

Concept Note

Regional Workshop on the Updated United Nations Methodology for Population Estimates and Projections in Coordination and Cooperation with the United Nations Population Division

11-13 December 2023

Using technical media

(Remotely)





2023 December 13 – 11
Muscat Time ، 15:00 PM – 12:00 PM



Date & Time

Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for
the Arab States of the Gulf in cooperation and
coordination with the United Nations Population
Division



Organizer



Arabic and English (with simultaneous
interpretation)

Language



Introduction

The Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, in cooperation and coordination with the United Nations Population Division - New York, is organizing a regional workshop on the updated United Nations methodology for population estimates and projections, within the framework of the updated methodology used in population estimates and projections of the World Population Prospects data issued by the United Nations Population Division. The new methodology better presents the reality of the population and its variables in the GCC region and the world at large, in addition to other positive advantages expected to be applied in the next edition of the World Population Prospects Estimates in 2024.

The workshop is also an opportunity to present the experiences of the GCC countries in moving to administrative records to provide population data, and to review experiences in updating population estimates according to the results of the 2020 round censuses of GCC countries.

This workshop is a continuation of the efforts made by GCC-Stat and NSOs during the past period in cooperation with the relevant international organizations on population estimates and projections and based on the importance of indicators related to the current and future population size and composition in the GCC countries.



General background

Based on the importance of indicators related to the current and future population size and composition in the GCC countries, GCC-Stat in cooperation with the relevant United Nations organizations and Member States, organized a series of workshops and meetings in the field of population estimates and projections.

GCC-Stat organized the consultative meeting for population estimates and projections in cooperation with relevant international organizations in October 2019, and this meeting included a group of demographic specialists in NSOs in the GCC countries, and from the United Nations from the Population Division, the Statistics Division and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), in addition to those concerned with GCC-Stat.

The objective of this consultative meeting was to exchange experiences and knowledge among the participants on the assumptions and methodologies used to make population estimates and projections of the GCC countries.

GCC-Stat also held a remote meeting on population estimates for GCC countries, in September 2020, in which representatives of statistical centers and agencies in the GCC countries participated.

Many points related to population estimates were discussed, including the fact that countries provide international organizations with the latest data and a sense of detail required, and this in itself constitutes an addition to the inference by organizations in developing estimates based on official and updated data from countries.



To complement the efforts, and within the framework of the United Nations Population Division's updating of the methodology used in world population estimates and projections, GCC-Stat is organizing this workshop to understand more clearly the updated methodology and review it by specialists from the United Nations Population Division.

Objectives

The workshop aims to exchange experiences and knowledge among participants on the updated hypotheses and methodologies for the work of population estimates and projections in the United Nations Population Division, and the workshop also aims to build and strengthen the capacities of Gulf statistical members working in the departments of population and social statistics in NSOs in the GCC countries, which work on collecting and disseminating population data and specialists working in the analysis of population census data.

The main objectives of the workshop are:

- ❖ Follow up on the most prominent recommendations of the consultative meeting for population estimates and projections, which was organized by GCC-Stat in October 2019, in cooperation and coordination with relevant international organizations and all efforts made during the period 2019-2023 on this subject.
- ❖ Identify the components of the methodology and relevant updated hypotheses used by the United Nations Population Division in the preparation of population estimates and projections for the GCC countries. in the data of the prospects of world population.



- ❖ Transfer the knowledge and interdisciplinary expertise possessed by GCC countries in the preparation of population estimates and projections.
- ❖ Identify the experiences of some GCC countries in publishing population data at the beginning of the year, which depend on record sources, evaluate their methodology, and work to standardize the time reference for the publication of population data.
- ❖ Identify the experiences of countries in determining the effects of the 2020 census cycle in updating population data for time series according to census results.
- ❖ Determine the areas of cooperation in methodological frameworks and methods and try to improve the quality of data sources with the United Nations Population Division.

