Feasibility study into integrated End-to-End

Statistical Solution for GCC-Stat









Introduction

Project scope and objectives

Project scope

To support GCC-Stat in:

- ✓ Improving the quality and quantity of statistical products
- ✓ Developing and expanding statistics dissemination
- ✓ Aligning the national statistical strategies in the GCC countries
- Establishing a culture of excellence in GCC-Stat building effective business systems and processing

Project goals

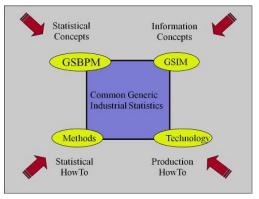
- ✓ To assist GCC-Stat in **assessing the data that is exchanged** among all six countries as well as the current metadata system
- ✓ To support GCC-Stat in **developing the new, more efficient IT system,** software tools and ICT infrastructure



Background information on international standards Stratogy to face the statistical shallon

Strategy to face the statistical challenges

- Guidelines from international standard models and good practices for the modernization of statistics
 - Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM)
 - Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM)
 - Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA)
 - Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX)
 - Data Documentation Initiative (DDI)

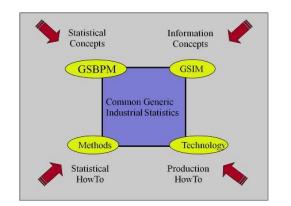


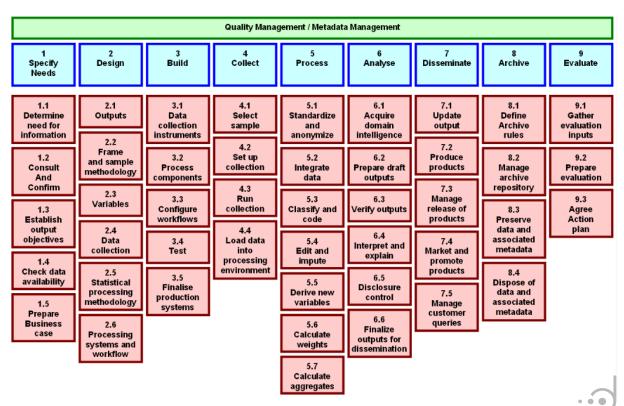
II. Benchmarking with previous experiences in other international / regional organizations (Eurostat, Mercosur, European Central Bank, IMF, etc.)



Background information on international standards

International standards tested and widely used





Background information on international standards

Application of standard international models: Enterprise Architecture

Enterprise Architecture is a model of systems which are designed and built by connecting standard business capability, where the process elements are mostly implemented as **common services**

Enterprise Architecture is a model that

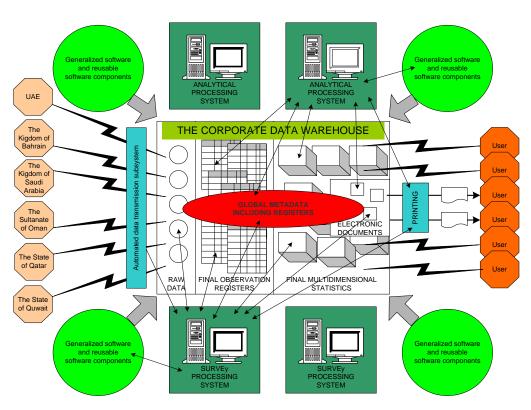
- defines what the industry Official Statistics does
- how it is done and
- enables collaboration in developing and using Statistical Services to create flexible business processes and systems for easier statistical production

Enterprise Architecture drives the Information, Application and Technology architectures for a statistical organization

Background information on international standards

Main components of integrated end-to-end solution and links

between them







Approach and methodology

We see the project as two inter-connected activities:

- ✓ Assessing the statistical production and processes
- Assessing the ICT infrastructure and procedures

These assessments will include both processes in the **GCC regional office** and the **national ones**

The **link** between both activities is **based on the Enterprise Architecture approach**, ensuring that the ICT supports the business processes



