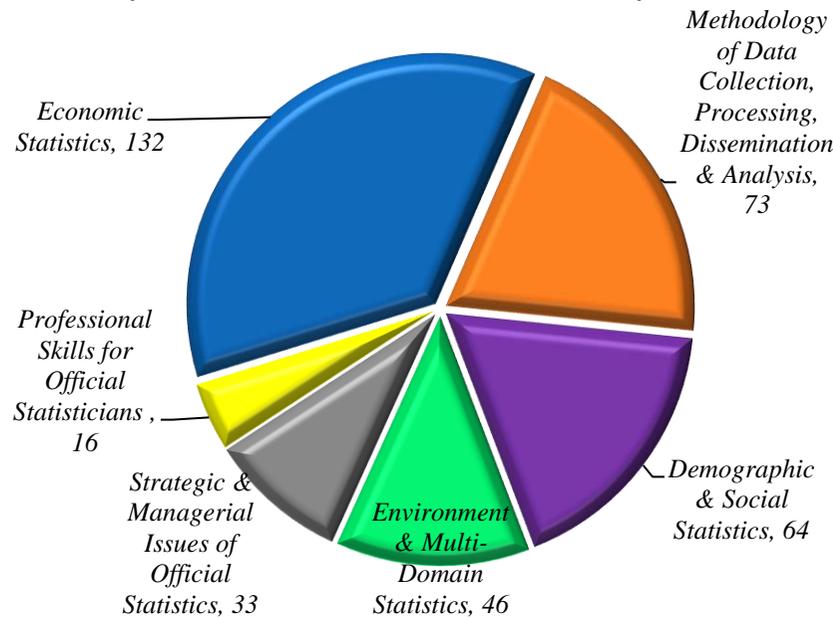


Number of STATCAB Programs Conducted, by Beneficiary, 2007-February 2019



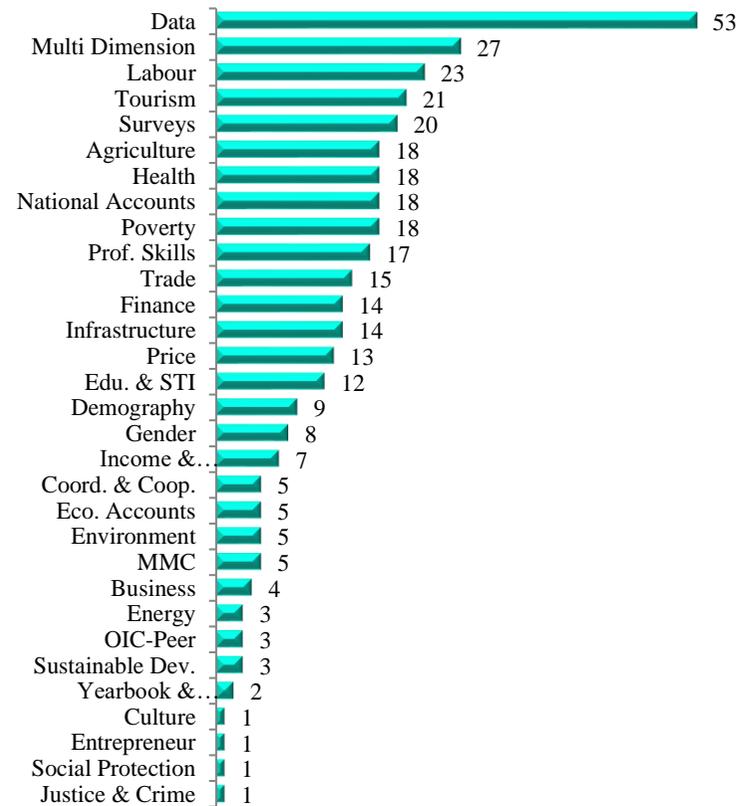
Analyzing the breakdown of the 364 statistical activities conducted between 2007 and February 2019, 132 (36%) of activities are related to economic statistics while 73 (20%) of the statistical programmes are on methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis. Demographic and social statistics is the third domain with 64 activities accounting for 18% of all activities. Environment and multi-domain statistics is another domain where 46 (13%) activities had been conducted. Related to the managerial issues for official statistics, in total 33 activities were realized of which 33 (9%) of them were on strategic and managerial issues of official statistics and 16 (4%) aimed towards improving professional skills for official statisticians.

