

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 8TH SESSION OF OIC-STATCOM

SESRIC HEADQUARTERS, ANKARA - TURKEY
24-26 SAFAR 1441 H (23-25 OCTOBER 2019)

The 8th Session of the Statistical Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom), held at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara – Republic of Turkey on 24-26 Safar 1441 H (23-25 October 2019 G),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the 7th Session of the OIC-StatCom held on 2-3 May 2018 at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara – Republic of Turkey and all other resolutions adopted by the previous sessions;

Recalling also the resolutions adopted by the various sessions and fora of the OIC pertinent to statistics as well as relevant international recommendations and decisions, in particular those which support the improvement of National Statistical Systems;

Recalling further the successful organisation of the Regional Workshop on “2020 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses: International Standards and Contemporary Technologies” in collaboration with relevant international agencies on 12-15 March 2019 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey to raise awareness about the electronic data collection technologies on the census conduct;

Having discussed and agreed on the proposed amendments made by the Secretariat on the Rules of Procedure of the OIC-StatCom;

Taking note with appreciation of the Progress Report presented by the Co-Chair of Working Group on the Development of the New OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision for 2030;

Taking note with appreciation also of the presentations on (i) “*Electronic Data Collection Technologies in Population and Housing Censuses*”; (ii) “*A Census of Agriculture for the 21st Century*”; and (iii) “*Developing National Statistics Systems on International Labour Migration*” made by the member countries as well as by the representatives of the international organisations including UNSD, UNESCWA, FAO, and ILO;

1. **Renews** its trust to the Secretariat for the conduct of the StatCaB Programme through a results-oriented approach with possible expansion into activities focusing on SDGs indicators while ensuring a geographically balanced distribution of the beneficiaries, and **invites** its Members, which have not yet done so, to complete the StatCaB Biennial Survey 2020-2021 for better identification of the statistical needs and capacities in their respective countries;
2. **Reaffirms** its commitment to the implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control initiated by World Health Organization, and **requests** the Secretariat to continue with the project on the integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) in ongoing surveys of the OIC countries and to further extend the scope of the project to cover the integration of TQS-Youth in ongoing youth surveys of the OIC countries;

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3. **Adopts** the proposed amendments made by the Secretariat on the Rules of Procedure of the OIC-StatCom concerning the “Bureau”, “Annual Sessions and Follow-Up Meetings”, and “Voting and Quorum”, and decides to implement them starting from the upcoming 9th Session;
4. **Requests** the Secretariat to finalise the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group and accordingly to prepare a 5-year Programme of Action with specific programmes and activities to be implemented by the members of the Commission in collaboration with relevant regional and international institutions, including SESRIC;
5. **Underlines** the need for allocation of resources to the sufficient extent for the adoption and usage of new electronic data collection technologies including geographical information systems in censuses and other statistical surveys for enhancing the response rate and data quality, generating information on time, expanding the availability of census results and reducing census expenditures;
6. **Requests** the Secretariat to continue its support to the efforts of OIC countries by facilitating exchange of knowledge with the international organisations towards the successful implementation of the 2020 Global Round of Population, Housing and Establishment Censuses;
7. **Reaffirms** that the deficiency in statistical capacities on agriculture sector exacerbate the data gaps which hinders necessary research and policy-making processes for agricultural development plans and tracking the impact of agriculture on economics and environment; **underlines** the importance of identifying technical and financial requirements to conduct the planned agricultural censuses in line with the standard international concepts, definitions, and methodologies, and **requests** the Secretariat to continue to cooperate with the related OIC and international institutions to strengthen the statistical capacities of constituents of National Statistical Systems of OIC countries in this area;
8. **Emphasizes** the necessity of using the application of international standards regarding concepts, definitions and methodologies developed by the relevant international institutions for the measurement of international labour migration for harmonized statistics, and **requests** the Secretariat to include training and capacity building activities under its StatCaB Programme in collaboration with relevant international institutions;
9. **Expresses its thanks and appreciation** for the Members of the Bureau of the 7th and 8th Sessions of the OIC-StatCom, which was composed of Malaysia (Chair), Turkey and Tunisia (Vice-Chairs), and Palestine and Uganda (Rapporteurs);

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10. **Decides** to convene the 9th Session of the Commission in the first week of October 2020 and **requests** the Secretariat to take the necessary organizational arrangements accordingly.