

Catalog of Annual Training Activities

In the Statistical Capacities
Developing Program

Foreword

The Statistical Center for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-STAT) is pleased to present the annual training catalog as part of the enhancement and development of Statistical Capacity program for 2021. The catalog presents the workshops, training activities to be held by the GCC-STAT in coordination with the national statistical centers.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all national statistical centers and international and regional organizations cooperating with GCC-STAT in implementing its plans in order to build and develop statistical capacities following the best practices in all statistical areas in the region.

We welcome any suggestions or comments that would contribute to the development and improvement of the center performance and promote the sustainability of cooperation in the fields of statistical work.

Director General

About GCC-STAT

The Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-STAT) was established to provide a common official pool of statistics and data for the member states of the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf and to enhance the statistical and information work of the National Statistics Centers in the GCC Member States.

The establishment of GCC-STAT was approved by the GCC Ministerial Council in September 2011. The Charter was officially endorsed in December 2012 by the GCC Supreme Council (comprised of heads of member states: United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar and State of Kuwait). The GCC-STAT Headquarters is located in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Introduction

Strengthen Statistical Capacities of GCC Countries is an important milestone for successful implementation of GCC-Stat strategic plans. Consequently, through providing technical assistance in different fields, the GCC-Stat strives to strengthen all priority statistics fields and national statistical strategies of member states, such strengthen is made through two types of technical support:

- 1- Technical support, which is delivered by GCC-Stat experts or external experts from National entities, regional or international agencies.
- 2- Various activities including, workshops, committees meeting, training, seminars, conferences and statistical forums.

Technical Assistance Section is responsible for organization of workshops, training, seminars, conferences and statistical forums which approved at GCC-Stat annual activities calendar.

Training activity

Training is an activity that organized and conducted mainly by GCC-Stat or jointly in a form of regional, national workshops, training, seminars, conferences or statistical forums, to strengthen and develop the statistical work of GCC countries.

Place of Training Activity “Venue”

The training may be organized or conducted at one of GCC-Stat’s dedicated halls, external halls or be hosted in one of GCC countries. It may also be conducted through electronic means (online). Participation in forums or conferences held by regional or international agencies in respective areas may also considered as training activity.

Content of the Training Activity

The content of the training contains material provided through technical papers prepared by relevant experts and specialists to promote and strengthen statistics strategic fields of GCC strategic plans. Training may also include any other related statistical activities and programs which directly required by the Secretariat general of GCC, or activities among GCC-Stat joint programs.

GCC-STAT Priorities

In line with the targeted objectives of the GCC-STAT Strategic Plan 2021-2025, the priority areas covered by the Center's Work Program during the annual plan identified as follows:

1. Monetary and Financial Statistics
2. Foreign Investment Statistics
3. Price Indices and Short-Term Indicators
4. Foreign Trade Statistics
5. Energy Statistics
6. Tourism Statistics
7. Food Security Statistics
8. The unified registration population census
9. Labor Statistics
10. Household income and expenditure survey
11. Health Statistics
12. Education Statistics
13. Environment Statistics
14. Development, Progress and Sustainability Indicators
15. Statistics related to monitoring the implementation of joint Gulf work decisions on the ground
16. Innovation in statistical work
17. Standards, Classifications, Methodology and Data quality
18. Enhancing the use of administrative data for statistical purposes (business register)
19. Strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation
20. Information and communication technologies (supporting the implementation of the "Marsa" system at the country level)
21. Others (communication, information and awareness, legal framework, regional and international cooperation, etc.)
22. National Account