Number of Statistical Activities Conducted, by Statistical Domains, 2007 - February 2019



The breakdown of the 364 statistical activities conducted between 2007 and February 2019 by theme shows that the top of list hosts 53 data related activities (14%), 27 multi-dimensional statistical activities (8%), 23 labour statistics (6%), 21 tourism statistics (6%), 20 activities related to surveys (6%), 18 agriculture statistics (5%), 18 health statistics (5%), national accounts (5%), 18 poverty statistics (5%), 17 professional skills for official statisticians (5%) and 15 trade statistics (4%).

Number of Statistical Activities Conducted, by Theme, 2007-February 2019



Online Databases and Applications

OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database



The **OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database** is the first and only international official statistics repository on the Member Countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). OICStat is periodically maintained to ensure the dissemination of most up-to-date data through the inclusion of categories and indicators on the OIC Member Countries. Designed with more “user-friendly” features, OICStat currently hosts more than **470 indicators** under **23 categories** dating back to 1985. OICStat is made available online in three official languages of the OIC (Arabic, English, and French). OICStat Database can be accessed on: <http://www.sesric.org/oicstat.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>

OIC Countries in Figures (OIC-CIF)



This module presents the most recent available information and statistical data of OIC member countries under nine sections, namely “Background”, “Geography and Climate”, “Society and Demographics”, “Government and Politics”, “Economy and Sectors”, “OIC Member Countries in Figures”, “International Partnerships”, “Logistics” and “Special Links”.

The profile of each country will be downloadable as a report. The framework of the displayed page can be tailored based on the preferences of the user by selecting the section or indicators to be shown in the country profile report. The current version of member countries in Figures is accessible on:

<http://www.sesric.org/oic-member-countries.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 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 **740 statistics experts**, the Roster of Statistics Experts (ROSE) can be accessed on:

<http://www.sesric.org/rose.php>

SESRIC Motion Charts (SMC)



The **SESRIC Motion Charts (SMC)**, the interactive and dynamic motion chart module available on the SESRIC web site, is fully integrated with 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 charts generated by the SMC Module are rendered within the user's browser using the Adobe Flash technology. The produced charts are time series based bubble charts including two indicators that can be customised by the user to have either linear or logarithmic scale(s) with alternative bubble sizes based on the related indicators.

The SMC application module can be accessed on <http://www.sesric.org/smc.php>

SESRIC Statistical E-Learning Platform (SEP)



The OIC-StatCom Secretariat develops a **Statistical E-learning Platform** (accessible on

<http://www.oicstatcom.org/study-materials.php>) to collect all study materials received from all statistics related activities of SESRIC and other

study manuals prepared by partner institutions.



Statistical Publications

Statistical Yearbook on OIC Member Countries 2018

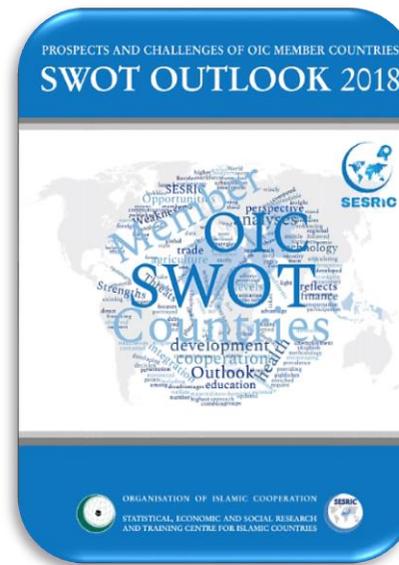


A wide and dependable statistical information base is essential for all kinds of decision-making processes in any society. The Statistical Yearbook of the OIC Member Countries has been published since 1980. The current Statistical Yearbook on OIC Member Countries 2018 covers the periods 2000, 2005, 2010 to 2018 (where possible; otherwise last year

