



ARAB CONFERENCE: TRANSFORMATIVE AGENDA FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

5-7 April 2016 Ankara, Turkey

Co-organized by:

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

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Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)

Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-Stat)

Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS)

INTRODUCTION

The Arab Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics will be held on 5-7 April 2016 on SESRIC premises in Ankara, Turkey.

The Arab Conference is part of a series of regional conferences on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. It builds on the outcome of the High-Level Global Conference organized by UNSD and Eurostat in January 2015 in New York and the recognition by the 46th and 47th Sessions of the UN Statistical Commission of the emerging demands for high-quality statistics and the need for modernization of national, regional and international statistical systems.

The Conference aims at taking stock of various international, regional, sub-regional and national initiatives for integrating and modernizing statistical systems, and shaping the global initiative for a Transformative Agenda to the Arab region context.

The Conference is targeting heads of National Statistical Offices, chief statisticians of international and regional organizations, multilateral and bilateral partners, and other stakeholders.

The Conference will be organized in four substantive sessions covering the 5 thematic areas of the Transformative Agenda. It is expected Arab countries to steer this event for which substantial time will be assigned to group discussions and plenary interventions.

For more information, documents and material visit:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/workshops/2016/Ankara/1od.asp>.

DRAFTAGENDA

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL 2016	
08:30 - 09:15	Registration
09:15 - 10:15	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>H.E. Ambassador Musa KULAKLIKAYA, Director General, SESRIC (10')</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Juraj RIECAN, Statistics Division, ESCWA (10')</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Sabir AL-HARBI, GCC-Stat (10')</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Ivo HAVINGA, UNSD (20')</i></p> <p>including outline of the Transformative Agenda</p>
10:15 - 10:45	Family Photo and Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:30	<p><u>SESSION I: Coordination at and between the global, (sub-) regional and National Statistical Systems (Thematic 1), Communication, and Advocacy (Thematic 2)</u></p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <p><i>Mr. Abdella Zidan Amhemad ALLAG, Bureau of Statistics and Census, Libya</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Thematic 1:</u> <i>Mr. Abdullah Mohammed ALBATIL, General Authority of Statistics, Saudi Arabia (20')</i> • <u>Thematic 2:</u> <i>Ms. Ola Farah AWAD-SHAKHSHIR, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (20')</i> <p>Questions and Answers (15')</p> <p>Breakout Meetings (50')</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch and Prayer Break
14:00 - 15:00	<u>SESSION I:</u> Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')
15:00 - 16:45	<p><u>SESSION II: Integrated Statistical Systems: Data Collection, Processing and Dissemination of Integrated Statistics (Thematic 3)</u></p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <p><i>Ms. Samira OUADDAY, National Statistical Institute, Tunisia</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Mohammed BARRECH, Department of Statistics, Morocco (20')</i> • <i>Mr. Abdallah Mohammad ABDELAZIZ, Department of Statistics, Jordan (20')</i> <p>Questions and Answers (15')</p> <p>Breakout Meetings (50')</p>
16:45 - 17:15	Coffee Break
17:15 – 18:15	<u>SESSION II:</u> Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL 2016

<p>9:15 - 11:00</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>SESSION III: National and International Initiatives for Modernization and Standardisation of Statistical Business Architecture (Thematic 4)</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Mr. Eltag Awad Aburas MUSA, Central Bureau of Statistics, Sudan</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Ferenc GALIK, Eurostat (20')</i> • <i>Mr. Murat TUNÇEL, Turkish Statistical Institute (20')</i> <p>Questions and Answers (15')</p> <p>Breakout Meetings (50')</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:30</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11:30 - 12:00</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>SESSION III: Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')</p>
<p>12:30 - 14:00</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Lunch and Prayer Break</p>
<p>14:00 - 16:00</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>SESSION IV: Capacity Building (Thematic 5a) and Training (Thematic 5b)</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Mr. Mohehd El Moctar AHMED SIDI, National Statistical Office, Mauritania</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Thematic 5a:</u> <i>Ms. Yosr Abdelfattah AHMED, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Egypt (15')</i> <i>Mr. Gürdal GEDİK, Turkish Statistical Institute (15')</i> • <u>Thematic 5b:</u> <i>Mr. Abdelaziz MAALMI, AITRS (15')</i> <i>Ms. Zehra Zumrut SELCUK, SESRIC (15')</i> <p>Questions and Answers (15')</p> <p>Breakout Meetings (50')</p>
<p>16:00 - 16:30</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>16:30 - 17:30</p>	<p>:</p>	<p>SESSION IV: Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')</p>

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2016

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9:30 - 10:45	<p><u>SESSION V(a): Conclusions by Arab countries</u></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Mr. Gabriel GAMEZ, UNSD</i></p> <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Luay SHABANEH, UNFPA (25')</i> <p>Discussions on the outcome of the conference with the contribution of panellists (50')</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Dahir Salad HASSAN, Directorate of Statistics, Somalia</i>• <i>Ms. Ola Farah AWAD-SHAKHSHIR, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics</i>• <i>Mr. Abdullah Mohammed ALBATIL, General Authority of Statistics, Saudi Arabia</i>
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:30	<p><u>SESSION V(b): Conclusions by co-organisers and Farewell</u></p> <p>Discussions on the outcome of the conference with the contribution of panellists (75')</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>H.E. Amb. Musa KULAKLIKAYA , Director General, SESRIC</i>• <i>Mr. Juraj RIECAN, Statistics Division, ESCWA</i>• <i>Mr. Ivo HAVINGA, UNSD</i>• <i>Mr. Abdinasir Mohamud NUR, IsDB</i>• <i>Mr. Sabir AL-HARBI, GCC-Stat</i>• <i>Mr. Abdelaziz MAALMI, AITRS</i>