



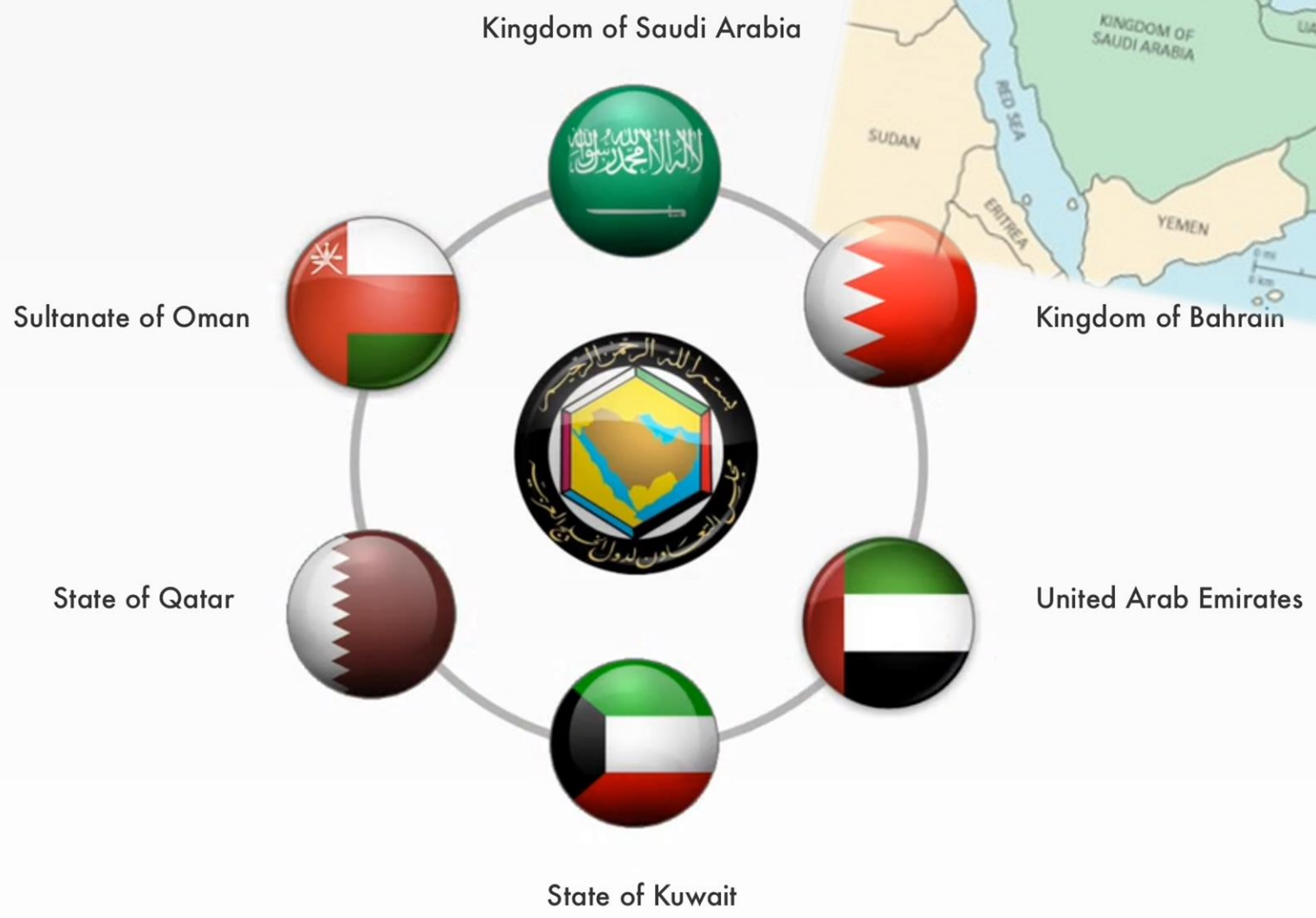
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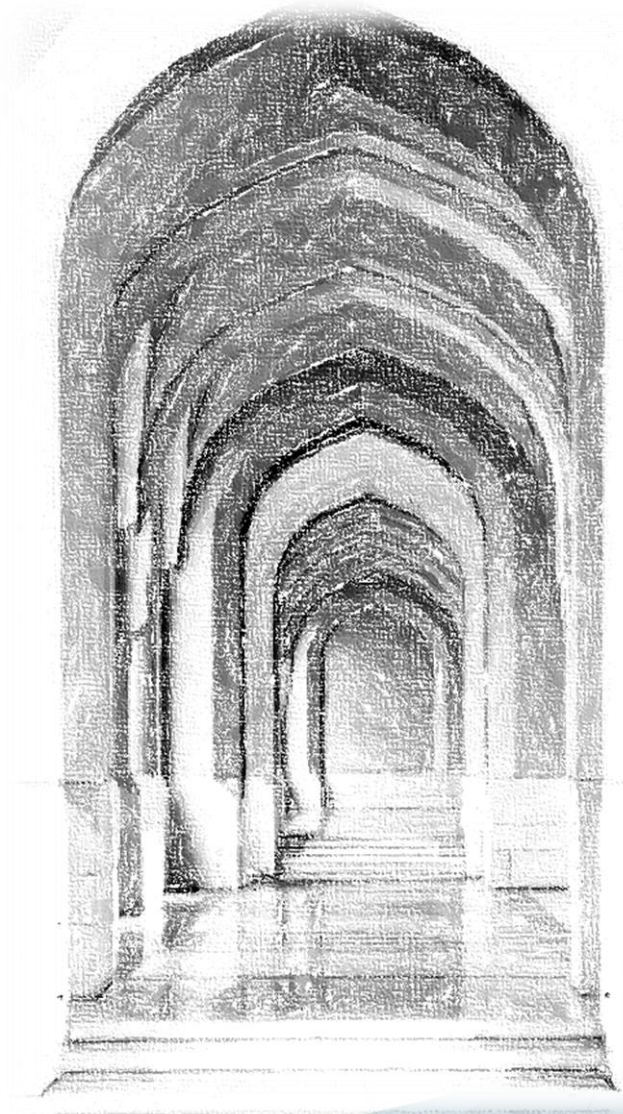
UN Statistics Commission
Strengthening Environment Statistics for
Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals

