

Brief description of the organization:

- The Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf ("GCC Stat") was incepted in June 2012 to serve as a common official pool of statistics and data for the member states of the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (short form is Gulf Cooperation Council or "GCC").
- The GCC Stat was approved by the GCC Ministerial Council in September 2011 and its Charter was officially endorsed in December 2012 by the GCC Supreme Council, comprising 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 Centre is empowered to be the only official source of data for the Gulf Cooperation Council countries. The GCC-Stat is located in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Mission for statistics:

- The GCC-Stat is responsible for data collection, analysis, dissemination of economic, social, demographic, agricultural, environmental, energy, and other data through the national statistical centers and work on their classification, storage and analysis. It is also responsible for creating data hubs, and implementing joint statistical projects through national statistical centers.
- The Centre is to lead development of strategic plans of the statistical work for member countries in coordination with the CSOs.
- The Centre coordinates all statistical work programs at the level of Member States, and looks to applying international standards, unifying methodologies and standards and, most importantly, to implement and coordinate quality assurance frameworks.
- The Centre is expected to deliver technical assistance program and training to its member countries.

Fields of activity/ structure statistics:

- GCC-Stat statistics include statistics relating to economic, social, demographic, agricultural, environmental, energy, tourism, development, and other statistics.
- The statistics function of the GCC-Stat is centralised in four divisions: Economic Statistics;
 Demography & Social Statistics; Research & Development Indicators; Geographical,
 Environmental, Tourism & Energy Statistics.



Mandate:

- Collection, classification, storage and analysis of economic, social, agricultural, environmental, energy related and other statistics from the respective national statistics bodies, and establishing statistical databases accordingly.
- Conducting joint statistical projects for the GCC countries.
- Preparation and provision of data, information and statistical indicators about the GCC. Potential recipients include: national bodies, the GCC General Secretariat, GCC organizations institutions and offices, and regional and international bodies, as well as the wider public through different media.
- Developing strategic plans for statistics within the GCC in coordination with the respective national statistical bodies.
- Representing the GCC in statistical matters.
- Entering into international cooperation arrangements for the development of the statistical system for the GCC in accordance with the law and in coordination with the competent authorities.
- Application of international standards and criteria in all fields and stages of statistical work.
- Standardizing the methods and criteria used in statistical work in coordination with the respective statistical bodies of the GCC.
- Ensuring quality of statistical work performed.
- Provision of technical support to improve statistical work in the GCC member states.
- Capacity building in statistics in the GCC member states.
- Contribution to the building of a statistical culture and promoting statistical awareness.

Statistical work program:

Number of staffs

Total/ **Statisticians**

- Ongoing assembly and dissemination of statistics for the GCC countries.
- Ten priority statistical development projects covering: national accounts; merchandise trade statistics; monetary and financial statistics; labor statistics; environment and energy statistics; progress and development indicators; price and production indices; administrative datasets; population census; data quality and standards.
- Total: 67
- Senior Management staff: 10
- Administrative staff: 22
- Statisticians:35



Flagship

Publications:

GCC common Market report

SDG in GCC GCC in Figures GCC yearly Book

Thematic

Publications:

Population statistics in GCC Education statistics in GCC Health statistics in GCC Culture statistics in GCC Labor statistics in GCC Vital statistics in GCC

National Account in GCC

Financial and Monitory statistics in GCC

Foreign Trade statistics in GCC

CPI in GCC statistics

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