Distribution of workshops and training courses per week

2021	Week One	Week Two	Week Three	Week Four
March			The 1st Regional Workshop on Monetary and Financial Statistics March 18	Regional Workshop on Modern Methodologies for the Household Income and Expenditure Survey March 23-24
April	Regional Workshop on Seasonal Adjustments in National Accounts Statistics April 5-7			
	Regional Workshop on Status in Employment (ICSE18) and the Informal Sector. April 6-7			
June	The 1st Regional Workshop on Environmental Economic Accounting for Water June 1-2	The 2nd Regional Workshop on Monetary and Financial Statistics June 14	Regional Workshop on Computation of Carbon Dioxide from the Energy Balance June 22-23	
September		Regional Workshop on Analysis of Labor Statistics September 6-9	Regional Workshop on Health Statistics September 12-13	
October	Training Course on Innovation - Using Practical Tools to Process Big Data for the Production of Trusted Statistics October 4-6		Regional Workshop on Development Indicators October 19	The 6th Regional Workshop on Foreign Investment Statistics October 25
				Regional Training Course on Real Estate Price Index October 27
November	The 3rd Regional Workshop on Tourism Statistics November 2-3	The 4th Regional Workshop on Foreign Trade Statistics November 9		Regional Workshop on Modern Census Dissemination Techniques November 25

