



# INFORMATION BOOKLET

## *Expert Group Meeting on 'Peer Reviews for National Statistical Offices in the OIC Member Countries (OIC-Peer)'*

**3 November 2016**

**Konya, Turkey**

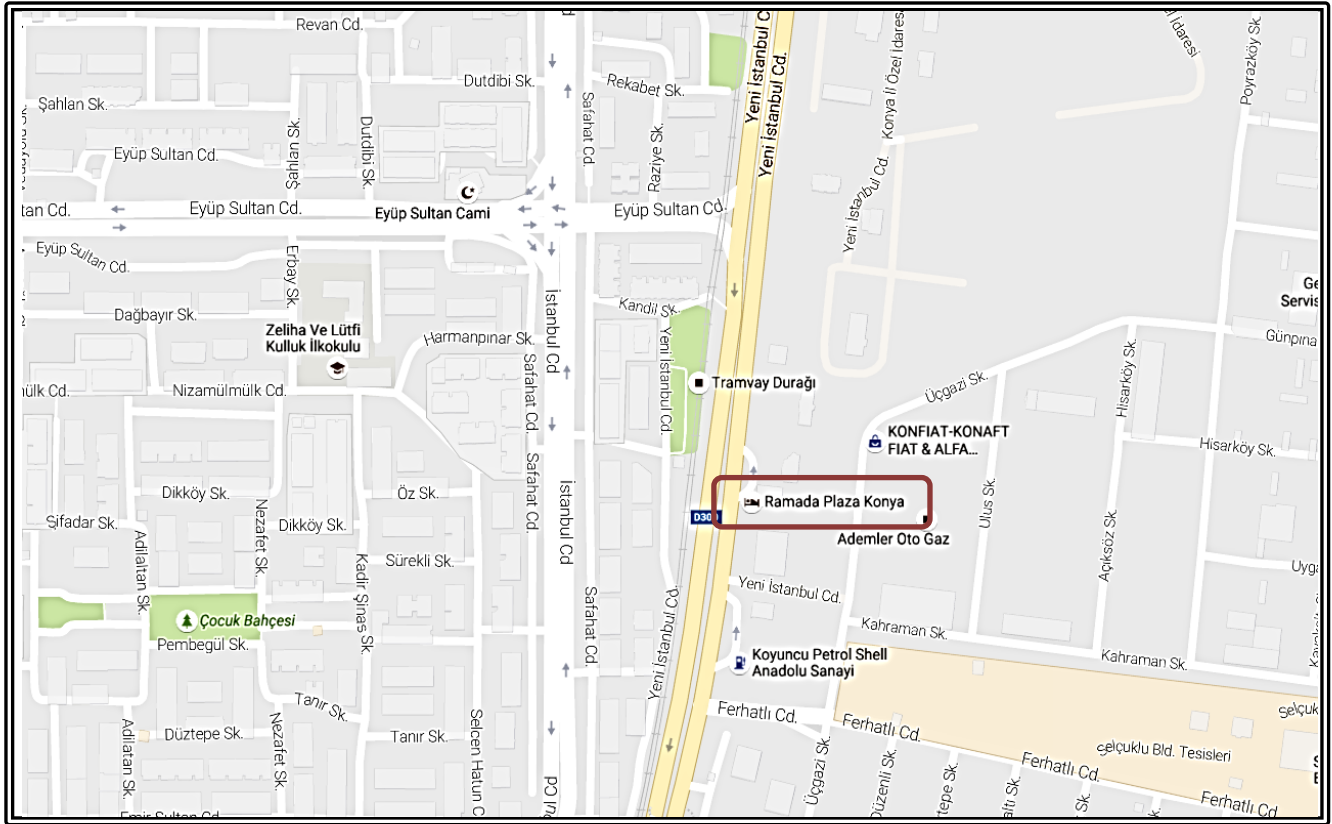
### VENUE

Ramada Plaza Konya, Horozluhan Mahallesi, Yeni Istanbul Caddesi No: 58, Selçuklu/Konya

Phone: +90-(332) 248 40 00

Web: <http://www.ramadaplazakonya.com/en>

**Geolocation:** Please visit <http://www.google.com.tr/maps/@37.9350912,32.5089783,17z?hl=en> to see the detailed address of the venue.





## **BEFORE THE MEETING**

**Visa Requirements:** Please check <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> if any visa is required for the passport type you hold.

