

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين، سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

**Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Dear colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته
Very good evening

- I would like, at the outset, to welcome you all and thank you for accepting our invitation to this reception as we bid farewell to H.E. Amb. Musa Kulaklikaya, the predecessor Director General of SESRIC, who, unfortunately, apologized not to be able to join us in this reception.
- Amb. Musa Kulaklikaya will be leaving us to take up his new duties at the same Organization as Assistant Secretary General at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah. On behalf of all SESRIC staff, I wish H.E. Amb. Kulaklikaya all the best and success in his new position at the OIC General Secretariat.
- I should like to start by expressing my sincere and profound thanks and gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey (the host country of our Centre, SESRIC) and in particular to His Excellency Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the President of the Republic of Turkey.

- I am very much grateful to him and to the Government of Turkey for supporting my nomination and for the confidence they have accorded to me for this honourable position.

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- As you know, SESRIC is now a 40 years old OIC institution and I am now the 5th Director General of SESRIC. Here, I would like to thank all former Directors General of SESRIC with whom I have had the opportunity to work and learn a lot from during my 23 years of service at SESRIC.
- I have come to this position as a member of the SESRIC staff and family. I served in this family many years. Therefore, we will continue to work together in the same way as usual as a consistent and strong work team. Together, we will identify and address the outstanding challenges and gaps while maintaining the positive momentum that has been built over the last 40 years.
- We will continue our efforts to increase the quantity and the quality of our services to our Organization and its Member Countries in the three areas of the mandate that has been entrusted to SESRIC 40 years ago; namely statistics, research and training.

- **As the major statistical and information bank on and for the OIC Member Countries, we will enhance our capacities for collecting and disseminating high quality statistics on our Member Countries which will enable them to be better informed of each other's potentials and needs and, thus, facilitate their cooperation in various fields and through different modalities.**
- **As the main socio-economic research organ of the OIC, we will improve the quality of our policy-oriented research, particularly our background reports and studies which we regularly submit to relevant OIC fora, especially to the various socio-economic sectoral ministerial conferences.**
- **In this area, we will continue our efforts to enrich SESRIC's contribution to the OIC policy dialogue mechanism through analysing the current situation at the OIC level and suggesting appropriate policy actions to be taken to address the challenges and strengthen intra-Islamic cooperation in the relevant areas.**
- **In the meantime, we will work hard to strengthen our role in enhancing the south-south cooperation within the OIC community by increasing the quality and impact of our capacity building programs in various socio-economic areas and fields of immediate interest to our Member Countries.**
- **In this area, we will diversify our modalities and approaches to facilitate the transfer and exchange of knowledge, know-how and experience among**

our Member Countries through more effective partnership and cooperation with relevant OIC, national, and international institutions while ensuring a balanced geographical distribution of our services.

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- Before concluding, I would like to assure you that I will carry out my duties as Director General of SESRIC with honesty, sincerity and loyalty and in accordance with the Noble objectives of our organization and its rules and regulations.
- May Allah Almighty support and help us all and guide our efforts and steps towards the prosperity and welfare of our Member Countries and the Islamic Ummah at large.
- وَقُلِ اعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۖ
- Thank you all once again والسلام عليكم