available data after 2010 is reported) under the categories of Agriculture, Demography, Education, Energy, Environment, Gender and Family, Health, Indices, Industry and Manufacturing, Infrastructure, International Finance, Islamic Banking and Finance, Labour and Social Protection, Money and Prices, National Accounts, Private Sector, Public Finance, Science, Technology and Innovation, Tobacco Control, Tourism, Trade, and Water. The Statistical Yearbook on OIC Member Countries 2018 can be accessed through:

<http://www.sesric.org/publications-syb.php>

SWOT Outlook on OIC Member Countries 2018



SESRIC launched the “Prospects and Challenges of OIC Member Countries: SWOT Outlook 2018” during the Seventh Session of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) held in Ankara, Turkey on 2-3 May 2018.

The Prospects and Challenges of OIC Member Countries: SWOT Outlook series have been initiated by SESRIC to provide quick facts across multiple socio-economic

sectors to shed light on the performances and potentials of OIC countries as a group based on the most recent available comparable data and consequently inform the readers about the possible cooperation opportunities among the OIC countries.

The Prospects and Challenges of OIC Member Countries series use the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) methodology for describing the state of OIC Member Countries from these four perspectives by comparing the OIC countries group with the world, non-OIC developing countries, and developed countries. The Strengths and Weaknesses sections reflect current capabilities and limitations of OIC Member Countries, while the Opportunities and Threats sections present the major areas that require immediate policy interventions for converting opportunities into strengths and



avoiding threats before becoming weaknesses that may slow down socio-economic progress.

The SWOT Outlook on OIC member countries 2018 edition can be accessed through:

<http://www.sesric.org/publications-books.php>

OIC Statistical Outlook

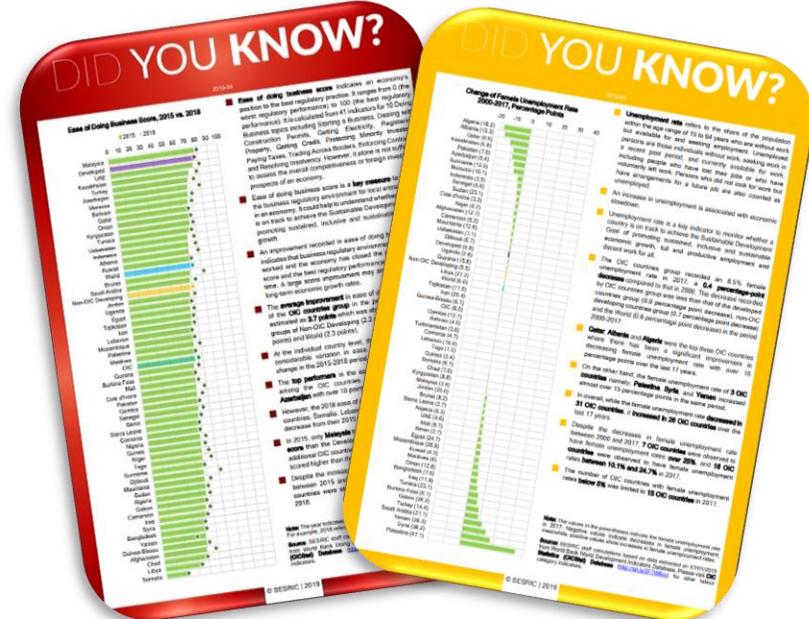


Since January 2019, SESRIC has been issuing the “OIC Statistical Outlook” series as a fortnightly thematic statistical publication which will be merged as a final compendium at the end of each year as the “Statistical Yearbook on OIC Member Countries”. Each OIC Statistical Outlook covers one of the categories hosted at OIC Statistics Database (OICStat). It provides not

only the data for all OIC member countries with OIC and World level aggregate values, where applicable, but also brief analysis with figures reviewing the performance and progress of the OIC member countries in the covered thematic category. The OIC Statistical Outlook can be accessed through:

