

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF OIC-STATCOM
12-14 May 2015, Ankara – Turkey

12 May 2015	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:30	Opening Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Recitation of Verses from the Holy Quran b) Welcome Addresses by the Chair, COMCEC, OIC, IDB and SESRIC c) Opening Remarks by the Heads of NSOs of African, Arab, and Asian Groups d) Adoption of the Agenda e) Election of the Members of the Bureau (Chair, Vice Chairs and Rapporteur) for the Biennium 2015-2016 f) Family photo
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	<i>Implemented and Planned Activities of the OIC-StatCom</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhancing National Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics (2013-SESRIC-028 & 2014-SESRIC-016) 2. Improving Statistical Capacities of Tourism Sector in the Mediterranean and Gulf Region of OIC (2013-SESRIC-111) 3. OIC Accreditation and Certification Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS) 4. Integration of the ‘Tobacco Questions for Surveys’ (TQS) into the National Surveys in OIC Member Countries 5. Islamic Banking and Finance Statistics (IBFStat)
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch & Prayer Break</i>
14:30 – 16:00	<i>Modernisation of NSSs of OIC Member Countries through Innovative Approaches and Effective Usage of Alternative Channels in Communicating Official Statistics</i>
	<p>To design and monitor effective policies, accurate and timely data is highly vital for decision makers. Thanks to the advancements in information and communications technology (ICT), the demand for and supply of data keep on increasing. This pace of change necessitates a new agenda for official statisticians in terms of modernisation of the current environment.</p> <p>Additionally, a growing number of NSOs use strategic communication channels to ensure that the stakeholders are aware of what NSOs have already achieved and what they are currently planning. Against this background, some NSOs use not only traditional channels but also new communication channels; such as, social media tools, which pose new opportunities and challenges for them. The media workers are one group that frequently use these new channels to communicate information to others and their true perception of official statistics is the key to correctly informing people. In this sense, developing statistical awareness and outreach programmes gain importance to alleviate misunderstandings between the data producers and users.</p> <p>This session aims at exploring the ways of harnessing the innovative and transformational power of ICT for official statistics in OIC member countries. Furthermore, this session will give the opportunity to the member countries to share their challenges, practices and lessons learnt in modernising their NSSs given the requirements of big data, open data, and data revolution to monitor and measure progress with regards to the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals, and designing communication toolkits to effectively convey information to both internal and external stakeholders in an accurate, efficient and comprehensive manner. The representatives of relevant international agencies will present their approaches for the abovementioned themes.</p>
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:15 – 17:45	<i>Modernisation of NSSs of OIC Member Countries through Innovative Approaches and Effective Usage of Alternative Channels in Communicating Official Statistics (continued)</i>
19:00	<i>Gala Dinner</i>

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09:30 – 11:15	<p><i>Monitoring and Evaluation Systems (Peer Assessment) for Official Statistics towards a More Efficiently Functioning National Statistical System</i></p> <p>Evaluation is about assessment and making inductions on activities under concern by benefiting from the quantitative or qualitative data produced during monitoring which is an essential part of good project management. As the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) processes require a sound statistical infrastructure, the inclusion of the stakeholders of the NSS into the M&E process is needed.</p> <p>This session aims at informing the participants about the Codes of Practices adopted by NSOs of OIC member countries and sharing their M&E practices such as light peer assessments (LPRs) and adapted global assessments (AGAs). The international organisations active in M&E of NSOs are also expected to introduce their approach on these matters.</p>
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>Strategic Priorities for National Actions to Transform NSSs to Embrace Post-2015 Development Agenda</i></p> <p>The most prominent feature that distinguishes post-2015 development agenda from its predecessors is its focus on robust monitoring and evaluation (M&E) processes at different strata to hold relevant stakeholders accountable for their actions concerning progress. This will, indeed, require a transition from the existing National Statistical Systems (NSS) to modern constructs where the implementation of the post-2015 agenda at the country level is monitored in close orchestration of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs), statistics units of line ministries, and other public and civil entities producing data.</p> <p>This session aims at exploring the capacity levels of OIC member countries to produce the data required by the SDGs; the priority data gaps encountered by OIC member countries and how to close them; and the efficient orchestration mechanisms of the agencies under the NSSs to become modern entities for the production and dissemination of data in the post-2015 period.</p> <p>In this regard, to promote and influence statistical capacity development, this session will also aim at thinking over new approaches that will further improve coordination of statistical programmes developed by international organisations through assessing the coherence of existing global statistical programmes, taking into account the tentative list of goals, targets and indicators for sustainable development and linking new political agendas and reporting obligations in the post-2015 period.</p>
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch & Prayer Break</i>
14:30 – 16:00	<i>Strategic Priorities for National Actions to Transform NSSs to Embrace Post-2015 Development Agenda (continued)</i>
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:15 – 17:45	<p>Open Discussion and Closing Session</p> <p>Adoption of Resolutions</p>

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09:30 – 13:00	Social Event
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