

Tentative Work Plan

OIC-StatCom Working Group No: 3 (Development of a Certification and Accreditation Programme for Statistical Professionals)

Lead Country: Bahrain

Members of the Working Group: Egypt, Kazakhstan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, IDB, SESRIC

Background

One of the key issues to be considered in statistical capacity development is the improvement of the statistical competency of the statisticians working in the national statistical offices. By considering this fact, Central Informatics Organisation (CIO) in Bahrain proposed to initiate a program on the “Accreditation of Statistical Professionals” specific to OIC Member States in the First Session of the OIC-StatCom. It is envisaged that such a well-designed program will help statisticians in their professional development.

In this context, the delegates decided to set up a Working Group for Strategic Vision under the OIC-StatCom in accordance with the decision number 6.

Objective

The main objective of the proposed “Accreditation of Statistical Professionals” program is to certify the expertise and knowledge under an official context for the professional conduct of statistical work of statistical specialists. The primary target audience includes currently employed statistical professionals in the national statistical offices and relevant government departments in the OIC Member States. Through the accreditation/**certification** process, the target audience will be able to show their qualifications in the area of statistics and be recognized formally/internationally to have professional statistical knowledge and skills.

Tasks

The main task of this working group is to develop conceptual and methodological background of the accreditation program for professional statisticians working for statistical organisations of the OIC Member States. During its work period, the Working Group is expected to prepare the Terms of Reference specific to the accreditation/**certification** process which includes setting up accreditation criteria and way of measurement of these accreditation/**certification** criteria. A pilot case study will also be implemented by working group in order to test the applicability of this proposed accreditation process.

Expected Outputs

- Preparation of Terms of Reference for Accreditation Process for Professional Statisticians
- Preparation of Rule of Procedure for Accreditation Committee
- Interim/final reports

Modalities of Work

The key activities and functions of the Working Group should focus on the following fields:

- In order to enhance the participation and get the opinions of the Member States in the Working Group more directly, the Lead Country is expected to assign specific tasks to the participants. The documents prepared by the participating Member States will be used as inputs to the Interim/Final Reports of the Working Group.
- A meeting will be convened by the Lead Country in collaboration with the Secretariat of the OIC-StatCom to prepare the Final Report of the Working Group to be submitted to other members of the OIC-StatCom by the end of February 2012 the latest.
- Taking the abovementioned items into consideration, the Working Group should decide on a list of activities/tasks with deadlines:

#	Activity	Deadline
1		
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5	Submission of the Final Report to the OIC-StatCom Members	End of February 2012