

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 9TH SESSION OF OIC-STATCOM

VIRTUAL MEETING

11-14 SAFAR 1442 H (28 SEPTEMBER – 01 OCTOBER 2020)

The 9th Session of the Statistical Commission of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-StatCom), held virtually on 11-14 Safar 1442 H (28 September – 01 October 2020),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the 8th Session of the OIC-StatCom held on 23-24 October 2019 at SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara – Republic of Turkey and all other resolutions adopted by the previous sessions; as well as the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions and various fora of the OIC pertinent to statistics;

Recalling also the relevant international recommendations and decisions, in particular those which support the improvement of National Statistical Systems, such as the resolutions of the 51st Session of the UN Statistical Commission, relevant resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly on World Statistics Day and previous celebrations observed every five years since 2010;

Taking note with the successful organisation of the Follow-up Meeting of the OIC-StatCom on 5th March 2020 on the margins of the 51st Session of the UN Statistical Commission in New York and the decisions agreed on thereat;

Taking note with appreciation of the finalisation of the Strategic Vision of the OIC-StatCom for 2030 and the Programme of Action for 2021-2025 by the Secretariat in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group, particularly the Department of Statistics, Malaysia;

Underlining the importance of learning from the experiences and best practices of the OIC-StatCom members on the themes covered during the Session;

Taking note with appreciation also of the presentations on “*Emerging Approaches for Strengthening Capacities of National Statistical Systems*”; “*Generating SDGs Indicators from Population, Housing, and Agriculture Census Data*”; “*Monitoring and Reporting SDG #1 (No Poverty) Indicators*”; and “*Utilisation of Non-Traditional Data Sources in Official Statistics*” made by the member countries as well as by the representatives of the academia and international organisations including FAO, OPHI, PARIS21, UNESCWA, and UNSD,

1. **Adopts** the Strategic Vision of the OIC-StatCom for 2030 and the Programme of Action for 2021-2025 with specific programmes, activities, and key performance indicators (KPIs), **encourages** the OIC-StatCom members to implement the key actions specified under the strategic objectives, and **requests** the Secretariat to report to the annual Main Sessions of OIC-StatCom the progress towards the achievement of these key actions within the framework of the specified KPIs;

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2. **Recommends** SESRIC to keep the virtual activities as a modality in its future plans for the statistical capacity building activities and **invites** the OIC-StatCom 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;
3. **Affirms** that the activities conducted under the StatCaB Programme by SESRIC are based on the solidarity principle among the Member States and **accordingly urges** the NSOs of the Member States to timely respond to the communications made by SESRIC for the effective implementation of the StatCaB Programme;
4. **Reaffirms** its commitment to the implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control initiated by the World Health Organization and **renews** its trust to SESRIC to continue with the project on “Integration of the Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) and TQS-Youth into the National Surveys in OIC Member Countries” with the relevant stakeholders;
5. **Emphasizes** that the limitations in improving institutional capacities of NSOs hinder the targeted capacity development since traditional approaches are mainly focusing on trainings at the level of individuals which overlook the organisational and systemic levels;
6. **Draws attention to** the emergence of data revolution which calls for new data quality concepts, and to the increasing number of new players in data production which necessitates more resources and new skills to harness modern technologies with regards to the main principles of data quality, and **encourages** the OIC-StatCom members which have the capacity in this regard to explore possibilities on sharing their best practices through experience sharing programmes in collaboration with the Secretariat;
7. **Encourages** the Secretariat to continue to cooperate with the related OIC and international institutions to contribute to the efforts of the OIC-StatCom members in strengthening their statistical capacities by considering the emerging capacity development approaches and **requests** the Secretariat to continue its support to the efforts of OIC-StatCom members by facilitating exchange of knowledge with the international organisations towards the production of high-quality data for SDGs indicators;
8. **Confirms** the necessity of coordination among the relevant constituents of the national statistical systems as well regional and international institutions for increasing the knowledge of these constituents on the methodology for generating SDGs indicators from population, housing, and agriculture census data with a

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view to enhancing their quality and timeliness as well as providing detailed data disaggregation;

9. **Highlights** the importance of monitoring and reporting SDG #1 (No Poverty), which calls for both the eradication of extreme poverty (1.90\$ a day) and halving of all its dimensions by 2030, **draws attention to** the development and exchange of ideas on statistics needed for monitoring the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic particularly on SDG 1 targets, and **invites** the OIC-StatCom members to consider aligning their relevant processes with the recent methodologies and approaches, including multidimensional poverty measurement methods, developed by relevant regional and international organisations,
10. **Underlines** the benefits of utilising non-traditional data sources in official statistics and exploring ways to integrate these sources and methods such as Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, data science, geospatial data, etc. into their systems, **invites** the OIC Member States to support their national statistical systems in aligning their statistical production systems to meet the challenges posed by the unforeseen crises, such as COVID-19, and **calls upon** the international statistical community to collaborate on developing a guidance document which will present methods to harmonize non-traditional sources with statistical methods and procedures as well as case studies on Big Data applications within the official statistics setting, and the best practices on utilising non-traditional data sources;
11. **Encourages** the OIC-StatCom members to actively participate in the Third World Statistics Day celebrations with the theme “Connecting the World with Data We Can Trust” that will be observed on 20 October 2020;
12. **Expresses its thanks and appreciation** to the Members of the Bureau of the 9th Session of the OIC-StatCom composed of Gambia (Chair), Morocco, Uzbekistan, and Palestine (Vice-Chairs), and SESRIC (Rapporteur) for their effective management of the Session;
13. **Decides** to convene the 10th Session of the OIC-StatCom in the first week of October 2021 and **requests** the Secretariat to take necessary organisational arrangements accordingly.