

## United Nations Statistical Commission

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### Items for discussion and decision: International Comparison Programme

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Qatar's Progress in the ICP 2021 Cycle

1. The State of Qatar has implemented specialized surveys for the 2021 cycle (housing - machinery and equipment, building and construction, education, wages), and has collected and sent them to the working team in the ESCWA regional office.
2. During 2021, the national working team in the Planning and Statistics Authority recorded all updated consumer goods for the 2021 cycle in the national system for consumer prices, so that they can be collected along with the national prices. The work is continuing and nearly 80% of it has been completed.
3. The PSA has added new cadres to work in the ICP, in an effort to rotate work, raise efficiency and build capacity among price employees.
4. The Corona-Covid 2019 pandemic had a negative impact in the field of collecting and surveying some commodity and service groups, which directly affected the full coverage of the basket of goods. On the other hand, this led to the development of other methods for collecting prices, as well as the creation of modern technological methods for collecting prices in less than one minute. It is a smart modern method of collecting prices, especially the prices of many commodities and changing prices within a short period of time. This method is called (WEB SCRAPPING\_SCANNER DATA), and we hope to apply it in the near future in the Prices Section in cooperation with the Information Systems Department.

Actions to be taken by the Statistical Commission. The Commission is invited:

1. To take note of the significant progress made in the implementation of the ICP 2021 cycle, despite COVID-19-related challenges;  
The progress made in the implementation of the ICP 2021 cycle has been noted.
2. To urge national, regional and global agencies to ensure that ICP 2021 cycle activities are carried out in a timely manner, as the 2021 results will provide a unique and vital analysis of the global economy mid-pandemic; without further delay to ensure the timeliness of the results of 2017.

The State of Qatar has made many achievements, which are mentioned above.

3. To encourage the promotion of the publication entitled Purchasing Power Parities for Policy Making: A Visual Guide to Using Data from the International Comparison Programme to ICP stakeholders, policymakers and other users;  
([https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/icp/brief/VC\\_Uses](https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/icp/brief/VC_Uses))

The Planning and Statistics Authority of the State of Qatar expresses its interest in the aforementioned publication.

4. To impress upon national, regional and global agencies the need to incorporate ICP into their regular statistical work programmes to ensure its sustainability as a permanent programme.

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The State of Qatar will work to integrate the programme into its regular statistical work programmes and to consider it a permanent programme.

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