Identification cards for training activities

The 1st Workshop on Monetary and Financial Statistics (Standardized Reporting Forms to collect monetary data from Depository Corporations)		Date:	18 Mars 2021 (a day)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Monetary and Financial Statistics		
Language	English		
Person in charge	Ahmed Al Farid		
Organizer	The General secretariat of GCC and GCC-Stat		
Target groups	GCC MFS Task Force		
Objectives	Agreeing on the details of the standardized reporting forms to collect monetary data from Depository Corporations		
Required preparations	Standardized Reporting Form draft to collect monetary data (SRF1 & SRF2) .		
Speakers/Trainers	Expert, Nelson Rutto		
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Regional Workshop on Modern Methodologies for the Household Income and Expenditure Survey		Date:	23 – 24 March 2020 (2days)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Household Income and Expenditure Survey		
Language	Arabic Language with English Language Interpretation		
Person in charge	Duaa Sultan & Essa Esmaeil		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	National Statistical Centers		
Objectives	To exchange experiences and knowledge and how to take advantage of new means in collecting household data		
Required preparations	country experiences in implementing the Household Income and Expenditure Survey - visual presentations with a focus on the UAE experience as a main contribution		
Speakers/trainers	GCC Members Representatives		
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Regional Workshop on Seasonal Adjustments in National Accounts Statistics		Date:	5-7 April 2021 (3 days)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	National Accounts Statistics		
Language	English with Interpretation		
Person in charge	Director of Economic Statistics- Ahmed Al Farid		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	staff in quarterly National accounts Statistics in GCC countries		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the participants statistical capacity in preparing quarterly GDP estimates • Strengthen the basic principles of seasonal adjustments and the mechanism of application, publication and review • Prepare a timetable for applying seasonal adjustments to quarterly accounts 		
Required preparations	Visual presentations on estimates at constant prices		
Speakers/Trainers	Expert, Viet Vu		
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Regional Workshop on Status in Employment (ICSE18) and the Informal Sector		Date:	6-7 th April 2021 (2 days)	
		Venue:	Online Workshop	
Statistical Field	Labour Statistics			
Language	Arabic Language with Interpretation Translation			
Person in charge	Batoul Obaid			
Organizer	GCC-Stat			
Target groups	The statisticians working on the production and processing of Labour statistics at the National Statistical Offices as well as the employment in other source agencies producing Labour statistics such as Ministry of Labour , Civil service, Human resources and Localization.			
Objectives	Defining and promoting a shared understanding of the new framework for Informality and its relationship to the classification of Labour relations, and classification of the employment status ICSE18			
Required preparations	Workshop Concept Paper, ICSE18 Documentation, Informality Documentation.			
Speakers/trainers	Batoul Obaid and ILO experts			
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The 1st Regional Workshop on Environmental Economic Accounting for Water		Date:	01-02 June 2021 (02 days)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Environment Statistics		
Language	Arabic Language		
Person in charge	Suad Al Izki, Director of Geographical, Environmental , Tourism and Energy Statistical, GCC-Stat		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	The Workshop targets technicians responsible for the collection and dissemination of Environmental Economic Accounting for Water (SEEA-WTR) in national GCC statistical bodies and ministries of environment or equivalent. Key users of national and regional data and members of the joint committee proposed by the Statistical Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council for Environment Statistics.		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced understanding of international standards related to SEEA-WTR in the GCC statistical system; • Discuss the requirements of users to improve and disseminate SEEA-WTR data annually; • Promote knowledge exchange and cooperation among producers of SEEA-WTR statistics. 		
Required preparations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Framework for SEEA-WTR Statistics 2. Visual presentations 		
Speakers/Trainers	Expert, Abdulaziz Bourahla		
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The 2nd Workshop on Monetary and Financial Statistics (Standardized Reporting Forms to collect monetary data from Other Financial Corporations)		Date:	14 June 2021 (a day)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Monetary and Financial Statistics		
Language	English		
Person in charge	Ahmed Al Farid		
Organizer	The General secretariat of GCC and GCC-Stat		
Target groups	GCC MFS Task Force		
Objectives	Agreeing on the details of the standardized reporting forms to collect monetary data from Other Financial Corporations		
Required preparations	Standardized Reporting Forms draft to collect monetary data SRF4		
Speakers/Trainers	Expert, Nelson Rutto		
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Regional Workshop on Computation of Carbon Dioxide from the Energy Balance		Date:	22 - 23 June 2021 (2 days)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Energy Statistics		
Language	Arabic Language		
Person in charge	Suad Al Izki, Director of Geographical, Environmental , Tourism and Energy Statistical, GCC-Stat		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	The Workshop targets technicians responsible for the collection and dissemination of Energy Balance, in national statistical bodies, ministry of Energy or equivalent. Key users of national and regional data and members of the joint committee proposed by the Statistical Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council for Energy Statistics.		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance understanding of calculating CO2 emissions from energy balance. • Promote knowledge exchange and cooperation between energy statistics producers and users 		
Required preparations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries Energy Balance • Visual presentations 		
Speakers/Trainers	Expert, Abdulaziz Bourahla		
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Regional Workshop on Analysis of Labor Statistics		Date:	6-9 September 2021 (4 days)	
		Venue:	Online Workshop	
Statistical Field	Labor Statistics			
Language	Arabic Language with Interpretation Translation			
Person in charge	Batoul Obaid			
Organizer	GCC-Stat			
Target groups	The statisticians working on the production and processing of Labour statistics especially labor force surveys at the National Statistical Offices as well as the employment in other source agencies producing Labour statistics such as Ministry of Labour, Civil service, Human resources and Localization.			
Objectives	Introducing the methodology for calculating labor statistics indicators extracted from the labor force survey using ready-made statistical software. Enhancing the statistical capabilities of the national statistical agencies in the countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf in the field of analyzing workforce data and calculating labor statistics indicators and interpreting them properly. Building capacities for the new statistical cadres and enabling them to fully understand the indicators of labor statistics and the methodology for their calculation.			
Required preparations	Workshop Concept Paper* and Country data set.			
Speakers/trainers	Batoul Obaid and ILO experts			
