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Prioritising Development Goals of the OIC Member Countries under StatCaB Activities

1   Background Information

The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) has been conducting the biennial OIC Statistical Capacity Building (OIC-StatCaB) Survey[1] since 2007 with the aim of identifying statistical training needs and capacities of the National Statistical Offices (NSO) of OIC Member Countries. Based on the responses, short term-trainings are implemented by sending experts from *provider* institutions to *beneficiary* institutions.

In accordance with the OIC-StatCom Executive Work Plan (EWP)[2] for the Short, Medium and Long Term Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision adopted at the Third Session of OIC-StatCom held on 10-12 April 2013 in Ankara-Turkey, the biennial OIC-StatCaB Survey has been restructured. For most part, the Statistical Domains section of the Survey is based on activity taxonomy of the Classification of Statistical Activities (CSA), an international standard for describing and categorising official statistical work by domain. The current CSA used in this questionnaire is CSA Rev. I - October 2009[3]. To identify the priorities for the conduct of StatCaB trainings in line with the strategic sub-objective with priority #1 in the OIC-StatCom EWP, the biennial OIC-StatCaB Survey conducted in 2013 introduced two new columns for the Statistical Domains section asking the respondent countries (i) correspondence between their national development objectives and statistical activities; and (ii) priority of development objectives for which a correspondence is given. Also in line with the strategic sub-objective with priority #1 in the OIC-StatCom EWP, the biennial OIC-StatCaB Survey included a new section under the title "Professional Skills for Official Statisticians" to identify needs and capacities of OIC Member Countries in

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[1] Accessible on http://www.oicstatcom.org/statcab.php
[2] Accessible on http://www.oicstatcom.org/working-group.php
[3] Accessible on http://goo.gl/olg3Tz

professional skills essential for statistical processes. This new section hosts three main categories: Effective Communication, Leadership and Personal Development in an Official Statistics Setting, and Stakeholder Relations and Statistical Literacy.

2 Survey Respondents

So far, 42 OIC Member Countries responded to the OIC-StatCaB Survey for the Biennium 2014-2015. Of those respondent countries, 33 of them including Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Cote D'Ivoire, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Kuwait, Nigeria, Palestine, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, and Uganda provided their responses concerning the correspondence between their national development objectives and statistical activities; and the priority of their development objectives for which a given correspondence. As an observation, not all countries provided complete responses for the newly added columns.

3 Correspondence between Development Objectives and Statistical Activities

The analysis carried out on the OIC-StatCaB Survey for the Biennium 2014-2015 showed the following results:

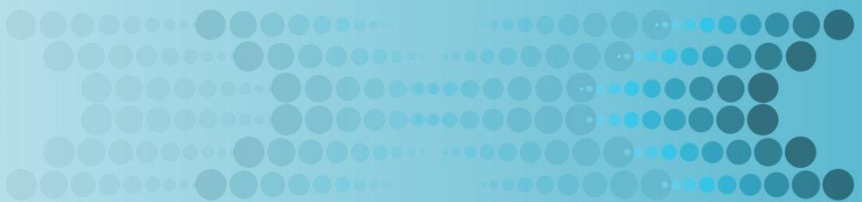### 3.1 Social and Demographic Statistics

28 countries made a correspondence between their national development plans and the following statistical activities under the Social and Demographic Statistics domain:

- Population and Migration Statistics
- Labour Statistics
- Income and Consumption Statistics
- Justice and Crime Statistics

3.2 Economic Statistics

25 countries made a correspondence between their national development plans and the following statistical activities under the Economic Statistics domain:

- Quarterly National Accounts
- Supply-Use and Input-Output Tables
- Balance of Payments and International Trade Statistics

- Business Statistics
  - o Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries Statistics
  - o Manufacturing Statistics
  - o Wholesale and Retail Trade Statistics
- Cross-Cutting Economic Statistics
  - o Tourism Statistics (including Tourism Satellite Accounts)
  - o Science, Technology and Innovation Statistics

3.3 Environment and Multi-Domain Statistics

24 countries made a correspondence between their national development plans and the following statistical activities under the Environment and Multi-Domain Statistics domain:

- Environment Statistics
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Poverty, Living Conditions and Cross-Cutting Social Issues Statistics
- Gender and Special Population Groups Statistics
- Millennium Development Goals Indicators
- Sustainable Development Statistics

3.4 Methodology of Data Collection, Processing, Dissemination and Analysis

11 countries made a correspondence between their national development plans and the following statistical activities under the Methodology of Data Collection, Processing, Dissemination and Analysis domain:

- Metadata
- Data Editing and Data Linkage
- Data Analysis

3.5 Strategic and Managerial Issues of Official Statistics

8 countries made a correspondence between their national development plans and the following statistical activities under the Strategic and Managerial Issues of Official Statistics domain:

- Sound IT Project Management
- Staffing for IT Support