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Progress Report of the Working Group on the Development of the New OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision for 2030

1 Introduction

Based on the Istanbul Declaration of the 2010 Meeting of the National Statistical Organisations (NSOs), the member countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) agreed to organise their regular meetings under the umbrella of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) which aims at bringing about a platform for exchanging experiences and best practices among the member countries to build effective statistical capacity at the OIC level. It was decided that the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre (SESRIC) would act as the Secretariat of the Commission.

As the current OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision Document¹ will expire by the end of 2020, the members of OIC-StatCom decided to establish a Working Group (WG) on the Development of New Strategic Vision of OIC-StatCom during the 7th Session of OIC-StatCom held on 3-4 May 2018 in Ankara, Turkey. The WG is composed of 2 co-chairs and 22 members as shown in Table 1. The WG members were identified based on the results of the preliminary questionnaire circulated by the OIC-StatCom Secretariat in August 2018 to the NSOs of OIC countries.

Table 1. Members of the Working Group

Role in the Working Group	Countries / Institution
Co-Chairs	Malaysia and Iran
Members	Albania, Azerbaijan, Benin, Cameroon, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, and Turkey

2 Questionnaire on the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030

Subsequent to the formation of the WG, SESRIC, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC-StatCom, circulated a questionnaire² on the New Strategic Vision of OIC-StatCom 2030 in July 2019 to all NSOs of OIC countries aiming to provide the necessary inputs for drafting the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030. The deadline for the responses to be submitted to the Secretariat

¹ The current Strategic Vision Document can be access on <http://www.oicstatcom.org/imgs/news/image/oicstatcom-strategic-vision-en.pdf> and Executive Work Plan can be accessed on <http://www.oicstatcom.org/imgs/news/image/oicstatcom-tce2-executive-work-plan-en.pdf>

² Questionnaires on the New Strategic Vision of OIC Statistical Commission are available at:
English: http://www.sesric.org/files/oic-statcom-vision/QUESTIONNAIRE_NEW_STRATEGIC_VISION_OICSTATCOM_EN.xlsx
French: http://www.sesric.org/files/oic-statcom-vision/QUESTIONNAIRE_NEW_STRATEGIC_VISION_OICSTATCOM_FR.xlsx
Arabic: http://www.sesric.org/files/oic-statcom-vision/QUESTIONNAIRE_NEW_STRATEGIC_VISION_OICSTATCOM_AR.xlsx



was originally 9 August 2019; however, the Secretariat needed to extend the deadline to 20 September 2019 in order to collect more responses for a more comprehensive analysis.

The Questionnaire consists of 4 parts:

- **Part 1 ‘Contact Update’:** The respondents were asked to provide general information regarding their institution and focal point responsible for responding to the Questionnaire.
- **Part 2 ‘Challenges’:** The respondents were asked to provide their feedback concerning the relevancy of the Challenges currently found in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2020 and additional Challenges proposed by the Secretariat for the new OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 document.
- **Part 3 ‘Mission, Values and Guiding Principles, and Vision’:** The respondents were asked to provide their feedback concerning the relevancy of the current Mission, Values and Guiding Principles, Vision statements found in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2020 for the new OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 document.
- **Part 4 ‘Strategic Areas, Objectives and Action Plan’:** The respondents were asked to provide their feedback concerning the relevancy of the proposed Strategic Areas and Objectives for the new OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 document.

For Parts 2, 3 and 4, the Secretariat welcomed additional inputs from the respondents that may be considered for the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030. Besides, in Part 4, the Secretariat also welcomed proposed activities for each strategic objective with proposed implementation year falling in the period 2021 and 2030.

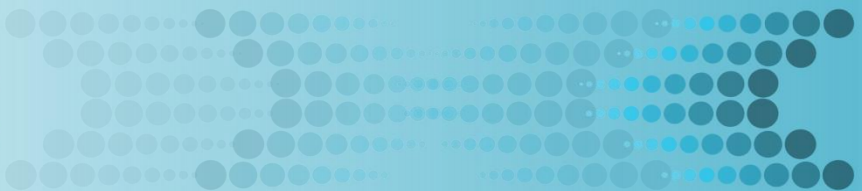
3 Results of the Questionnaire on the Strategic Vision of OIC-StatCom 2030

As of 24 September 2019, 33 OIC countries submitted their responses (58.9% response rate); whereas, 23 OIC member countries have not yet submitted their completed questionnaires.

