## Enhancing South-South Cooperation in Statistical Capacity Building

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Dr. Savas Alpay Director General Capacity building is the backbone of strengthening the society's ability to stand future changes and challenges. It may also be considered as a hedging technique by its flexibility and functionality to serve adapting the necessary change in long term for the entity in focus.

Capacity Building is the generation of an enabling environment with appropriate policy and legal frameworks, including community participation, human resources development and strengthening of managerial systems.

- Capacity building may be seen as direct investment for a better future for coming generations.
- As in many different areas, capacity building in statistics is very critical.
- For the period 2007–2009 (PRESS 2009):
  - Financial disbursements to statistical development amounted to roughly US\$ 785 million.
  - Financial commitments to ongoing statistical development amounted to roughly US\$ 1.4 billion.
  - Thirteen countries (Afghanistan, Albania, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, and Ukraine) had estimated disbursements that combined to total nearly 40% of worldwide estimated disbursements and 55% of total countryspecific disbursements.
  - For most of these recipient countries, disbursements represented around 0.1% of their GDP.

Development of concrete and coherent National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) should be given special attention

NSDS should be designed to enable NSOs to produce and analyse national statistics for better development policies and strategies in the country NSDS Progress Report of PARIS21 presents the status of National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) in IDA borrower countries, Lower Middle Income countries and some Upper Middle Income Countries

> Among these countries, 45 are members of OIC

- For Kazakhstan and Turkey, World Bank Bulletin Board on Statistical Capacity provides similar information
- Qatar presents its NSDS status at Statistics Authority website
- Information about current NSDS status is available for 48 OIC member countries

> 30 OIC countries are currently implementing a strategy

Four OIC countries are currently designing a strategy or awaiting adoption

> 13 OIC countries have strategies expired or they have no strategy and are currently planning an NSDS

One OIC country has no strategy and is not planning one

#### Status of NSDS in OIC Countries

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	Afghanistan Albania Algeria Azerbaijan Benin Burkina Faso Comoros Cote d'Ivoire Gambia Indonesia Iran Jordan Kazakhstan* Kyrgyzstan Mali	Mauritania Morocco Mozambique Niger Nigeria Palestine Qatar* Senegal Sierra Leone Syria Tajikistan Tunisia Turkey* Uganda Yemen	Cameroon Djibouti Guinea Togo	Bangladesh Chad Egypt Gabon Guinea-Bissau Guyana Iraq Libya Maldives Pakistan Sudan Uzbekistan Somalia	Turkmenistan

Partner countries and institutions that supported statistics either financially or non-financially in the OIC countries in 2009 & 2010

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Australia Belgium Canada Czech Rep. Denmark	Luxembourg Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal	ACBF AfDB AFRISTAT AsDB Development	ILO IMF IsDB SESRIC UNESCWA		
Finland France Germany Italy Japan Korea Rep.	Spain Sweden Switzerland Turkey UK USA	Gateway E.C. EFTA FAO IaDB HMN IDB	UNICEF UNCTAD UNDP UNFPA UNSD UNWTO World Bank		

List of partner countries does not include any OIC countries except Turkey

OIC member countries should start reporting their activities on technical and financial assistance to PARIS21

Higher effectiveness, better coordination and enhanced visibility World Bank produces a statistical capacity index, which is available for 46 OIC countries

> 46 OIC member countries are classified as either "doing quite well" or "there are things to be done"

*"doing quite well"* : Improvement in performance

"there are things to be done": Fluctuating performance

Doing Q	uite Well	There are Things to be Done			
Albania	Morocco	Afghanistan	Libya		
Azerbaijan	Mozambique	Algeria	Maldives		
Bangladesh	Pakistan	Benin	Mali		
Comoros	Senegal	Burkina Faso	Mauritania		
Egypt	Tajikistan	Cameroon	Niger		
Indonesia	Tunisia	Chad	Nigeria		
Jordan	Turkey	Cote d'Ivoire	Sierra Leone		
Kazakhstan	Uzbekistan	Djibouti	Somalia		
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		Gambia	Syria		
		Guinea	Togo		
		Guinea-Bissau	Turkmenistar		
		Guyana	Uganda		
		Iran	Yemen		
		Iraq			

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## SESRIC Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme for OIC Member Countries

- Technical Cooperation is strongly voiced by the OIC Member Countries in many different areas including statistics.
- However, the level of implementation is not satisfactory.
- Strong need for intermediation and tools for the facilitation of promised technical cooperation among the members.

NSOs in some OIC countries have high-quality and cutting-edge operational capacities

NSOs in others, particularly in LDCs, lack necessary technical and human capacities

The StatCaB Programme of SESRIC is an action towards the enhancement of technical cooperation among the member countries in the face of these challenges.