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Outline

- Background
- GCC statistical system
- Strategy development
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- Environment project
 - Objectives
 - Work plan
 - User needs



Background

- Incepted in June 2011 to serve as a common official pool of statistics
- Charter endorsed in December 2012 by the GCC Supreme Council
- Independent institution, responds to GCC Ministerial Council
- Located in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman



Background

- **Vision:** A reliable resource and a dynamic driver of the GCC Statistical System
- **Mission:** Leverage the power of statistical information to support decision making, research and dialogue within GCC nations
- **Values:** Integrity – Excellence – Professionalism – Collaboration

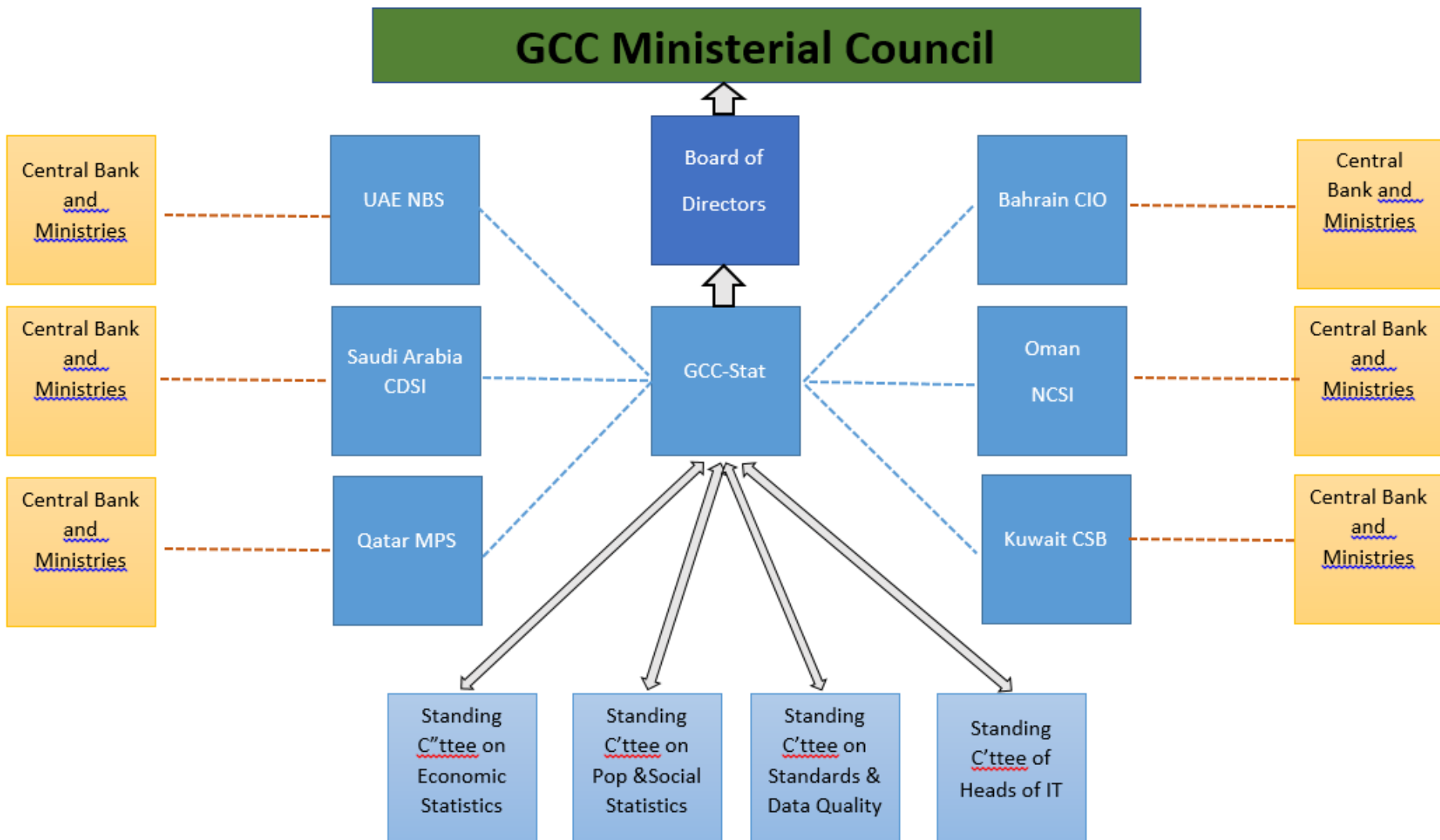


Mandate

- Collection, compilation and analysis of data
- Capacity building in Member States
- Technical support for the Member States
- Build statistical culture & awareness of Statistics
- Adopt international best practices
- Deploy international standards and unify standards to ensure quality of statistics



GCC Statistical System



Board of Directors



- Heads of National Statistics Offices
- Plus GCC Secretariat and GCC-Stat DG



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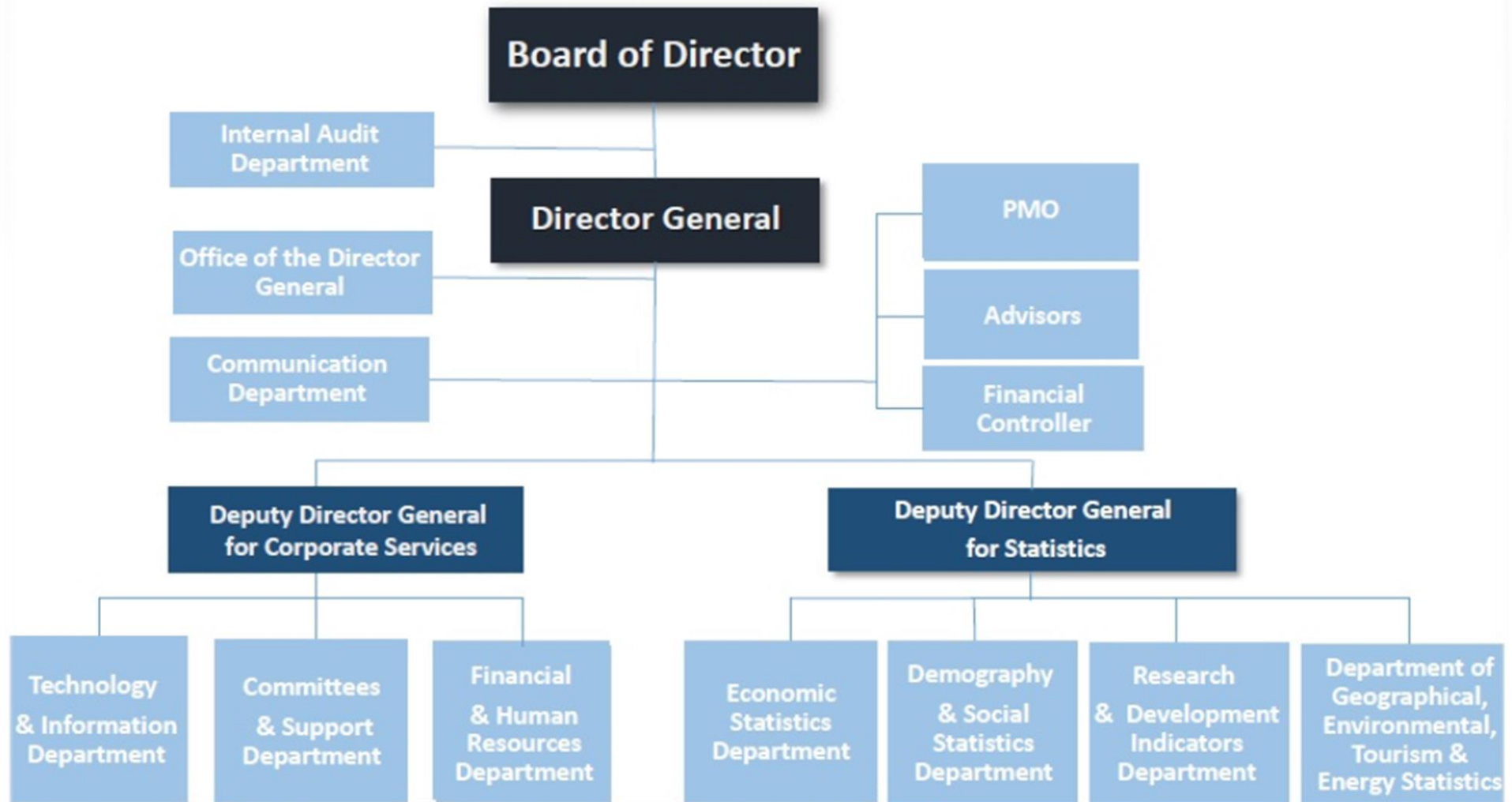


