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## NEWS FROM THE OIC-SWG

### Second Meeting of OIC-SWG

The Second Meeting of the OIC-SWG was held on 15-16 June 2009 at the Headquarters of the SESRIC in Ankara, Turkey. OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC, IDB, ICDT, COMCEC and delegates from the NSOs of Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and Turkey participated the Meeting. ICCI could not attend the meeting but sent its views and progress report to SESRIC. The

participants of the Meeting acknowledged the progress made by members in implementing the various activities assigned to them from First Meeting of the OIC-SWG and assigned new tasks to the participating OIC institutions. Moreover, the participants of the Meeting decided to organize the Meeting of NSOs of the OIC Member Countries in the first

quarter of 2010 in Istanbul, Turkey. They agreed that both SESRIC and IDB should jointly organize the Meeting.

More information about the Meeting can be found at the website

<http://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=282>



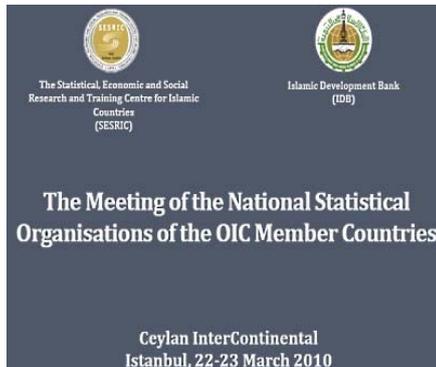
## 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC

SESRIC reported on the activities of the OIC-SWG to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC on 5-7 November 2009 in Istanbul. The Session welcomed the offer of SESRIC and IDB to organize the Meeting of

NSOs of the OIC Member Countries in March 2010 in Istanbul, and called upon the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries and relevant OIC institutions to actively participate in the meeting. The

Session welcomed the offer of the IDB to host the Third Meeting of OIC-SWG in 2010 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as well.

## The Meeting of the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries



The SESRIC and the IDB organized the Meeting of the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries on 22-23 March 2010, in Istanbul, Turkey. Delegates of the NSOs of twenty OIC Member Countries and of the International and Regional Institutions participated the

Meeting. For this meeting, the discussions centred around the theme 'Statistics for Development in Post-Crisis World' and the goal of the Meeting was to find ways and means to bridge the communication gap between the data users and providers in Post-Crisis World. The delegates of the Meeting agreed to issue the Istanbul Declaration on the Meeting of the National Statistical Organizations of the OIC Member Countries. Moreover, they agreed to set up an Exports Group Meeting to look into the issue of providing support to demand for new indicators. They welcomed the initiative to set up OIC-SWG to

coordinate, harmonize and standardize statistical activities of OIC Institutions. Finally, they agreed to organize the Meeting of OIC-NSOs under the title "OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-SC)" annually, and to make SESRIC the secretariat of the OIC-SC.

More information about the Meeting can be found at the website <http://www.sesric.org/event-detail.php?id=386>



## 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC

SESRIC reported on the activities of the OIC-SWG to the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC on 10-12 May 2010 in Antalya, Turkey.

### Third Meeting of the OIC-SWG

IDB will host the Third Meeting of the OIC-SWG at its Headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The participants of the previous meetings and moreover some of the NSOs of the member countries

will be invited to this third meeting. Following the recommendations of the Second Meeting of the OIC-SWG, follow-up reports will be presented during the Meeting. Moreover, new tasks will also be

determined taking into consideration the Istanbul Declaration of the Meeting of NSOs of the OIC Member Countries which was held on 22-23 March 2010, in Istanbul, Turkey.

### The First Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-SC)

The First Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-SC) will be organized in the first quarter of 2011 in Istanbul. High level

participation from the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries will be required. Moreover, International and Regional Institutions will also

be invited to the Session. SESRIC will make the secretariat of the OIC-SC.

## NEWS FROM THE OIC INSTITUTIONS

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### The Secretary General of OIC, Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu Commends Cooperation with National Statistical Agencies of OIC Member States

The Secretary General has called for a collective approach to enhancing the capacities of national

statistical agencies of the OIC countries. More information can be found at the website

[http://www.oic-oci.org/topic\\_detail.asp?t\\_id=3538&x\\_key=](http://www.oic-oci.org/topic_detail.asp?t_id=3538&x_key=)

## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL ORGANISATIONS

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### Afghanistan – Role of CSO in Monitoring and Evaluation of ANDS

The gathering was about the important role that CSO plays in the monitoring and evaluation of

the Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS).

More information can be found at the website <http://www.cso.gov.af/>

### Bahrain – President's Message on the New CIO Website

In the Name of Allah

Dear visitor,

It is my honour to present the new CIO website which I hope it meets your expectation and overall acceptance. This new website is

distinct in its style. It helps the user reach the information sought in the easiest way. This comes from our firm belief of the vital importance of the use and exchange of information.