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#### **SESRIC-StatCaB**

- Collecting information on needs and capacities from NSOs by conducting Surveys
- Assessing the needs and capacities of NSOs in the relevant areas given their responses to these surveys
- Matching the NSOs considering the needs and capacities as well as language, geography etc.
- Implementing training programmes by organising short-term courses or workshops
- Reviewing the programme by evaluating the outcomes and impacts of the training courses in order to develop a sustainable capacity building



StatCaB Programme was initiated in early 2007

The first round training courses of 2007 and 2008 were designed based on responses to surveys that were sent to the OIC countries in 2006

In 2008, SESRIC implemented a new round of surveys on statistical capacity; responses shaped 2009 and 2010 StatCaB programmes

Training courses were given to hundreds of NSO staff from 17 OIC countries in 2007 through 2010

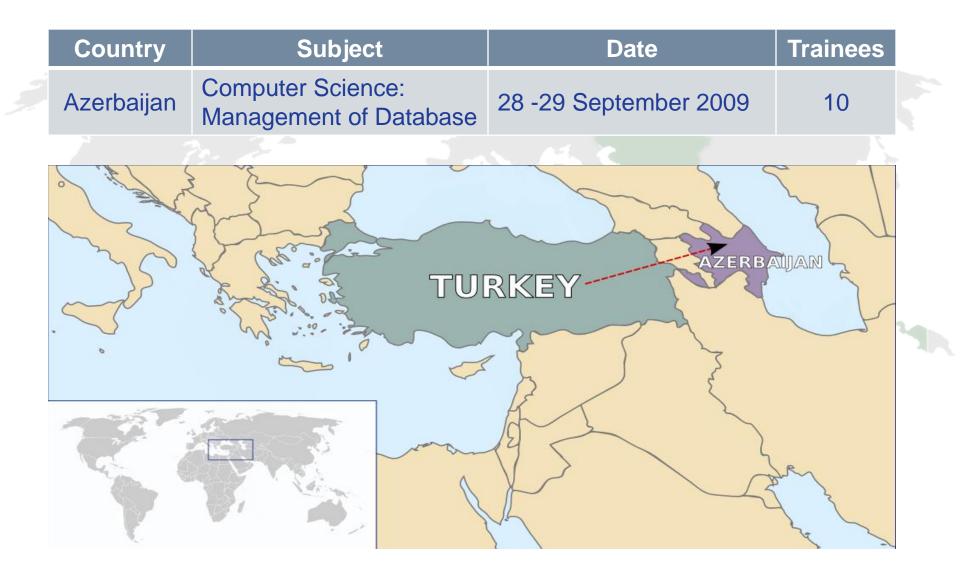
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- Agriculture Statistics
- Computer Science: Management of Database
- Education and Training Statistics
- Environmental Statistics
- Gender Statistics
- Government Finance Statistics
- Health Statistics
- Information Technology
- International Trade Statistics
- Labour Statistics
- MDGs Related Statistics

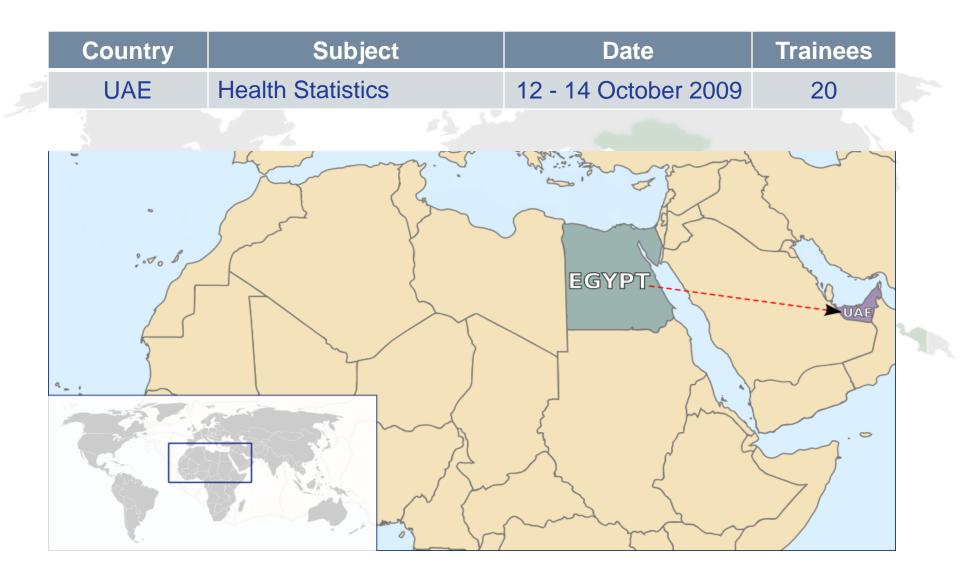
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- National Accounts
- Price Statistics
- Population and Demography
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- Real Sector Statistics
- Science, Technology and Patent Statistics
- Service Sector Statistics
- Statistical Data Analysis
- Strategic Management and Planning
- **Tourism Statistics**
- Transport and Communication Statistics

