



## **Institutional Building in GCC countries: The Achievements of GCC-Stat**

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The most recent initiatives, that is the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 development agenda, encouraged National Statistical Offices to produce more and better quality statistics to help policy makers in the development of national strategies. At the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) level policy makers are also in need of the same quality data but it needs to be at a regional level, harmonized with other international statistics, and properly coordinated between the member States using the same definitions, time frames and methodologies. The GCC-Stat has been working since its inception in several domains to enable member State statistical offices to produce statistics that can be combined with those from other States.

The paper will examine the strategic goals of GCC-Stat. These goals will serve as targets for all GCC countries. The paper includes a GCC-STAT work-plan to improve statistics at the GCC level to encourage and improve evidence based decision making.

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