If a visa is required for entry into Turkey, the official invitation letter is generally sufficient to be used as supporting documentation. If you need any additional documentation for your visa application, please inform us as soon as possible through: [statistics@sesric.org](mailto:statistics@sesric.org)

**Accommodation:** SESRIC has a special conference rate with Ramada Plaza Konya.

<b>Hotel Address</b>	<b>Geolocation</b>	<b>Room Price</b>
Ramada Plaza Konya Horozluhan Mahallesi Yeni İstanbul Caddesi No: 58/A Selçuklu - Konya- TURKEY Tel : +90 332 248 40 00 Fax : +90 332 248 05 06 E-mail : info@ramadaplazakonya.com <a href="http://www.ramadaplazakonya.com/en">http://www.ramadaplazakonya.com/en</a>	<a href="http://www.google.com.tr/maps/@37.9350912,32.5089783,17z?hl=en">http://www.google.com.tr/maps/@37.9350912,32.5089783,17z?hl=en</a>	<b>Single Room:</b> 145 TL + VAT  <b>Double Room:</b> 195 TL + VAT

*If your accommodation is covered by the Organization Committee*, kindly let us know to make the necessary arrangement in case of any accompanying person or family member who will share the same room with you. Please note that any surcharge due to the change of the room type from single to double will be paid by the participant to the Hotel. If you wish to stay longer, extra days to be stayed in are at your own expense at the Hotel's **normal rates**. You are kindly requested to follow the check-in and check-out times of the Hotel and kindly inform the Hotel in case you need extra time especially for late check-out.

*For self-paid participants*, special rates are only valid for limited number of rooms based on “first-come first-served” principle. Hence, the aforementioned rates may not be secured for late applications.

For other hotel options in relative proximity to the meeting venue, you can check popular web sites such as [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com), [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com), [www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com), [www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com).



**Airport Transfer:** The information concerning local transportation for participants from Konya Airport to Ramada Plaza Konya will be provided soon. Those participants who wish to use their own means to reach their respective hotels, please visit the following page for more information on airport transportation: <http://www.konya.dhmi.gov.tr/havaalanlari/page.aspx?hv=28&mnu=2915>

**Boarding Passes:** *Participants covered by the Organization Committee* should keep their **boarding passes** throughout their trips. Boarding passes will be collected at the registration desk and return boarding passes will be requested as scanned copy once at the end of the return trip.

### THROUGHOUT THE MEETING

**Badges:** Please confirm the participation by sending an e-mail to [statistics@sesric.org](mailto:statistics@sesric.org) with the completed including the names and contact details of the participants.

**Working Language:** The Expert Group Meeting on OIC-Peer will be conducted in the three official languages of the OIC. Simultaneous translation will be provided in Arabic, English, and French.

**Agenda:** The Draft Agenda of the Meeting is enclosed.

### LOGISTICS

**Foreign Exchange and Credit Cards:** The official currency of Turkey is **Turkish Lira (TRY)**. All payments on the territory of Turkey must be done in TRY. The local banks and exchange offices in Konya provide foreign currency exchange service. However, it will be hard to exchange money during the meeting hours due to the meeting schedule.

Hence, we strongly advise you to use the foreign exchange facilities of the Istanbul Ataturk Airport (<http://www.ataturkairport.com/en-EN/airportguide/Pages/BanksandCurrencyExchangeOffices.aspx>) before coming to Konya. It is also possible to use the ATMs located in banks and large shopping centers. The current exchange rates are approximately around:

Exchange Rates	USD/TRY	EURO/TRY
(as of 14 October 2016)	3.10	3.41

Major **credit cards**, such as Visa and MasterCard are accepted at hotels, restaurants, shops, etc. However, some restaurants and small shops accept cash payments only so it's recommended to have some cash in Turkish Liras with you.



**Weather:** The weather in Konya in November will be cold with occasional rainy days. Average temperature is around 6 degrees Celsius during day time.

**Extreme Maximum, Minimum and Average Temperatures Measured in Long Period (°C)**

KONYA	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>Maximum Temp.</b>	17.6	23.8	28.9	31.5	34.4	37.2	40.6	39.6	36.1	31.6	25.2	21.8
<b>Minimum Temp.</b>	-25.8	-26.5	-15.8	-8.6	-1.2	3.2	6.0	6.6	0.4	-7.6	-20.0	-22.4
<b>Average Temp.</b>	0.0	1.4	5.7	11.0	15.7	20.1	23.6	23.1	18.6	12.4	6.1	1.7

Before departing from your home country, we strongly advise you to check the weather forecast by visiting: <http://www.mgm.gov.tr/en-US/forecast-cities.aspx?m=Konya>

**Electricity:** Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets /points.



**Prayer Rooms and Times:** Praying facilities (masjids for ladies and for gentlemen) will be available at the venue throughout the Sixth Session of OIC-StatCom. If requested, praying rugs and Qiblah directions will also be provided at the Venue Hotel.

Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
<b>3 November 2016, Thu</b>	04:49	06:16	11:34	14:27	16:50	18:14
<b>4 November 2016, Fri</b>	04:50	06:17	11:34	14:26	16:49	18:13



## **VISIT KONYA**

A website including information about Konya can be accessed via:

- <http://www.konya.bel.tr/sayfadetay.php?sayfaID=148> (English)
- <http://www.konya.bel.tr/sayfadetay.php?sayfaID=302> (French)

**Emergency Numbers:**

Ambulance: 112

Police: 155

Fire: 110

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