Activity 1: Analysis of statistical processes

Sub-activity 1.1: Analysis of statistical processes

Sub-activity 1.2: Analysis of current ICT system

Activity 2: Ex-ante analysis of end-to-end solution

Activity 3: Analysis of needs to implement an integrated end-to-end

solution

Sub-activity 3.1 Business software system description

Sub-activity 3.2: ICT infrastructure upgrade requirements description

Activity 4: Gap analysis

Activity 5: Time-bound plan

Activity 6: Final report



Activity 1: Analysis of statistical processes

Sub-activity 1.1: Analysis of statistical processes

Project leader – Mr B. Bouchkhar + Team of subject matter experts

Conduction of a comprehensive baseline analysis based on GSBPM: reviewing materials provided by GCC-Stat, discussing business processes and statistical domains concerned during the mission to GCC-Stat



Activity 1: Analysis of statistical processes

Sub-activity 1.2: Analysis of current ICT system

Leading IT expert – Mr K.Zeila + Team of IT experts – Globcom

Conduction of a comprehensive baseline analysis following quality factors

Entire business vision, strategy and goals									
GCC-Stat ICT improvement goals in accordance with ICT System upgrade	Information to be gathered during from GCC-St internal and external documents available and								
Organizational structure of GCC-Stat	personal interviews with the leading staff								
Current business processes and the way to upgrade them									
Description of the current business environment Hardware and software in use	Assessment of ICT infrastructure by collecting information of hardware and software available for statistics production.								



Approach and methodology Timing and deliverables

Activity 1: Analysis of statistical processes

Will be implemented within 5 weeks after the kick-off meeting and start of the contract

- Project Manager: After the kick-off meeting the Project manager, Ms Dovile Minkeviciute, will
 mobilize all necessary subject matter experts to conduct the assessment of relevant
 statistical domain.
- Project Leader: Each of them will prepare the report which after the mission will be sent to the Project leader – Mr B.Bouchkhar to include the information into the assessment report.
- IT team leader: Mr K.Zeila will coordinate a team of IT experts and based on findings will prepare the part of assessment report on the ICT structure.
- Statistics experts: Statistics quality experts, Mr J.Vila and Ms F.Carausu, will provide their views on the findings of the assessment to the report.

Deliverable: Assessment report



Activity 2: Ex-ante analysis of end-to-end solution

Project leader – Mr B.Bouchkhar + Leading IT expert – Mr K.Zeila

Analysis of the current workflows in statistical production of the GCC-Stat and national statistical offices of GCC countries

Mapping following the phase of the GSBPM:

- Data collection from GCC countries
- Data processing
- Analysis of data
- Data dissemination



Activity 2: Ex-ante analysis of end-to-end solution

Project leader – Mr B.Bouchkhar + Leading IT expert – Mr K.Zeila

The purpose of the study will be to:

- ✓ Provide an overview of the present system and discuss in detail the existing problems
- ✓ Identify the needs of users against existing problems and propose a set of solutions
- ✓ Define a set of criteria for the evaluation of solutions
- ✓ Set out main priority actions to be taken, as well as the sequencing of efforts
- Review and identify the necessary financial and human resources



Approach and methodology Timing and deliverables

Activity 2: Ex-ante analysis of end-to-end solution

Activity will be implemented within 2 weeks

Deliverable: Evaluation report containing the evaluation of end-to-end solutions on the market to be submitted together with the assessment report of Activity 1



Activity 3: Analysis of needs to implement an integrated end-to-end solution

Leading IT expert – Mr K.Zeila and the team of IT experts

Defining detailed description for the integrated end-to-end statistical solution taking into account two parts:

- Business software system description
- ✓ ICT infrastructure upgrade requirements description



Activity 3: Analysis of needs to implement an integrated end-to-end solution Sub-activity 3.1 Business software system description

- ✓ System full functionality description comparing to GSBPM
- System architecture detail description
- ✓ User interface detail description
- Description of the system from secure data processing point of view
- System administration and maintenance requirements description
- System performance description
- ✓ Set of requirements to ICT infrastructure ensuring system stable and sustainable running