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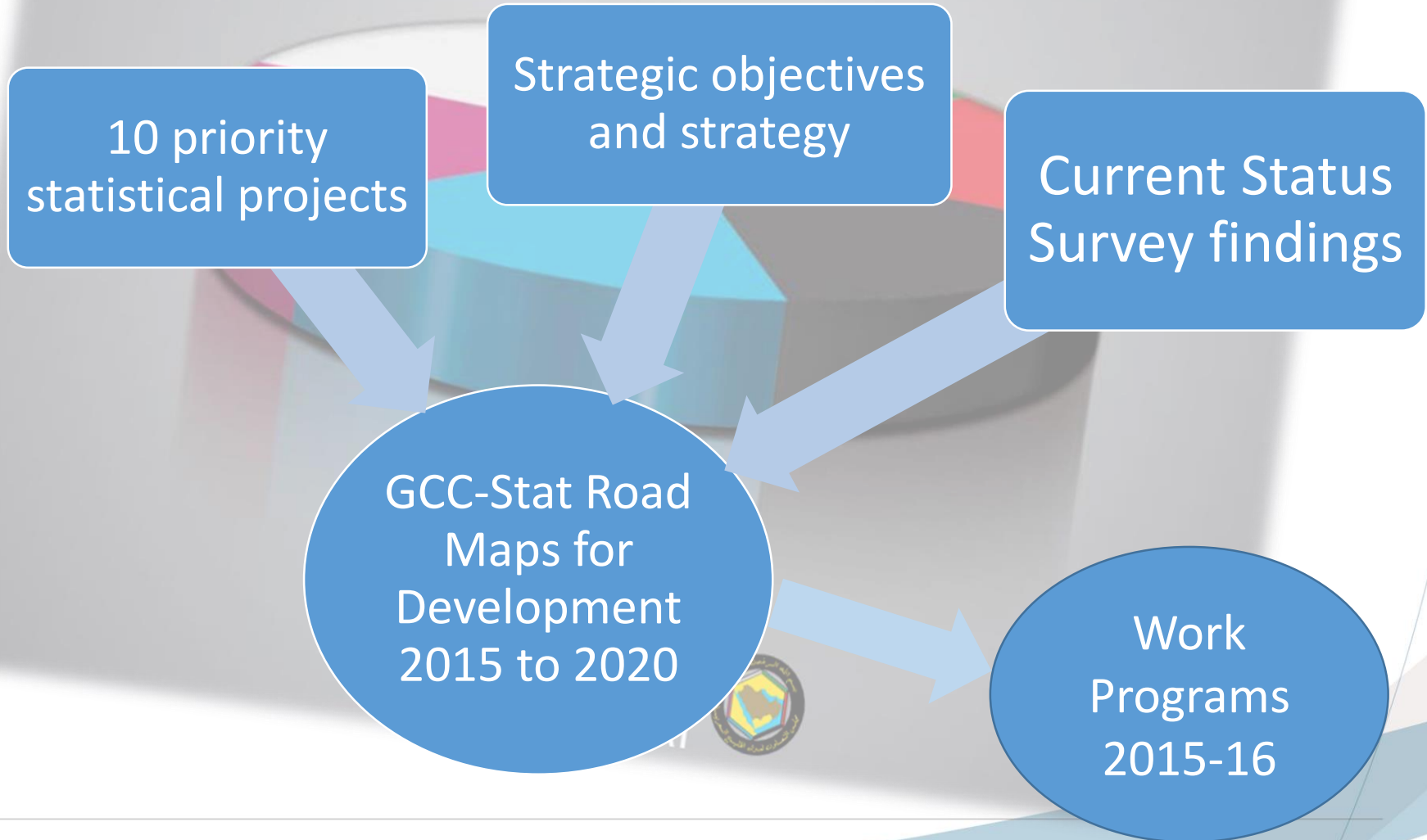
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Strategy development