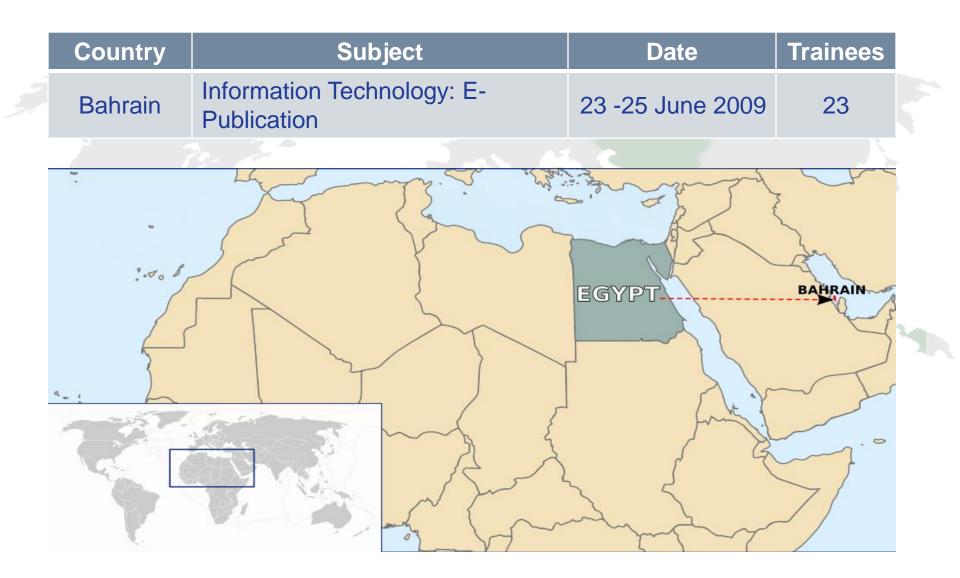
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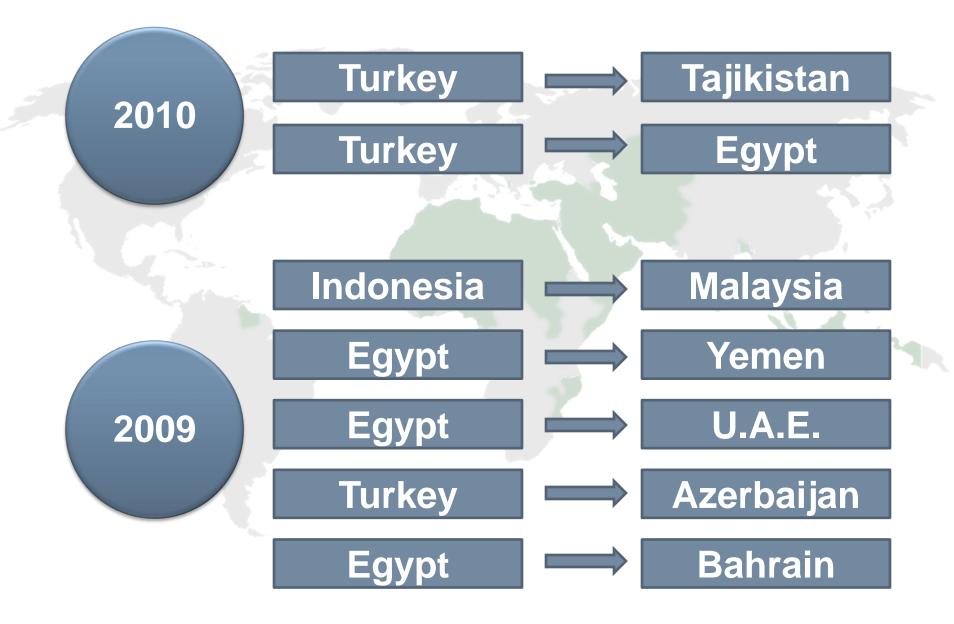
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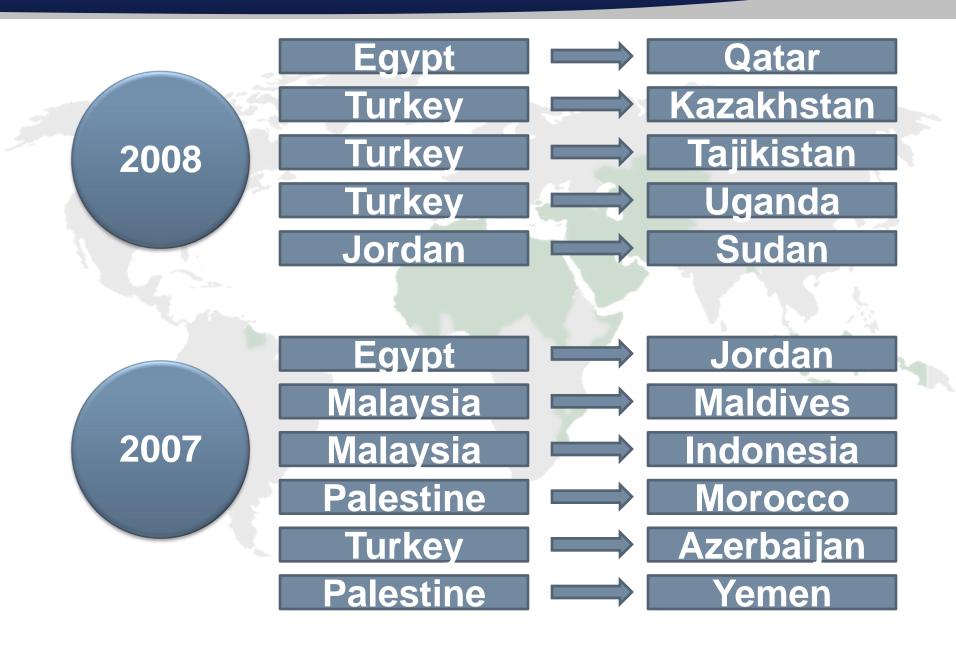


