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Progress Report on OIC-CPOS: OIC Accreditation and Certification Programme for Official Statisticians

1 Introduction

Aiming at certifying the expertise and knowledge of official statistics professionals in the OIC Member Countries, the OIC Accreditation and Certification Programme for Official Statisticians (OIC-CPOS) project further aims at recognizing those who have achieved an acceptable level of professional competence in the understanding and application of statistical methods and are bound by internationally accepted code of ethics, principles and good practices of Official Statistics.

Based on the proposal during the First Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) in 2011, the OIC-StatCom Working Group on the Development of a Certification and Accreditation Programme for Statistical Professionals was established. This working group presented the conceptual and methodological background of accreditation programme in its first year of action and Terms of Reference (ToR) during the Second Session of OIC-StatCom. The OIC-StatCom members approved the accreditation process, also requested SESRIC and IDB to actively support the implementation of the Programme in both human and financial resources.

Based on the relevant resolution item of the Third Session of OIC-StatCom in 2013, the IDB allocated USD 100,000 for the first phase of the project. The Fourth Session of OIC-StatCom in 2014 invited the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the OIC Member Countries to become a member of the Certification Advisory Board (CAB), nominate competent experts to the Examination Committee (ExCom), and promote the Basic Level Examination for the OIC-CPOS.

2 Certification Advisory Board

The Certification Advisory Board (CAB) is the most senior body under OIC-CPOS. The CAB is expected to, among others:

- supervise and observe at high level the implementation of the OIC-CPOS Project;
- prioritise and decide on the themes of the Basic Level Certification Exam; and
- approve the appointment of the ExCom members.

Based on the abovementioned resolution item of the Fourth Session of OIC-StatCom, the OIC-StatCom Secretariat invited all members on 30 May 2014 to become a member of the CAB by submitting nominations preferably at the Director General/President or Assistant Director General/Vice President level. Based on the responses received, the following 19 OIC Member Countries submitted their nominations for the CAB:

	Country	Name	Title
1	Bahrain	Nabil BenShams	Director General of Statistics Department
2	Bangladesh	Golam Mostafa Kamal	Director General
3	Cameroon	Joseph Guy Benjamin She Etoundi	Deputy Director General
4	Comoros	Ahmed Djoumoi	Coordinator
5	Egypt	Ayat Esmaeil	Under Secretary for Statistical Training Centre
6	Gambia	Nyakassi M.B. Sanyang	Statistician General
7	Iran	Mohammad Sadegh Alipour	Department Head for Economic Statistics and National Accounts
8	Jordan	Qasem AlZoubi	Director General
9	Kazakhstan	Zhasser Jarkinbayev	Assistant Director General
10	Kuwait	Mona Al-Daas	Assistant Undersecretary for Statistical Work Sector
11	Mauritania	Taleb Abderrahmane El Mahjoub	General Deputy Director
12	Oman	Yousuf Mohamed Al-Riyami	Director of Strategies, Human Recourse and Quality Assurance
13	Palestine	Enaia Zidan	Assistant to PCBS President for Statistical Affairs
14	Qatar	Wadha Al Jabor	First Statistical Researcher
15	Senegal	Mamadou Falou Mbengue	Assistant Director General
16	Sudan	El Alim Abd Elghani Mohamed	Director of Financial & Economic Surveys
17	Togo	Tchilabalo Bozobendou Telou	Head of Studies Department
18	Turkey	Nilgün Dorsan	Acting Head of Metadata and Standards Dept
19	Yemen	Tareq Alkebsi	Deputy Chairman Assistant of CSO

3 Examination Committee

The OIC-StatCom Secretariat also called for the nomination of experts for the Examination Committee (ExCom) of OIC-CPOS, preferably with at least 10 years of experience, who are competent in one of the following statistical domains as given in accordance with the Classification of Statistical Activities (CSA, Revision 1 - October 2009, accessible on <http://goo.gl/olg3Tz>):

- Demographic and Social Statistics;
- Economic Statistics;
- Environment and Multi-Domain Statistics;
- Methodology of Data Collection, Processing, Dissemination and Analysis; or
- Strategic and Managerial Issues of Official Statistics

The members of the ExCom are expected to duly carry out the duties of:

- drafting the official curricula for the Basic Level Certification Exam themes specified by the CAB;
- drafting the structure, timetable, admission criteria, and outlines of training materials of the Basic Level Certification Exam;
- preparing the training materials and questions of the Basic Level Certification Exam.

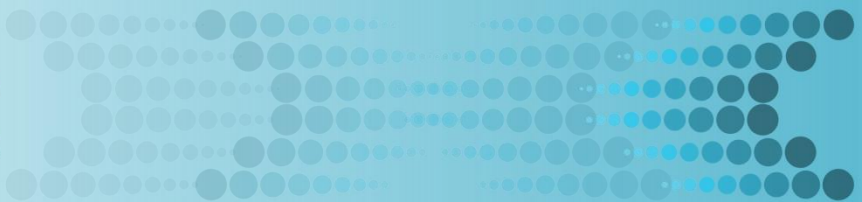
36 experts have been nominated for the ExCom by 17 OIC Member Countries. The OIC-StatCom Secretariat made an initial evaluation among from the nominations and found out that 33 experts from 17 OIC Member Countries appear to have the necessary experience to be working as an ExCom member for the preparation of the relevant training materials and examination questions on 47 statistical activities as per the CSA taxonomy. So far, 27 experts from the initial nominations reiterated their willingness to work for the ExCom.

In the meantime, the OIC-StatCom Secretariat prepared the Service Contracts and Terms of Reference to be sent to the ExCom members.

4 Conclusion and the Way Forward

The OIC-StatCom Secretariat has exerted efforts in bringing the OIC-CPOS project to a mature level. In this respect, the training materials and examination questions are planned to be completed by the end of February 2016.

From this end, the OIC-StatCom Secretariat would like to proceed with the signing of the contracts with the current body of the ExCom members. As per the initial allocation of



100,000 USD by the IDB for the Basic Level Examinations under the OIC-CPOS, the services of the ExCom members will be remunerated up to 40,000 USD in total.

In addition, the OIC-StatCom Secretariat would like to proceed with the acquisition of the services for the development and maintenance of an e-learning and online examination platform for the dissemination which has been budgeted around 30,000 USD. The remaining amount up to 30,000 USD has been reserved for a meeting with the involvement of the CAB and ExCom members in 2016.