More information can be found at the website

[http://www.cio.gov.bh/cio\\_eng/SubDetailed.aspx?subcatid=23](http://www.cio.gov.bh/cio_eng/SubDetailed.aspx?subcatid=23)

### Gabon – DGSEE 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Live Database

The Directorate General of Statistics and Economic Studies (DGSEE), in partnership with AFRISTAT and contribution of the

World Bank, is implementing its multi-dimensional database for storing and dissemination of socio-economic indicators.

More information can be found at the website <http://www.stat-gabon.ga/Home/Index1.htm>

## Guyana – New GDP Series

The Bureau of Statistics with technical assistance from Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre (CARTAC) has re-benchmarked and re-based Guyana's National Accounts to reference year 2006.

The Bureau of Statistics held a seminar on its newly rebased GDP series on March 11, 2010. The Bureau also launched its first National Accounts publication Guyana System of National Accounts.

More information can be found at the website

<http://www.statisticsguyana.gov.gy/nataccts.html#statsbull>

## Tajikistan – Statistical Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

By the decree of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan (No. 832 on further improvement of central

bodies of the executive government in the republic of Tajikistan) the State Committee for Statistics has

been reorganized into the Statistical Agency under President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

## Tunisia – Workshop on New Statistical Methods and Standards Implemented at the National Institute of Statistics

NIS organized a workshop on the new methods and the implemented statistical standards in the National Institute of the Statistics on 29 March 2010.

More information can be found at the website

[http://www.ins.nat.tn/seminaires/atelier\\_normes/CD/index.html](http://www.ins.nat.tn/seminaires/atelier_normes/CD/index.html)

## NEWS FROM OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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### World Statistics Day

20.10.2010  
World Statistics Day



On 20 October 2010, the World will celebrate the first World Statistics Day, to raise awareness of the many achievements of official statistics premised on the core values of service, integrity and professionalism.

#### Why a World Statistics Day?

The celebration of the World Statistics Day will acknowledge the service provided by the global statistical system at national and international level, and hope to help strengthen the awareness and trust of the public in official statistics. It serves as an advocacy tool to further support the work of statisticians across different settings, cultures, and domains.

Service • Professionalism • Integrity

## What to Expect?

On World Statistics Day, activities at national level will highlight the role of official statistics and the many achievements of the national statistical system. International, regional and sub-regional organizations will complement national activities with additional events.

## Activities Planned from Organizations in Member Countries

### Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS), Pakistan

Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) has decided to celebrate the World Statistics Day on October 20, 2010 in a befitting style. ISOSS shall hold the following activities for a week starting October 18 to 22, 2010:

1. Two-day National Conference on October 20-21, 2010 at Lahore (Pakistan) in collaboration with Higher Education Commission,

Pakistan Science Foundation, Statistics Division, Bureau of Statistics and other Statistical Cells/Departments in Federal Ministries and Provincial Departments.

2. Prepare academic and professional teams of statisticians to deliver lectures on Statistics and its applications in real life, with various socio-economic indicators that affect our lives at different universities, colleges, schools and offices.

3. Hold walks with some logos, slogans, statements etc. in Lahore and other places where we can motivate people for participation on October 20, 2010.

4. Prepare stationery items, vests, caps with World Statistics Day logo.

5. Essay competition on any aspect of statistics both at College/University and school level

and distribute prizes on October 20, 2010.

6. Brochure on activities of Statistics Division, Bureau of Statistics / Population Census Organization / Agricultural Census Organization / Training Wing of Statistics Division.

7. Articles for Newspaper.

8. Sponsor a colour supplements in newspapers.

9. Write up for awareness of public in Statistics.

10. Launch Pakistan Journal of Official Statistics (PJOS) on October 20, 2010 to be sponsored by Statistics Division / ISOSS / UNFPA / PAP.

11. Prepare a "White Paper" on the status of Statistics in Pakistan to be released on the eve of World Statistics Day.

## The Development Data Group of the World Bank

The Development Data Group of the World Bank is pleased to invite submissions of proposals for 2010 Spring Window of the Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (TFSCB). TFSCB, a multi-donor trust fund, aims to improve the capacity of developing countries to compile and use statistics with an

overall objective of supporting the management of development results. TFSCB works closely with PARIS21 to advance coordinated international efforts to improve statistics globally.

More information can be found at the website

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DATASTATISTICS/SCBEXTERNAL/0,,contentMDK:20447127~menuPK:983432~pagePK:229544~piPK:229605~theSitePK:239427,00.html>

## Statistical Capacity Building Programmes

IDB : <http://www.isdb.org/irj/portal/anonymouse?NavigationTarget=navurl://7182b60d804c47d41590c6870adf640a>

SESRIC : <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-index.php>