Activity 3: Analysis of needs to implement an integrated end-to-end solution

Sub-activity 3.2: ICT infrastructure upgrade requirements description

- Overall technical infrastructure description
- ✓ Networking layer
- Server and storage layer
- Application layer
- Database management system layer
- Security layer
- Fault tolerance layer



Approach and methodology

Timing and deliverables

Activity 3: Analysis of needs to implement an integrated end-to-end solution

Activity will be implemented within 4 weeks

Deliverable: List of requirements for an integrated end-to-end solution



Activity 4: Gap analysis

Project leader – Mr B.Bouchkhar + Contract manager – Mr J.Cervera + Statistics quality experts – Mr J.Vila and Ms F.Carausu

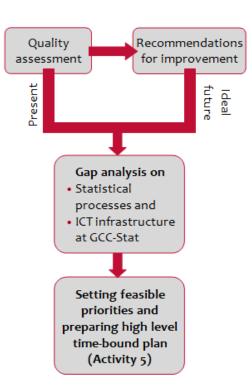
Gap analysis – a process that helps an institution to understand and quantify the gaps that exist between its present and ideal expected future state

Gap analysis will be done based on the outcomes of Activity 1 and following each nine steps of GSBPM



Activity 4: Gap analysis

IT infrastructure strategy gap analysis – analysis of the GCC-Stat requirements against the existing IT infrastructure strategies and forecast capabilities



Operational capability gap analysis – analysis that considers the existing demonstrated capability and operational effectiveness compared to the current organizational requirements



Approach and methodology **Timing and deliverables**

Activity 4: Gap analysis

Activity will be implemented within 4 weeks

Deliverable: Gap analysis



Activity 5: Time-bound plan

Project leader – Mr B.Bouchkhar + Leading IT expert – Mr K.Zeila

Based on the assessment of current arrangements between GCC-Stat and six GCC countries, statistical processes and ICT infrastructure a high level time-bound, so called roadmap will be drafted. It will contain:

- ✓ Overall development plan underlining issues to be considered for future development
- ✓ Necessary improvements or changes in the six national statistics centers
- ✓ Timeframe and estimated costs



Approach and methodology Timing and deliverables

Activity 5: Time-bound plan

Activity will be implemented within 5 weeks

Deliverable: Time-bound plan – roadmap

In addition, a strategic plan with instructions will be presented to General Directors of GCC-Stat

The team will ensure a distance support to GCC-Stat even after the contract expiry date in order to maintain the successful implementation of the time-bound plan



Activity 6: Final report

Project leader – Mr B.Bouchkhar + Leading IT expert – Mr K.Zeila + Contract manager – Mr J.Cervera

The final report will contain:

- All reports / deliverables drafted for each above mentioned activity
- Technical advices from project activities provided in various areas of statistics
- The comparisons of different solutions
- Conclusions and recommendations for development
- Time-bound plan / Roadmap



Approach and methodology

Timing and deliverables

Activity 6: Final report

Activity will be implemented within 3 last weeks

Deliverable: Final approved consolidated report



Approach and methodology

Time schedule

	Month 1			Month 2					Mor	nth 3		Month 4				
Tasks and activities	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W ₃	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4
Kick-off meeting / start of the contract	#															
Assessment		<i>6</i> -5	<i>6</i> -5	<i>6</i> -5	<i>6</i> -5											
Evaluation of ETES				GS	GS.											
Determination of requirements ETES																
Gap analysis																
Time-bound plan																
Draft final report and presentation																
Comments of final report from GCC-Stat																
Submission of final report with all the findings															■ ✓	
Progress meetings				#†† †				#1141				#114				
Final / sign-off meeting																中中





Presentation of the team – Contract manager – Mr José Cervera



More than 20 years of experience in all phases of the statistical production process, including the implementation of surveys and modernization of statistical processes

Director of DevStat as well as an international consultant in official statistics In the field of international statistics involved in methodological support projects for Eurostat.