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



Key Strategic Themes for 2015 - 2020



Standards and Harmonization

- Implementing international standards and classifications in GCC national and regional statistics
- Increasing harmonization of practices and programs

Data Quality and Quantity

- Strengthening data quality in GCC statistics
- Progressively expanding the range and quality of datasets available about GCC countries and the GCC region

Capacity and Awareness

- Strengthening statistical capacity in countries and in the region
- Raising awareness about importance of statistics in the GCC
- Long term organizational sustainability of GCC-Stat

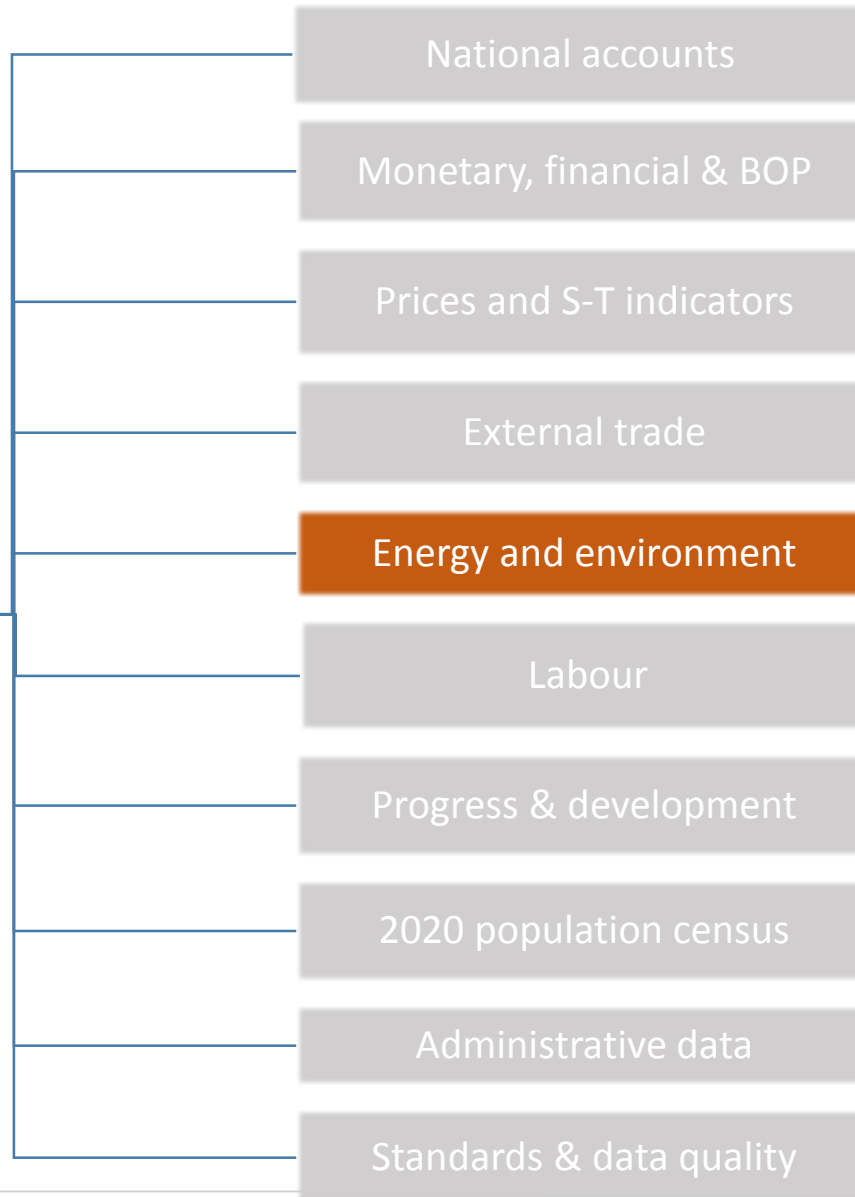
Sustainable engagement

- Building a sustainable GCC statistical system and partnership between GCC-Stat and the National Statistical Centers
- Engagement with the international statistical community

Road Maps for Development



Statistical Programs



1. Harmonised **Environment Statistics System** based on international standards like the UN Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (**FDES**) (*within three years*), the UN International Recommendations on Water Statistics (**IRWS**) and the UN System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (**SEEA**) (*five years*).
2. All countries use the adopted UNSD/UNEP **Questionnaires**
3. Promote use of a harmonised **GIS** platform for analysis and dissemination
4. Regular dissemination of Environment statistics by GCC-Stat

OBJECTIVE 1: Harmonization of the environment statistics system

1.1. Capacity building on environment statistics (proposal Water and GIS for 1st year & Waste for second year)

1.1.1 Regional workshop

1.1.2 Technical assistance missions (3 missions per year)

1.1.3 Study visit to countries with best practice

1.2. Coordination

1.2.1 Establish working group on environment statistics

1.2.2 Meetings

1.2.3 Support countries in setting up national working group

1.3. Awareness and users needs

1.3.1 Support countries in Involving main users at national level

1.3.2 Coordinate work with international agencies

1.3.3 Organize a conference or forum

OBJECTIVE 2: Preparation and implementation of common survey plan

2.1 Prepare common survey plan

2.2 Support countries in conduct of water and waste management survey

OBJECTIVE 3: Promote harmonized GIS platform

3. 1. Identify best practice among GCC countries

3.2. Encourage and support adoption in all countries

OBJECTIVE 4: Assemble and disseminate environment statistics

4.1 Collection and validation

4.1.1 Select priority sector(s)

4.1.2 Develop data and metadata transmission tables

4.1.3 Data & Metadata collection

4.1.4 Data validation