Table 2. Respondents by Region

OIC REGION	COUNTRIES
Africa (13)	Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Cote d’Ivoire, Djibouti, Libya, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Sierra Leone, Togo, Tunisia and Uganda
Arab (10)	Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Yemen
Asia (10)	Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Suriname, Turkey and Uzbekistan

The following sections present analyses on Parts 2, 3, and 4 of the Questionnaire.

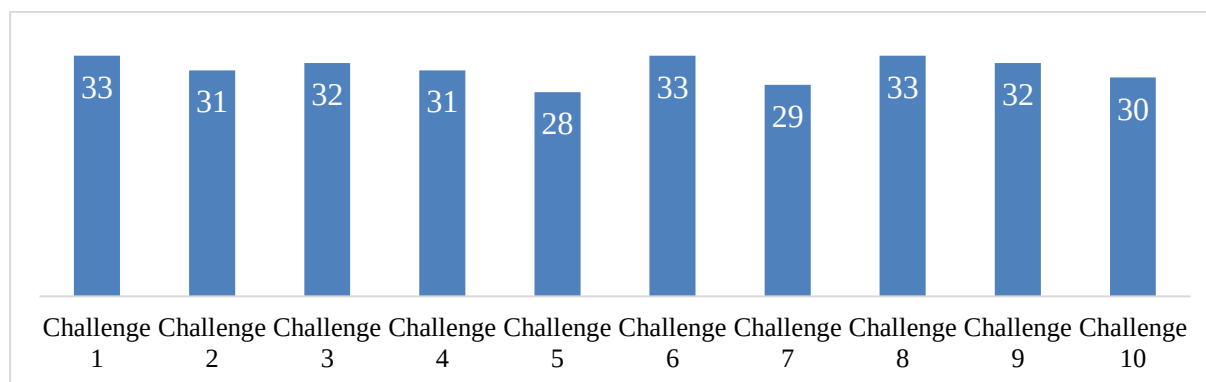


2.1. Challenges

Based on the responses received, almost all respondent countries stated that the following 10 challenges currently found in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2020 are still relevant for the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030.

- *Challenge 1:* Different levels of statistical development among the OIC regions
- *Challenge 2:* Lack of human resources with strong technological and sustainable management skills
- *Challenge 3:* Mismatch between increases in budgetary resource allocations for statistical activities and demands for statistical services from different stakeholders
- *Challenge 4:* Difficulties in assuring data quality
- *Challenge 5:* Accelerating supply of non-official statistics
- *Challenge 6:* Weak communication between the NSOs and data users
- *Challenge 7:* Insufficient usage of evidence in decision-making
- *Challenge 8:* Limited awareness in statistics
- *Challenge 9:* Lack of dynamism in the operations of NSOs
- *Challenge 10:* Inadequate collaboration and coordination within NSSs and at OIC level

Figure 1. Number of Respondents Stating Challenges Covered in OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2020 are Still Relevant for the Strategic Vision 2030

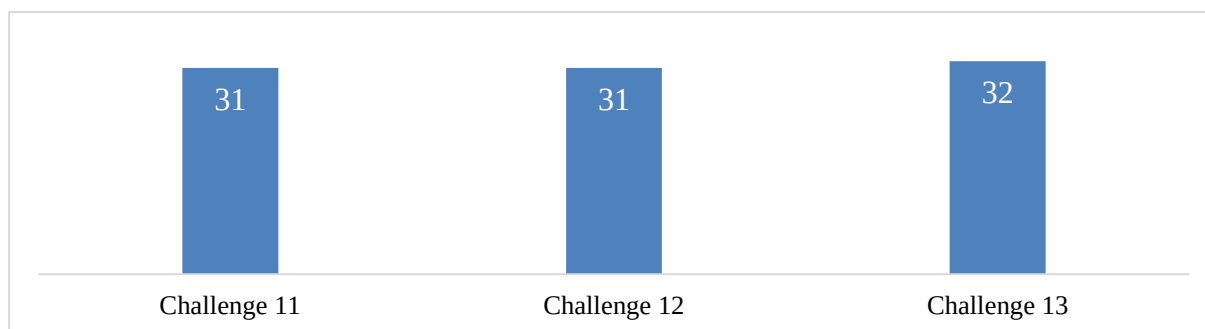


Apart from the above challenges, the Secretariat also proposed the following 3 challenges to be included in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030.