Scientific Director of the evaluation of the European Statistical Programme 2008-2012 and Team Leader of the evaluation of EU Member States' compliance with the EU Data Collection framework in Fishery Statistics.

Other regional projects, such as:

- Manager of the project on statistical cooperation EU-MERCOSUR
- Expert on Statistical Training for the Andean Community
- Team Leader of the EU-Mediterranean regional statistical program me (MEDSTAT 3) including Arab Mediterranean countries
- Trainer for regional courses in Latin America, French-speaking African countries, Arab countries, Asia-Pacific countries for ITU and UNCTAD

Mr Cervera will liaise with GCC-Stat as well as with the project team as often as needed to advise on project issues.

Presentation of the team – Project leader – Mr Bouazza Bouchkhar



Statistician with more than 17 years of experience working in the Statistical Office of Morocco and as consultant to international organizations (UNCTAD, ITU, AFDB, SESRIC) Has a strong background in economic, social and environmental sectors Experienced in Arab, African and Mediterranean regions and familiar with their statistical information systems.

In depth knowledge and understanding of European and international practices in the compilation of statistics and related metadata

Head of Transport and ICT statistics Unit for more than 12 years.

Since 2015, head of administrative data unit responsible for the collection of administrative statistics for different sectors, data processing and analysis and continuous development of sectoral statistics

Mr Bouchkhar will conduct assessment of specific statistical domains such as economic, transport, tourism and agriculture statistics



Presentation of the team – Subject matter experts

Project manager will mobilize the SME and coordinate reporting.

All reports will be provided to the Project Leader for further assessment and drafting the assessment report

	Economic statistics	Price statistics	National accounts	Energy and environment statistics	Population and housing census	Foreign trade statistics	Monetary, financial and BoP	Tourism statistics	Social statistics	Labor statistics	Agriculture statistics	Transport statistics	Science & technology
Mohammed Achemlal	✓	✓	✓										
Leonidas Akritidis			✓				✓						
Giorgio D'Amore				✓									
Maarten Boon						✓							
Bouazza Bouchkhar	✓			✓				✓			✓	✓	
Jean-Michel Durr					✓				✓				
José Cervera													✓
Etienne Caruana								✓	✓	✓			



Presentation of the team – Leading IT expert – Mr Karlis Zeila



Freelance consultant of statistical information systems with more than 20 years of experience in official statistics

Former Vice President of the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (13 years) responsible for a large number of projects in IT infrastructure and information systems development area thus developing the first Metadata Driven Integrated Statistical Data Management System (2002)

Experienced in management of the IT and information systems development projects in different areas of statistics.

Experienced in methodological issues related to statistics production in different statistical domains as well as in statistical processes ensuring full statistical life cycle according to GSBPM. Active participant in working groups of Eurostat and UNECE Statistics Division thus gaining an experience of international activities and international cooperation in official statistics field

Mr Zeila will be leading the whole IT team and will be responsible for the assessment of Business Software System, and together with the project leader, preparing gap analysis, time-bound plan and consolidated final report



Presentation of the team – Senior ICT expert – Mr Norberts Talers



14 years of experience in implementing data processing solutions and infrastructure supporting statistical data lifecycle

Current vice president of Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia, he has 14 years of experience in official statistics, particularly in implementing data processing solutions and infrastructure in organization to support whole statistical data lifecycle.

Has a significant experience in providing data management and processing solutions within the organization.

During his work the ICT infrastructure has been completely redesigned and implemented under his supervision and involvement. Has a significant experience gained in metadata driven, programming free environments system implementation.

Actively involved in ICT projects starting from identification of needs, requirements preparation up to implementation of the systems in production.

Mr Talers will be supporting the Leading IT expert in assessing the Business Software System in GCC-Stat.



Presentation of the team – Senior IT expert – Mr Mohith Shakir



16 years of experience in IT Infrastructure Services, ITIL Expert Certified

Mr Mohith Shakir is an expert in Consulting, Design and Implementation on of IT Infrastructure at Larger Scale, Expert in Data Center Solutions and End User Computing Solutions.

