

During its meeting on Tuesday 05/03/2019

The Cabinet Congratulates the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Ramallah - 05/03/2019 - The Cabinet congratulates Palestine and the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) for its achievement in getting ranked the **4th** among 16 countries in the Western Asia and Middle East (ranking higher than Israel) and the **51st** among the countries of the world in openness of official statistics as per the Open Data Watch's release of the 2018/19 Open Data Inventory (ODIN) report that focuses on the quality and comprehensiveness of official statistics. It is worth noting that this is the only international assessment to cover the openness, completeness and quality of data on the websites provided by national statistical offices.

The Cabinet highly appreciates this historic achievement by improving the ranking of Palestine during 2018, and stresses that this position confirms the great and continuous efforts exerted by PCBS in the field of data quality, especially quality dimension related to "accessibility and clarity" as well as quality dimension related to "completion".