Activities of TCE 3

Accreditation and Certification Program for Official Statistical Professionals in OIC Member Countries (OStat Program)

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Outline

✓ Brief history of the Programme

✓ Activities realised during 2012-2013

✓ Identification of cost items for full-implementation

✓ Future activities & actions/decisions to be taken

Brief history of initiative

1st session OIC-StatCom launched new study based on CIO-Bahrain proposal and under their leadership :

Development of Accreditation and Certification Programme for the Official Statistics Professionals (Ostat)

❖ External source of stimulation to improve the competencies of the statisticians

❖ Opportunity to ensure professional development.

2nd Session OIC-StatCom

Approved - OIC-StatCom Working Group report

Requested - IDB & SESRIC actively support implementation of Certification Programme for Statistical Professionals for human resources & funding;

Recommended - submit International Accreditation Program to COMCEC in next meeting October 2012

Agreed - to set up Task Team under the auspices of SESRIC to undertake necessary activities to implement Basic Level Accreditation."

Accreditation & Certification Process

Accreditation processes require establishment
 of 2 committees;

- *Program General Secretariat (PGS)*
- *The Examination Committee (EC)*

According to the TOR approved certification levels;

- *Basic*

- *Advanced*

Responsible Bodies

OIC Stat Com

- Nominates and elects members and chair for 2-year term of nominees from academe and national statistics agencies.

Examination Committee
(Chair + Members)

- prepares and send official curriculum, topics, references and examination(s) with answer key(s) for each level to Program General Secretariat

Program General Secretariat

- release information
- receives application & queries
- processes application
- sends result of application

Accreditation & Certification Process

The processes under the OStat Program will include;

(a) application and registration,

(b) official curriculum and examination preparation,

(c) organization of short-term trainings for those who are willing to participate

(d) Examination and testing,

(e) post examination and results.

Requirements for acceptability

✓ Recognition of the proposed programme by body of OIC to ensure its enforcement at OIC level.

✓ Identification & promotion of benefits of OStat Programme for the certified people.

✓ Adhering to international requirements and the ISO standard 17024.

ISO 17024 (1)

- ✓ Released in 2003.

- ✓ International Standard for organizations wanting international recognition for the certification of the competence of individuals and describes general requirements for bodies operating certification of persons.

- ✓ Designed to harmonize personnel certification process worldwide.

ISO 17024 (2)

Summary of issues ISO 17024 aims to tackle :

- ✓ Defining what you examine (competencies)

    Knowledge, skills and personal attributes

- ✓ Assessment must be independent.

- ✓ Assessment must be a valid test of competence.

Activities realised during 2012-2013

✓ **The 28ᵗʰ Session of COMCEC**

Resolution Number 89

'Welcomes the initiative of the Certification and Accreditation Programme for Professionals of Official Statistics developed by the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), and requested the IDB and SESRIC to contribute technically and financially to the effective implementation of this important programme for the benefit of the National Statistical Institutions of the Member Countries'

Task Force Meeting

- ✓ How ISO 17024, an international standard for organisations, can be applied to the Programme.

- ✓ What will be the possible funding opportunities to allocate required budget to initiate proposed programme.

Cost Requirements

The costs of implementation of OStat Programme cover:

✓ Operations of the 2 accreditation committees (PGS and EC);

staff to be employed in PGC

honorariums for the members of the EC

✓ Establishment of the testing/examination centers

✓ Implementation of short-term training.

✓ Financial proposal submitted to the IDB within March 2013

Future actions

✓ IDB decision on the submitted financial proposal.

✓ Initiation phase started within second-half 2013 including preparation of technical documents;

- standards and guidelines
- training curricula

✓ Basic level certification in 2014 in OIC countries.

✓ Review of procedures and progress.

✓ Advanced level certification will follow within 5 years.

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Thank you very much for your attention. Any Questions and comments?