Task Force Meeting on Implementation of OStat Programme

12 October 2012
Ankara, Turkey
SESRIC Headquarters
Agenda of the meeting

- Review of activities realised
- Structure of the Accreditation Committee
- Review of estimated budget items
- Review of future activities including tasks of TCE
- Actions need to be taken to make it acceptable both at OIC and international level
Brief history of Ostat Programme

Based on the proposal of the CIO-Bahrain, the First Session of the OIC-StatCom has launched a new study on the Development of the Accreditation and Certification Programme for the Official Statistics Professional under the leadership of Bahrain.

- external source of stimulation to improve the competencies of the statisticians

- an opportunity to ensure professional development
Brief history of Ostat Programme

The Second Session of the OIC-StatCom

1. Report of the OIC-StatCom Working Group3 was approved

2. TOR of the Accreditation Program for the Official Statistics Professionals (OStat Programme) was endorsed

3. Decided to establish a TCE on follow-up the procedural details of the accreditation and certification programme for official statistical professionals (OStat Programme)

4. Set up a Task Team under the auspices of SESRIC to undertake necessary activities for the implementation of Basic Level Acc.
Accreditation Process

The accreditation processes require the establishment of two committees:

- Program General Secretariat (PGS)
- The Examination Committee (EC)

According to TOR approved accreditation levels:

- Basic
- Intermediate
- Advanced level-1
- Advanced level-2
Accreditation Process

OIC Stat Com
- Nominates and elects members and chair for 2-year term of nominees from academe and national statistics agencies.

Examination Committee
(Chair + Members)
- Prepares and send official curriculum, topics, references and examination(s) with answer key(s) for each level to Program General Secretariat

Program General Secretariat
- Release information
- Receives application & queries
- Processes application
- Sends result of application
Accreditation Committee

The costs of implementation of OStat Programme cover;

- Operations of the two accreditation committees (PGS and EC)
  
  *staff to be employed in PGC*

  *honorariums for the members of the EC*

- Examination venue/testing centres
ISO 17024

✓ It was released in 2003, and designed to harmonize the personnel certification process worldwide.

✓ ISO/IEC 17024 is the International Standard for organizations wishing international recognition for the certification of the competence of individuals and describes general requirements for bodies operating certification of persons.

✓ It describes conditions for application, examinations, surveillance and re-certification of individuals. Adhering to regulatory requirements as well as the International Standard itself it specifies the requisites eluding conflict of interest including certification, confidentiality of information, competence of staff and contractors, and the need for stakeholder input into certification schemes.
The issues that ISO 17024 tackles can be summarized as:

- Defining what it is you examine (the competencies)
  \[ \text{Knowledge, skills and personal attributes} \]

- Examination must be independent

- Examination must be a valid test of competence
Requirements for acceptability

- Recognition of the proposed programme by the highest body of OIC in order to ensure its enforcement at OIC level

- Adhering the international requirements or standards

- Identification and promotion of the benefits of the OStat Programme for the certified persons
Thank you very much for your attention..