Expected outputs

Participants in this workshop will be able to:

- ❖ A clear understanding of the modernization mechanism used in developing the methodology for preparing population estimates and projections adopted by the Population Division of the United Nations, and the extent to which it matches the reality of the population in the GCC region.
- ❖ Identify the updated hypotheses and methodologies for the work of population estimates and projections for the GCC countries and know the areas of cooperation and aspects of development and improvement.
- ❖ The review of experiences and the exchange of experiences will also allow for the transfer of knowledge among the GCC countries in the preparation and dissemination of population data and estimates. And to identify the most important changes that were identified based on the results of the census cycle for the year 2020.

Participants

- ❖ Specialists responsible for population estimates and projections in NSOs.
- ❖ Population statistics officers of NSOs.
- ❖ Representatives of the United Nations Population Division.
- ❖ Population Statistics Specialists at the Gulf Statistical Center.

Speakers

- ❖ Population Statistics Expert from the United Nations Population Division Dr. Sarah Hertog.
- ❖ Population statistics specialists in the GCC Countries.
- ❖ Population statistics specialists in the GCC-Stat.

Preparation

Participants will have to:

- ❖ View the workshop concept note.
- ❖ Prepare a presentation of the experience of GCC Countries in the field of the workshop.
- ❖ Ensure the effectiveness of the electronic tools necessary for remote participation and access to the workshop platform well in advance to ensure the effectiveness of audio and translation.

Language

The workshop will be held in Arabic and English with simultaneous interpretation.



Workshop work programme

Day One	Date	Time
Monday	11 ديسمبر 2023م	15:00 – 12:00

Subject	Speaker	Time
session 1:		
Workshop opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introducing the participants ○ Introduction to the workshop and review of the importance of population estimates and projections as a Gulf and national requirement 	GCC-Stat	15 min.
General background on the topic and the efforts made during the period 2019-2023.	GCC-Stat	10 min.
Review of updated methodology for population estimates and projections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basic components 	UNPD	30 min.

Break 10 min.

session 2:		
Complete the review of the updated methodology for population estimates and projections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comparison with previous methodology and areas of improvement 	UNPD	40 min.

Discussion 10 min.

session 3:		
Reviewing countries' experiences in updating population estimates according to the 2020 census outcomes	Bahrain	15 min.
	Saudi Arabi	15 min.
	Qatar	15 min.
Closing discussion for the first day		20 min.



Workshop work programme

Day Two	Date	Time
Thursday	12 ديسمبر 2023م	15:00 – 12:00

Subject	Speaker	Time
session 1:		
Summary of the first day's workshop.	GCC-Stat	20 min.
Review of the United Nations population projections that will be published in July 2024.	UNPD	30 min.
Discussion 10 min.		
session 2:		
The extent of the impact of applying the new methodology on the population projections for the Gulf Cooperation Council countries and the desired consensus according to the outcomes of the 2020 census cycle.	UNPD	30 min.
An executive summary about the reality of population projections in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, which contributes to building a unified Gulf model based on population projections for the Gulf Cooperation Council	GCC-Stat	20 min.
Break 10 min.		
session 3:		
Reviewing countries' experiences in determining the reference period for publishing population data (mid-year and beginning of the year)		
○ Oman		15 min.
○ Kuwait		15 min.
Closing discussion for the second day		20 min.



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Day Two	Date	Time
Wednesday	13 ديسمبر 2023م	15:00 – 12:00

Subject	Speaker	Time
session 1:		
Review of the (initial) population estimates of the United Nations, which will be published in July 2024 Introducing the participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The extent of the impact of applying the new methodology on population estimates in the GCC countries. ○ The extent of compatibility of the updated estimates with population data according to the outputs of the 2020 census. 	UNPD	40 min.
Discussion 20 min.		
Break 10 min.		
session 2:		
Reviewing aspects of development in relying on administrative records in publishing population statistics.	UAE	15 min.
Discussion 20 min.		
Conclusion and recommendations		15 min.
Closing the workshop		

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