<http://www.sesric.org/publications-oso.php>

Did You Know Module (DYK)



The Centre’s website hosts the "Did You Know?" module to reflect striking facts about OIC member countries in a simple and user friendly way. It aims to highlight the current situation of OIC member countries on a specific socio-economic variable in a one-page snapshot format. The content of module is regularly updated and enriched with different indicators.

The SESRIC DYK can be accessed through:

<http://www.sesric.org/sesricdidyouknow.php>



SESRIC Statistics Newsletter

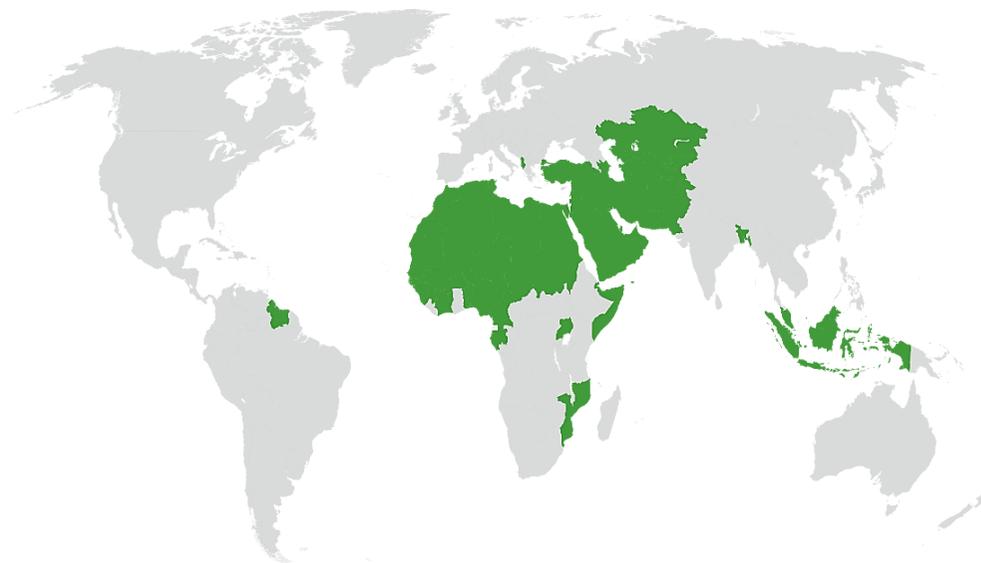


The annual SESRIC Statistics Newsletter has been prepared by the Statistics and Information Department since 2010. The Newsletter covers the most remarkable SESRIC activities in the area of statistics. These encompass foremost activities associated with the OIC Statistical Commission, selected capacity building programmes, and projects undertaken.

The SESRIC Statistics Newsletter can be accessed through:

<http://www.sesric.org/publications-newsletter-oicstat.php>

OIC Member Countries



Afghanistan	Albania	Algeria	Azerbaijan
Bahrain	Bangladesh	Benin	Brunei
Burkina Faso	Cameroon	Chad	Comoros
Cote d'Ivoire	Djibouti	Egypt	Gabon
Gambia	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau	Guyana
Indonesia	Iran	Iraq	Jordan
Kazakhstan	Kuwait	Kyrgyzstan	Lebanon
Libya	Malaysia	Maldives	Mali
Mauritania	Morocco	Mozambique	Niger
Nigeria	Oman	Pakistan	Palestine
Qatar	Saudi Arabia	Senegal	Sierra Leone
Somalia	Sudan	Suriname	Syria
Tajikistan	Togo	Tunisia	Turkey
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