Mr Shakir will coordinate the local IT team

- Mr Arsalan is an IT System expert having around 10 years of experience in IT Systems, expertise on Active Directory, Doman, VM Wares, Exchange, Server Technologies, Lync, Backup and Recovery
- Mr Naresh Kumar is a Network expert with around 8 years of experience in Network Infrastructure, Network Design, Firewalls Selection and Implementation, Routers, Switches, VPNs, Access Control, Firewall Migration, Network Architecture, Project Planning, Network Security Consulting, Juniper / Cisco

The GLOBCOM team will be responsible for the assessment of ICT Infrastructure and will propose the upgrade and further development of an Integrated End-to-End Statistical Solution

Presentation of the team – Statistics quality exp. – Dr J.Vila and Ms F.Carausu



Dr José Vila and **Ms Flora Carausu** are DevStat's internal experts possessing experience in quality assessment of statistics, providing suggestions and recommendations for improvements

Dr J.Vila has more than 20 years of experience in statistical methodology, monitoring and evaluation, quality assessment of statistical operations, processing of quantitative information, implementation of surveys, etc.



Ms F.Carausu has 7 years of experience working as an Expert in Statistical Quality Assessment, Evaluator, Expert in Local Statistics or Expert in Local Development. Working as an external expert for Eurostat, Ms Carausu has an excellent knowledge of European official statistics (incl. methodology, legal base, strategies and forward planning) and of the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF)



Presentation of the team – Project manager – Ms Dovile Minkeviciute



More than 12 years of experience in the field of statistics, out of them 7,5 years of experience in management of international large scale projects

Ms Minkeviciute has more than 12 years of working experience in the field of statistics.

Has been working 4,5 years in National Statistical Office of Lithuania and since 7,5 years working in consultancy of international statistical projects.

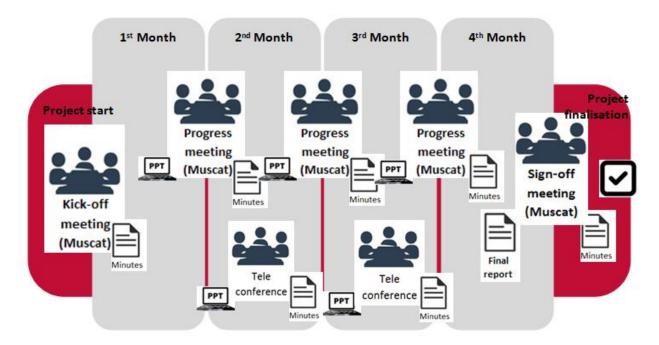
Ms Minkeviciute will be responsible for mobilization of all experts, will monitor and coordinate the implementation of project activities, and together with the Project leader, Leading IT expert and Contract manager will be responsible for delivery of project reports / deliverables.





Management arrangements

Meetings





Management arrangements

Reporting

Milestone	Milestone content	Timing
Assessment report (Activity 1)	 Assessment of current arrangements between GCC-Stat and six national statistical centers Comparison of arrangements with other international and supranational agencies 	
(* 151.7.15)	Assessment against SWOT analysis covering statistical processes and ICT infrastructure	
Report on evaluation of the end-to-end solutions (Activity 2)	 Findings of the evaluation of end-to-end solutions which are available at national and international level Evaluation and analysis of several / relevant options 	
Requirements for Integrated end-to-end solution	 Proposal for statistical business processes and recommendations for the IT systems, software tools, ICT infrastructure components. Presentation of IT aspects 	Beginning of 4M
(Activity 3)	Detailed architecture of the proposed solutionCost estimates	
Gap analysis (Activity 4)	 Analysis based on outcomes of the assessment of existing arrangements and expected future infrastructure Suggestions how to fill in those gaps 	
	Proposal of most feasible solution meeting GCC-Stat's needs	
Final report (Activity 5)	 Consolidated report on all findings, outcomes and proposals mentioned in previous reports Recommendations for future and next steps 	Mid of 4M

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