

# SESRIC JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

"Cooperation for Development"

Title	Researcher	Class	Professional Officer
Department	Statistics and Information	Immediate Supervisor	Director of Statistics and Information
Location	Ankara / Turkey	Position	Full-time
		<b>Application Deadline</b>	10 August 2018

#### JOB DESCRIPTION / DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

# **Job Description Summary**

The Researcher will join the Statistics and Information Department of SESRIC and undertake statistical research work, monitoring and supervision of the projects and Department's activities on the (i) collection, analysis, and dissemination of data; (ii) conceptualisation and management of statistical information systems; and (iii) development and implementation of various statistical projects. The Researcher may also attend relevant various level statistical meetings to represent the Centre and present the outcomes of the statistical research work undertaken.

### **Main Responsibilities and Duties**

- Monitor and steer collection, compilation, processing, and analysis of large datasets required for the Centre's databases, statistical publications, and research agenda.
- Design and maintain databases and rosters relevant to different initiatives of the Centre and ensure their regular update.
- Guide and supervise the design of statistical surveys and development of questionnaires.
- Shoulder a leading role in the preparation, review, and summarisation of statistical reports and publications (including tables and graphs within) on OIC member countries.
- Contribute actively to designing of infographics and other statistical visuals.
- Conceptualise statistical projects on OIC member countries and supervise their implementation/follow-up together with development of relevant documentation.
- Oversee the planning, organisation and delivery of statistical courses, missions, and study visits for the National Statistical Systems of OIC member countries.
- Participate in missions relevant to official statistics and attend international and regional meetings, seminars, or conferences.
- Contribute to annual planning of the Department's activities.

# JOB REQUIREMENTS

## **Educational and Skill Requirements**

- At least a Master's level degree (PhD degree is a plus) in Statistics, Data Science, Computer Science (with a focus on Database Management), Business Administration (preferably Operations Research or Quantitative Methods focus), International Development, Economics, Econometrics, Survey Design and Sampling or any relevant discipline.
- Proven experience with at least two of the following topics and familiarity with the remaining ones with a focus on preferably OIC and/or developing countries, where appropriate. The topics on which the applicant has experience need to be indicated in the application to be submitted: Addis Ababa Action Agenda; Big Data; Biodiversity Indicator Development Framework; Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data: Classification of Statistical Activities: Composite Indicators/Indices; Data Revolution; Electronic Data Interchange Protocols including SDMX; Evidence-Based Decision Making; Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics; Islamic Finance Indicators; Islamic Tourism Indicators; Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); MDG Indicators; Micro Data; Multidimensional Poverty Measurement; National and Regional Strategies for Development of Statistics; Official Development Assistance Statistics including TOSSD; Open Data; Open Government; Open Source and/or Proprietary Statistical Computing Tools; Peer Review Mechanism; Principles Governing International Statistical Activities; Post-Truth World; Science, Technology, and Innovation Statistics; Statistical Capacity Development 4.0; Statistical Code of Practice; Statistical Literacy; Statistical Policy Advocacy and Dialogue; Statistical Strategy Formulation; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); SDG Global Indicator Framework; and Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics.
- Proven record of quantitative analysis, comfortably working with large datasets (portfolio submission may be required), and data visualization skills with advanced MS Excel skills.
- Excellent communication and drafting skills to present ideas and findings to broader audiences with varying backgrounds.

#### **Language Requirements**

- Advanced oral and written skills in English;
- Arabic and/or French would be desirable. Turkish is a plus.

#### **Work Experience**

- At least 3 years of relevant work experience on the aforementioned areas;
- Previous work experience at intergovernmental organizations would be an asset.

## **Other Requirements**

- Understand current issues and debates relevant to the statistical and developmental challenges in OIC countries;
- Ability to work under pressing deadlines on multiple projects simultaneously;
- Establish effective cross-cultural communication with the related stakeholders;
- Act as a true role model through words, behaviours and actions;
- Stick rigorously to time table to get her/his tasks completed on time;
- Adhere to produce high-quality work and demonstrate high-performance;
- Work enthusiastically with her/his colleagues and immediate supervisor;
- Attend relevant training and self-development opportunities in order to fulfil the requirements of the post;
- Realize and embrace the vision and the broader goals of the Centre and OIC;
- To be a Muslim national of the member countries.

# **Key Personal Attributes**

- *Self-Starter*: Ability to independently investigate statistical issues and problems, reaching logical conclusions and assessing their impact on the Centre and National Statistical Systems of OIC countries.
- *Team Work*: Ability to work cooperatively and collaboratively with her/his colleagues and to have a flexible approach in order to achieve a common goal. Skilful in sharing ideas, expertise and experience with others.
- *Communication*: Strong verbal and written communication skills and the ability to explain various statistical concepts to non-expert audiences simply and succinctly. Effective cross-cultural communication skills are a plus.
- Work under Pressure: Ability to meet multiple deadlines in a fast-paced work environment and react positively under pressure
- *Technical Competencies*: Strong reporting, data management, presentation skills with international knowledge and experience and ability to use statistics software. Extensive knowledge in theories related to statistics and development economics and ability to complete multiple tasks are highly important.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Applicants are kindly requested to send a cover letter/statement of interest together with a detailed curriculum vitae until 10 August 2018 *cob* at latest. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The subject line of the e-mail should include "Job Opportunities for Researcher".

E-mail for Applications: hr@sesric.org