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Regional Workshop On Health Statistics		Date:	12-13 September 2021 (2 days)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Health Statistics		
Language	Arabic Language with English Language Interpretation		
Person in charge	Duaa Sultan – Ibrahim Al-Farai		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	Statisticians working in the production and processing of health statistics in national statistical centers as well as statisticians in ministries of health		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand and apply the basic concepts of health indicators - Developing and enhancing practical knowledge related to the preparation and harmonization of health statistics and indicators in GCC Countries - Providing participants with the knowledge of calculating basic health indicators. 		
Required preparations	Concept Paper- Visual Presentations		
Speakers/trainers	GCC Health Council – WHO EMRO		
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Training Course on Innovation Using Practical Tools to Process Big Data for the Production of Trusted Statistics		Date:	04-06 October 2021(3 days)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Innovation in Statistical Work		
Language	Arabic, with simultaneous translation to and from English		
Person in charge	The Virtual Innovation Lab		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	GCC Countries National Statistics Offices and Systems staff who undertake technical implementation of innovative solutions in statistical work		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance capacities of relevant staff in developing innovative solutions in statistical work • Introduction to practical tools for processing big data to produce trusted statistics • Participation in the development of algorithms and codes in “real life” examples 		
Required preparations	Work Papers		
Speakers/Trainers	Experts		
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Regional Workshop on Development Indicators		Date:	19 th October 2021(a day)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Development Indicators, Progress and Sustainability		
Language	Arabic Language		
Person in charge	Dr. Salah Al Muzahmi, Director of Researches and development indicators		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDGs related Statisticians in GCC- National Statistical system • GCC General Secretariat related departments (SDGs , development and planning) 		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the knowledge of the SDGs indicators • To hear from participants about the challenges they face in collecting and disseminating data 		
Required preparations	<p>Participants from GCC Countries to prepare a presentation materials for the workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each country submits one presentation that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The management of indicator statistics, ▪ National data sources, ▪ Dissemination (including publications, dashboards etc. on national level), ▪ The extent of utilizing SDGs indicators in national planning, ▪ Challenges and suggested ways to address and overcome. ▪ Recommendations • The Research and Development Indicators Department prepares the agenda in coordination with countries. 		
Speakers/Trainers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants from member states. • Research and Development Indicators staff to manage a discussion session in order to highlight and conclude the main challenges and best overcome ways. 		
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The 6th Regional Workshop on Foreign Investment Statistics		Date:	25 th October 2021 (a day)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Foreign Investment Statistics		
Language	English with Interpretation		
Person in charge	Director of Economic Statistics - Ahmed Al Farid		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	Annual and Quarterly Foreign Investment Employees in GCC countries		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the implementation of the coordinated foreign investment survey for the GCC countries - Agreement on a new Gulf questionnaire model for international investment centers for all job categories for foreign investment 		
Required preparations	Visual presentations on foreign investment statistics		
Speakers/Trainers	Experts, Tigran Terlemezian & Christie Richards		
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Regional Training Course on Real Estate Price Index		Date:	27 th October 2021 (a day)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Price Index Statistics and Short Term Indicators		
Language	English with Interpretation		
Person in charge	Director of Economic Statistics - Ahmed Al Farid		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	Prices Statistics and Short-Term Indicators Employees in Member Countries		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the participants statistical capabilities in the preparation of the real estate price index • Strengthen the basic principles of seasonal adjustments and the mechanism of application, publication and review 		
Required preparations	Visual presentation		
Speakers/Trainers	Experts		
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The 3rd Regional Workshop on Tourism Statistics		Date:	2-3 November 2021 (02 days)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Tourism Statistics		
Language	Arabic Language		
Person in charge	Suad Al Izki, Director of Geographical, Environmental , Tourism and Energy Statistical, GCC-Stat		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	The Workshop targets technicians responsible for the collection and dissemination of Travel and Tourism statistics in national statistical bodies, Tourism relevant bodies such as ministries, authorities or equivalent. Key users of national and regional data.		
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharing experiments and experiences between GCC countries to develop abilities in tourism statistics and Truism sub accounts. 2. Activate and improve the production and compilation of travel and tourism statistics for the GCC countries. 		
Required preparations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 .Scientific material 2 .Visual presentations 3. Workshop file and meeting file 		
Speakers/Trainers	Experts in Tourism Statistics		
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The 4th Regional Workshop on Foreign Trade Statistics		Date:	9 th November 2021 (a day)
		Venue:	Online Workshop
Statistical Field	Foreign Trade Statistics		
Language	English with Interpretation		
Person in charge	Director of Economic Statistics- Ahmed Al Farid		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	Officials of foreign trade in relevant statistical agencies, customs administrations, central banks and the GCC Secretariat		
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IMTS 2010 methodology. ○ Customs procedures and Foreign Trade Systems. ○ Data quality assessment framework ○ Methodology of foreign trade in services 		
Required preparations	IMTS advice and expert workshop assistance.		
Speakers/Trainers	Experts		
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Regional Workshop on Modern Census Dissemination Techniques/Methods		Date:	25 November 2021 (a day)
		Venue:	Webinar
Statistical Field	The Unified Registration Population Census 2020		
Language	Arabic Language with English Language Interpretation		
Person in charge	Duaa Sultan & Essa Esmaeil		
Organizer	GCC-Stat		
Target groups	National Statistical Centers		
Objectives	Introducing modern means of publishing and marketing census data to meet the needs of beneficiaries of all levels		
Required preparations	Concept paper, Visual presentations, Regional and International Models		
Speakers/trainers	International Expert		
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