Press Release

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To be held in ADNEC, with the Participation of 40 Countries for 3 days

SCAD: Abu Dhabi Hosts The IAOS First ME Event

Reem Al Hashimi: SCAD Plays a Leading Role in Establishing National Vision and, Boosting International Competitiveness

Ola Awad: IAOS; An Opportunity to Be Seized For Issuing Recommendations Serving Global Development

Al Qubaisi: SCAD is The Leading Statistical Agency in The Region.

The Opening Session was attended by:

H.E. Reem Bent Ibrahim Al Hashimi, State Minister for International Cooperation Affairs and Director General EXPO 2020.

H.E. Ola Awad, IAOS President and Director General of the Palestinian Central Statistics Bureau.

H.E. Naser Lutah; Director General Federal Agency for Statistics and Competitiveness.

H.E. Butti Ahmed Mohamed Bin Butti Al Qubaisi SCAD Director General.

H.E. Rashed Lahej Al Mansouri; Chairman SCAD Board of Directors and, Director General Centre of Information and Electronic Systems.

H.E. Suhail Al Mazroui, Minister of Energy.

H.E. Maithaa Al Shamsi, State Minister.

H.E. Ohood Al Roumi, Minister of Happiness.

H.E. Abdullah Al Shaibani, Secretary General Dubai Executive Council.

H.E. Mohamed Humaid Al Qasemi, Secretary General Sharjah Executive Council.
His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Abdullah Al Thani, Director General Centre of Information and Community Development– Sharjah.

H.E. Dr. Fahd Al Tekhaifi; Director General KSA General Statistics Agency.

H.E. Saber Bin Saed Al Harbi, Director General Statistics Centre of CCG Countries.

H.E. Aref Al Muhairi, Director General Statistics Centre Dubai.

H.E. Mona Al Daas, Assistant Undersecretary, Central Statistical Bureau of Kuwait.

H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Saad, Director General, Al Fujairah Statistics Centre.

Mr. Ola Rosling, Executive Director, Gapminder

Mr. Johannes Jutting; President of Partnership in Statistics– Paris 21.

The opening session was also attended by a number of director generals of statistical bureaus as well as, prominent experts in the field of statistics.

In his opening speech, H.E. Butti Al Qubaisi expressed his deepest appreciation and gratitude to the wise leadership of Abu Dhabi for providing ample resources, in consistency with the highest global standards that paved the way for organizing such a prestigious international event.
H.E. has further added that Abu Dhabi is the first country in the region to host The IAOS 2016 which is held once every two years in one of the IAOS member states. This unprecedented accomplishment will certainly enhance Abu Dhabi leading regional centre in the development of statistical knowledge worldwide.

The first day of the Conference was attended by around 500 participants including; senior officials, policy makers and, experts from 40 countries around the world.

Day3 of the conference agenda includes 3 general sessions, 21 parallel sessions, chaired and moderated by speakers representing leading global statistical institutions. Some 111 papers will be presented.

Valuable high rhythm topics enriched the first day events, inaugurated by an opening cultural spot, followed by the opening speech delivered by H.E. Butti Al Qubaisi; SCAD Director General, representative of the hosting party, proceeded by the speech delivered by H.E. Reem Al Hashimi; State Minister for Cooperation Affairs under titled” Statistics: The National Vision and The International Competitiveness”.

In her speech, H.E. Ola Awad; President of IAOS, Director General of Palestinian Central Statistics Bureau has called for seizing this opportunity to issue recommendations that are to serve the development around the
world, due to the vital role played by statistics in setting the developmental policies in the various aspects.

H.E. has declared that IAOS is a Non Governmental International Association, established in 1985 as a specialty sub-division within ISI. The Association works on bringing together producers and users of official statistics, including around 400 members, all highly qualified specialists and expertise in the world of statistics around the globe.

IAOS International Conference is held once every two years, mounting up to a total of 14 conferences in various countries throughout the past years.

H.E. Reem Al Hashimi, was keen to highlight in her opening speech the fact that statistical institutions have to avoid relying on the traditional operation methods and, seek instead to endorse innovation as a style of living and functioning, while working on establishing an alliance with the leading global corporates within the field of data…Technology, as mentioned by H.E. enables users to obtain huge amounts of data within minutes if not seconds all through a pocket size device.

SCAD Director General; H.E. Butti Al Qubaisi has indicated in his speech that this is a historical moment for SCAD, assuring the participants that the accomplishments achieved by SCAD along its eight-year history is worth double this time work.
H.E. has further emphasized SCAD readiness to bring this 15th session of IAOS Conference to an unprecedented success, thus setting a role model in the history of this International Conference.

It was declared by H.E. that the success of this conference would be the ladder to host the world most prominent statistical event; namely The International Statistics Conference 2021, which will be regarded as a significant accomplishment in SCAD international statistical record, adding that this highly recognized event is certain to bring the image of Statistics Centre Abu Dhabi to a higher level, highlighting Abu Dhabi enthusiasm and excellence within the field of statistics on the international arena.

H.E. Al Qubaisi has indicated that IAOS Conference represents a valuable platform for reviewing the best practices in the field of statistical data management as well as, enhancing collaboration between key stakeholders in the international statistical community.

It has been emphasized by H.E. that Abu Dhabi values and highly appreciates the role played by official statistics in supporting decision and policy makers, hence it has taken the responsibility of effective contribution in expanding the scope of statistical knowledge and building statistical capabilities around the world which, consequently helps in boosting the global efforts exerted in order to achieve the UN goals for development and improvement of peoples’ standards of living.
Furthermore, H.E. has highlighted the fact that the conference held this year is to tackle the most vital statistical issues in the presence of high ranking decision makers, senior officials and, ministers due to the importance it gained as becoming the artery of global economy as well as, the radius of human development and its integrated system.

H.E. Al Qubaisi has called for seizing this opportunity to build a better more integrated world bringing forward to humanity the pillars needed to establish a brighter future and accomplish all ambitions and aspirations for a prosperous life.

The Opening speech titled” Global Statistics Presenting Facts ” was delivered by Mr. Ula Russling; Director and partner of Gabmajinder.

The event has included as well parallel sessions, introducing 35 papers covering the four main axis of the conference.

It is worth noting that the 15th IAOS session is based on four main axis, around which all sessions revolve namely;

Enhancing the value of official statistics in the ever expanding community, partnership in order to achieve the results of innovation, Updating the national statistical systems and, finally adhering to the main principles in practicing statistical work.
Events are to take place tomorrow and after tomorrow in ADNEC pursuing both; main and parallel sessions in addition to, presenting significant papers from all over the world.

**About Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD)**

Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD) was established in 2008 in accordance with Law No. (7), to develop and organize statistical work in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in particular and the United Arab Emirates in general. SCAD’s purpose is to produce statistical information that is consistent with the Emirate’s orientation towards sustainable development and strategic plans under the supervision and with full support of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Being the of the official statistical data collection agency in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the centre assumes the functions of preparing the statistical plans and programs that serve the emirate’s wider development programs, conducting statistical surveys across the emirate. SCAD is also responsible for the collection, classification, storage, analysis and dissemination of official statistics and the release of the results of social, demographic, economic, environmental and cultural surveys.

The activities of the centre will encompass all areas relating to social conditions in accordance with relevant international standards and ethics,
such as independence, professionalism, impartiality, objectivity, confidentiality, cost effectiveness and quality of statistics.

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