

Statistics Centre Abu Dhabi

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In a private session on the Second day of IAOS 2016 events in Abu Dhabi:

SCAD: "IAOS Tackles the Topic "Measuring Progress for Arab Women"

Prominent Female Leaders Discuss The Most Important Issues Relative To Women.

Al Qubaisi: First Time to Hold This Session, Statistics is a Main Pillar in All Sectors.

December 7th 2016: IAOS 2016 resumed its sessions in ADNEC convention centre for the second day consecutively, hosted by SCAD for the first time in the Middle East, under the logo: "Continuous Innovation and Partnership as the Spirit of Official Statistics".

The private session that was chaired by leading female figures in the Arab region, revolved around the topic: "Measuring Progress for Arab Women", the vibrant session addressed a number of vital issues.

The session shed the light on the difficulties hindering the measurement of the progress achieved by the Arab woman, in addition to introducing the ideal methods to be followed by governments in order to establish a balance between women participation in administrative and leadership positions.

The session further discussed the effectiveness of existing indicators and data in providing sufficient information on the key factors limiting the ability of women to achieve progress in the Arab world, as well as measuring the procedures conducive to the empowerment of women.

One of the most important topics raised in the session centered on the best means and policies that are to support governments in striking a balance between the growing participation of women in administrative and leadership posts as well as responding to the need to achieve a significant increase in the local population.

The session was chaired by H.E. Ola Awad President of IAOS and, President of Palestinian Central Statistics Bureau. Contributors included: H.E. Noura Al Kaabi, Emirati Minister of State for National Council Affairs, Executive Chair of Media Zone- Abu Dhabi (MZA) and Two Four 54, H.E. Mona Al Daas Assistant Undersecretary of Central Statistical Bureau- Kuwait and, H.E. Zahira Kamal Director General, Palestinian Women Centre for Research and Authentication.

On his side, H.E. Butti Al Qubaisi Director General, Statistics Centre- Abu Dhabi hailed the special session which is being held for the first time in IAOS history.

H.E. Al Qubaisi added that hosting IAOS 2016 signifies the importance Abu Dhabi accords to official statistics as the source of providing data and information, thereby guiding decision makers and catalyzing development in all sectors.

H.E. Al Qubaisi emphasized the correlation between IAOS 2016 and Abu Dhabi plan, which sets out the key elements of SCAD's programs, since the conference promotes higher standards of statistical quality and seeks to enhance collaboration and coordination with the key data producers all over the world, leading to more effective processes of data collection, e.g. through developing new administrative sources and statistical capacity building. Such events also help to keep statisticians abreast of advances in the field in order to improve the overall efficiency of statistical operations.

The second day included as well, 10 parallel sessions presenting 36 papers covering all 4 themes of the IAOS 2016.

For her part, Ms. Rabaa Mohamed Bani Yas, Chair of the Organizing Committee asserted that the events are carried out in consistency with the approved agenda, adding that IAOS 2016 is a valuable opportunity for boosting cooperation between IAOS members with the aim of developing the best statistical methods and practices around the world.

Ms. Bani Yas further indicated that IAOS 2016 presented a prestigious image of Abu Dhabi reflected in the International media coverage of IAOS 2016 sessions and events, which in turn highlighted the leading role played by Abu Dhabi in the region in demonstrating the management of development planning based on accurate data and information through adopting standard methodologies and promoting the statistical knowledge and culture across the emirate. The conference also showcases the excellent infrastructure and organizational capabilities Abu Dhabi enjoys for hosting international events that attract world renowned experts in various disciplines from around the world.

Ms. Bani Yas further added "The IAOS 2016 has gathered 500 participants from 40 countries, including senior officials and experts. The 3-day event features three plenary sessions and 21 parallel sessions presented by speakers representing leading statistical institutions. A total of 111 papers will be presented during the event".

The International Association for Official Statistics was established in 1985 as a specialized division of the International Statistical Institute (ISI). The IAOS has 400 members from all over the world and has held biennial conference 14 times over the course of the past three decades.

The IAOS 2016 wraps up tomorrow with a final plenary and day-3 parallel sessions. The closing day will also see the award ceremony for winners of the IAOS and UAE prizes for young statisticians.