

Institutional Progress Report of SESRIC on OIC-SWG Activities



THIRD MEETING OF OIC STATISTICAL WORKING GROUP

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A Framework for Statistical Coordination among OIC Institutions



Summary of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 1st Meeting of OIC-SWG states that

A document on “***A Framework for Statistical Coordination among OIC Institutions***” will be prepared by SESRIC and the document will be circulated to all OIC institutions for comments before submitting the final version to COMCEC.

A Framework for Statistical Coordination among OIC Institutions



The document with the title

STATISTICAL WORKING GROUP: A PLATFORM FOR COORDINATING STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES AMONG OIC INSTITUTIONS

exists at the web page

<http://www.sesric.org/imgs/news/Image/SWGframeworkv2.pdf>

A Framework for Statistical Coordination among OIC Institutions



SESRIC made a presentation on the initiative of the OIC-SWG at the 24th Session of the COMCEC which was held on 20-24 October 2008 in Istanbul. The Session

- took note of and welcomed the establishment of the OIC-SWG
- appreciated the efforts of the SESRIC and the IDB and the other participating OIC institutions in the OIC-SWG
- called upon the NSOs and other relevant institutions in the member countries to actively cooperate with the OIC-SWG in the areas of data collection and technical cooperation towards realising consistent and high quality statistical database on various socio-economic fields in the member countries that would make them better informed of each other's potentials and needs and, thus, facilitate their elaboration of cooperation projects and integration schemes.
- requested the SESRIC to report on the activities of the OIC-SWG to the annual sessions of the COMCEC and Follow-up Committee Meetings

SESRIC reported on the activities of the OIC-SWG at all of the following annual sessions of COMCEC and the Follow-up Committee Meetings

Common Questionnaire for OIC Institutions



Summary of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 1st Meeting of OIC-SWG recommended to develop a common questionnaire and give the task to SESRIC and IDB for Socio-Economic and Financial Statistics.

Common Questionnaire for OIC Institutions



SESRIC developed *Online Data Submission System*. In fact this is an *Online Questionnaire* since through this system member countries can enter their data for 237 Socio-Economic variables for a period starting from 1970.

Common Questionnaire for OIC Institutions



SESRIC propose OIC-SWG to

- Instead of collecting data from NSO that is already available at international level, to collect data for new indicators specific to Islamic Ummah

Common Questionnaire for OIC Institutions



SESRIC propose OIC-SWG to

- Follow the outcomes of the Experts Group Meeting on New Indicators organized by SESRIC and Department of Statistics, Jordan on 21-22 December 2010 in Amman.

Experts Group Meeting on New Indicators



In the last decade, the shift in development landscape have been putting more pressure on the OIC NSOs to provide statistical services to support the demand for new indicators such as early warning systems, climate change and Islamic statistics. Accordingly, during the Meeting of the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries which was held in Istanbul on 22-23 March 2010, the representatives of the Meeting agreed to set up an Experts Group Meeting to look into these issues.

Experts Group Meeting on New Indicators



Summary of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 2nd Meeting of OIC-SWG recommended to include to the common questionnaire Islamic Indicators such as zakah, awqaf, Islamic finance and banking which **coincide** with the indicators discussed during the Experts Group Meeting on New Indicators.

Experts Group Meeting on New Indicators



Experts Group Meeting discussed on

- Environmental Indicators
- Islamic Indicators such as Alms (Zakat) - Charity - Endowments - Banking - Companies - Development

1st Session of OIC-SC



SESRIC propose to put in the agenda of the 1st Session of OIC-SC which will be held in the first half of 2011 in Istanbul a special session on

- Determination of new indicators
- Outcomes of Experts Group Meeting on New Indicators
- To organise SWG Meetings together with OIC-SC in order to ensure participation of NSO

Definitions and Aggregation Methodologies



Summary of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 1st Meeting of OIC-SWG recommended to standardize

- definitions of various indicators used in databases and publications of OIC Institutions.
- methodologies for calculating aggregation

and give the task to SESRIC and IDB for Socio-Economic and Financial Statistics.

Definitions and Aggregation Methodologies



- Now it is possible to reach the definition of each indicator through BASEIND, a data dissemination system of SESRIC. This system currently contains data on 257 socio-economic variables under 17 categories for the 57 OIC Member Countries dating back to 1970.
- The definitions that exist in BASEIND are internationally accepted and used commonly by most of the international organizations but there is still debate going on standardization of the definitions globally. For this reason, SESRIC propose OIC-SWG to continue to discussing on them extensively.

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Statistical Capacity Building



Summary of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 1st Meeting of OIC-SWG recommended to share information on statistical capacity building programs/activities and coordinate among the OIC Institutions. It was decided that SESRIC and IDB will prepare a document on the coordination of statistical capacity development.

OIC-SWG Newsletter



In the 2nd Meeting of the OIC-SWG, the participants agreed to

- introduce a new OIC-SWG Newsletter with the aim of reaching out to a wider mass of audiences and communicate the developments and initiatives taking place at different OIC institutions in the area of statistical capacity building.

and the participants assigned

- SESRIC with the responsibility to manage the OIC-SWG Newsletter.

OIC-SWG Newsletter



- The OIC-SWG Newsletter is published in English, Arabic and French on a semi-annual basis in June and December.
- The themes covered in the OIC-SWG Newsletter are news from the OIC-SWG, news from the OIC institutions, news from the NSOs of the member states and news from other international organisations.
- June 2010 issue is available now. We have not published the December 2010 issue yet for it might be very useful to get your valuable comments during this 3rd Meeting of the OIC-SWG.

OIC-SWG Newsletter



- SESRIC propose all of the OIC institutions to report their six months training programmes to be adjoined in the OIC-SWG Newsletter.
- SESRIC distributes this publication to all the NSOs of the member states, so that they can, hence, be informed of any planned training programme or statistical activity.
- More important than this, OIC institutions will have the chance to share, exchange and provide important data on these programmes and then it may be possible to combine some of the programmes if a coincide do exists.

Technical Cooperation



SESRIC facilitates building of platforms to enhance cooperation among the NSOs of the OIC member countries. In this regard, the Centre organizes two important series of meetings annually:

- Side event of the sessions of the UN Statistical Commission, which are held in New York annually
- Sessions of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-SC) in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

Technical Cooperation



The OIC-SC can be a good platform where the NSOs can be presented the activities of OIC-SWG and can be asked for their valuable opinions. For this reason, SESRIC proposes a special session to be included within the agenda of the 1st Session of the OIC-SC which is planned to be held in the first half of 2011 in Istanbul related to the activities of OIC-SWG.

Technical Cooperation



- Summary of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 1st Meeting of OIC-SWG request SESRIC to also represent the OIC-SWG in the UN Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA).
- SESRIC attended to all of the Sessions of the CCSA and information related to these Sessions can be found at the web page

<http://www.sesric.org/activities-swg.php>

Technical Cooperation



SESRIC propose OIC-SWG to create task groups for the following items:

- Determination of new indicators
- National Strategies for Development of Statistics (NSDS)
- Determination of definitions and aggregates
- Determination of means of improving the web sites of NSOs

These task groups can suggest some of the NSOs to join the group during the 1st Session of OIC-SC.

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