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### SESRIC encourages NSOs of OIC countries to respond to surveys

> To determine their capacities and needs

To increase the number of activities within StatCaB programme

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	Group (SWG)						

### Questionnaire



#### STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC – ANKARA CENTRE)

#### QUESTIONNAIRE ON STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (CBP) - NATIONAL STATISTICAL ORGANISATIONS OF THE OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES -

#### Please:

(1) Download this form to your PC

(2) Fill the Form electronically and save it

(3) Send it back to: training@sesric.org

The implemented training programmes will be published online at SESRIC website and announced to the most relevant national, regional and international institutions.

#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Please provide us with information regarding your institution:

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The program is being strengthened by surveys regarding the implementation of the training courses and their impacts:

Participants provide their feedback on the efficiency of the course right after the event.

The beneficiary institutions provide feedback on the contribution of the course in their relevant statistical activities six months after the course.

Trainers (Experts) also provide their own assessment.

**A South-South Cooperation Initiative** 

The SESRIC-StatCaB Programme for the OIC member countries is an example of South-South cooperation.

The Programme has increased the synergy between the NSOs of the member countries.

**Similar Conditions – Higher Efficiency** 

Within the Programme, the provider and the beneficiary countries with similar socioeconomic conditions are matched.

The similarities of the socio-economic conditions of the trainers and the trainees help well understanding of each other, and this improves the efficiency of the Programme.



**Cost Efficiency** 

The programme is designed in the framework of technical cooperation of the NSOs of the member countries (Lower Cost).

All staff of the beneficiary institution is able to participate on-site training (Higher Participation).

## **Pool of Trainers**

A pool of trainers in various fields has been developed since 2007, the start of SESRIC-StatCaB programme after the first survey in the last quarter of 2006.

These trainers are primarily statistics producers, aware of the practical problems and the solutions to these problems. SESRIC facilitates building of platforms to enhance cooperation among NSOs of OIC countries

SESRIC organizes two series of annual meetings

- NY Meetings as a Side Event of the sessions of UN Statistical Commission
- Sessions of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-SC) annually (in collaboration with IDB)

In these meetings, NSOs find an opportunity

- To exchange views
- > To seek mechanisms to enhance cooperation on statistical activities

SESRIC and IDB initiated OIC Statistical Working Group (OIC-SWG)

Relevant OIC Institutions and NSOs of some OIC countries meet regularly to harmonize statistical activities, exchange experiences, and develop common methodologies

SESRIC reports on the activities of this working group to the Ministerial Session of COMCEC

#### > OIC-SWG Newsletter

It is published twice a year, with the aim of reaching out to a broader audience and communicating developments and initiatives that take place at OIC institutions in the area of statistical capacity building

#### Newsletter covers the news about statistical activities

- > OIC-SWG
- > OIC institutions
- The NSOs of the OIC member countries
- Other relevant international organisations.

SESRIC encourages NSOs to provide information about developments at their institutions to Newsletter

#### **Technical Cooperation**



## sesrifuture Rounds of SESRIC-StatCaB Programme

The number of activities will be increased and the events will cover more member countries.

Training of the trainers" type courses are being planned to make the Programme more effective.

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