- *Challenge 11:* Accomplishing modernized statistical data collection, production, analysis and dissemination frameworks and regulations
- *Challenge 12:* Keeping pace with the statistical needs and necessities in a fast-changing world including evolving and growing demands of data users
- *Challenge 13:* Adjusting and adapting the national statistical systems in order to manage the full implementation of the global and regional development agenda.

Almost all respondents agreed to include the proposed challenges to OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030.

Figure 2. Number of Respondents Stating New Challenges Proposed for OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 are Relevant



For Challenges #5, #7, and #11, some countries proposed rewording or changes in the annotations of the relevant challenge.

Moreover, some respondents also proposed challenges (ranging from “lack of national laws in conformity with Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics” to “lack of access to data at same level of detail from all member countries”) to be included in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030.

2.2. Mission

Concerning “*To ensure quality statistics at the OIC level*” – the mission statement currently found in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2020 –, 28 out of 33 responding countries (84.8 %) agreed for its inclusion in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030. However, the Secretariat received inputs from Malaysia and UAE for reformulating the Mission Statement for OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 as follows:

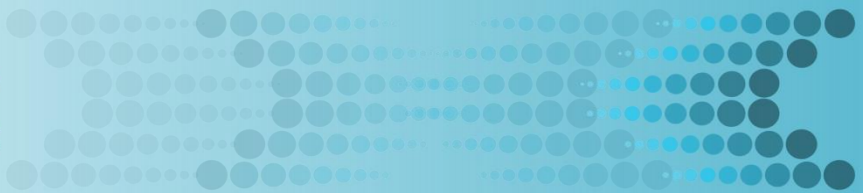
“To ensure reliable, timely, and comparable statistical information on OIC countries”

2.3. Values

Concerning the Values to be included in OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030, almost all countries agreed on the relevancy of the Values stated currently in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2020 and on the new proposed value “Respect”.

Figure 3. Number of Respondents Stating Values Covered in OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2020 and New Proposed Value are Relevant for the Strategic Vision 2030





In reference to the inputs received from some countries, it has been proposed to introduce new values and merge “Respect” with “Integrity”. However, the Secretariat observed that the underlying explanations for the proposed new Values have already been met with the four Values. However, the Secretariat may consider to reword the annotations to satisfy the feedbacks received from the countries.

2.4. Guiding Principles

According to inputs received from the respondents, Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (United Nations Resolution 68/261 of 29 January 2014) and its relevant supplementing documents has been agreed to be used as the Guiding Principles for the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030.

2.5. Vision

Regarding the Vision to be used for the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030, a new Vision was proposed. 29 out of 33 responding countries (87.9 %) agreed to replace the former Vision – *“Trustworthy and Responsive Statistical Data for All”* – with the following Vision for the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030: *“Stronger Cooperation for Better National Statistical Systems”*

2.6. Strategic Areas, Objectives and Proposed Action Plan

As per the inputs received from the Department of Statistics of Malaysia as the WG Co-Chair, a part on “Action Plan” relevant to the Strategic Objectives was added to the questionnaire so as to collect proposals of respondents for possible activities between 2021 and 2030 for the realisation of the new strategy of OIC-StatCom.

The Secretariat observed that the majority of the countries are convenient with the proposed 5 Strategic Areas and their underlying Strategic Objectives. Besides, Malaysia, Maldives, and Tunisia proposed new Strategic Areas including Strategic Objectives and Action Plan items.

2.7. The Way Forward

In light of the responses received, the Secretariat will finalise the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030 in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group and work on a Programme of Action that is feasible within the limits of the resources available to the Secretariat for the implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision 2030.