

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Advisory Council

The importance of the Advisory Council for Statistics: The importance of forming an advisory council for statistics emanates from its cruciality for laying the general framework as well as directing the priorities of the statistical programs in accordance with national interests. The advisory council is a national body comprising representatives from the governmental, non – governmental and private sectors in addition to academic personalities. The membership of the council is determined based on nominations from the council of ministers. This ensures that the composition of the council involves fully qualified personalities along with national and legal personalities capable of giving solid advise on the national statistical priorities. Nevertheless, the council had no whatsoever legislative or executive authorities in terms of the daily management of statistical activities. The council does not assume the functions of a board of trustees. It is neither part of the Central Bureau of Statistics nor follows up the daily administrative and technical activities of the bureau.

Internal Control Department

Background

The Internal Control Department, reporting directly to the President office, plays an active & supporting role in the management of PCBS. The staff of this department has access to all PCBS accounts, documents and records.

Objectives

ICD main objective is to safeguard PCBS assets, to ensure that financial transactions are made in compliance with PCBS rules, polices and conform to the generally accepted standards of correct accounting.

ICD is responsible for ensuring that the rules & procedures of PCBS are properly implemented in the following sections:

- Administrative section.
- Financial section
- Technical section.

Tasks

The main tasks of the ICD are as follows:-

1. To implement the internal control system of PCBS.
2. To monitor systems and procedures in order to detect time waste, and ensure cost efficiency.
3. To ensure that internal rules and procedures are properly applied and to identify weak points & propose suitable changes.
4. To ensure that PCBS resources are efficiency used.

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5. To guarantee that PCBS resources are not subject to theft or misuse.
6. To ensure that all transactions are recorded in PCBS financial books and supported with relevant vouchers and documents.
7. To conduct special examinations at the request of the management.