4.1.5 Integration in regional Database

4.2 Dissemination

4.2.1 Publications

4.2.2 Web portal



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main strengths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment statistics : Data on the state the environment in some countries, willingness to implement additional questions into existing surveys and to start additional surveys GIS tools : implemented in most of the countries with best practices in one or two countries Synergy : With ministry of environment in some cases and UNSD in another ones International standards, classification and framework: two best practices Environment Statistical Unit: Plan to establish independent units in two countries (in 2014 and 2015)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main weaknesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment statistics : Not all necessary data are available or made available for statistical purposes in general, and no data on pressure on the environment in some countries, GIS tools : Used mainly for administrative purpose and Not linked to environment data Synergy : Lack in coordination between the specialist departments and IT department and Lack in cooperation with data provider Human resources: Insufficient staff resources and lack of experience in some cases

Environmental Cooperation

- I. Policies and General Principles of Environment Protection
- II. Environmental Laws and Legislations
- III. GCC Disaster Control Center
- IV. The GCC Award for the Best Environmental Work
- V. Environmental Awareness
- VI. Cooperation with the Organizations and Economic Groupings
- VII. Multi-lateral Environmental Agreements.

First priority Water Statistics and Publication

UNSD/UNEP Questionnaires

- Table W1: Renewable Freshwater Resources
- Table W2: Freshwater Abstraction
- Table W3: Freshwater Available for Use
- Table W4: Total Water Use
- Table W5: Water Supply Industry
- Table W6: Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- Table W7: Population Connected to Wastewater Treatment
- Table W8: Supplementary Information Sheet

First priority Water Statistics and Publication

FDES for water sector

- 1. Water Resources
- 2. Water Use and Management
- 3. Environmental Effects
- 4. Protection and Mitigation Activities

- Key coordinator
- To advise the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics on:
 - the viability of the **road map** and
 - **2015 and 2016 work program** for the environment statistics project
- **Advance the environment statistics** project and
- Provide regular **progress reports** to the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics on the project.



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