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11 APRIL 2011, MONDAY

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 10:15	<b>Opening Session</b> <i>Welcoming Remarks by the Organisers and Invited Guests</i> <i>Election of the Members of the Bureau (Chair, Vice Chair and Rapporteur)</i>
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:30 – 13:00	<b>Session I. OIC-SC: Expectations, Goals, and Operational Principles</b> <i>This is a <b>moderated session</b> where delegates are expected to share their aspirations and expectations on the goals, objectives, charters, and modus operandi of the Commission and state their views to set a clear and feasible road map for this new initiative. Delegates will also discuss the organisational matters of OIC-SC; decide reporting mechanisms, and other issues concerning the smooth functioning of the Commission. [Brain-Storming Session]</i>
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Group Photo, Lunch, and Prayer</b>
14:30 – 17:00	<b>Session II. Effective Cooperation for Statistical Capacity Building</b> <i>This session will feature a number of presentations from NSOs. The NSOs of Malaysia and Bahrain will respectively make presentation on “Strengthening the Statistical Capacity Building in the OIC Member Countries” and “Accreditation of Statistical Professionals to Improve Competency in OIC Member Countries”.</i> <i>The aim of these two presentations are to explore new frontiers of statistical capacity building and supporting statistical professionals in their career paths through equipping them with a higher level of professional competence in understanding and applying statistical methods.</i> <b>15:30 - 15:45 Coffee Break</b> <i>SESRIC, IDB and other international organisations such as AITRS, EUROSTAT, IMF, PARIS21, UNESCWA, UNSD and World Bank will be able to share their activities about statistical capacity building. The purpose is to generate higher awareness and help avoid duplication of activities, which will translate into better use of resources.</i> <i>Delegates are also expected to exchange their views on shaping effective mechanisms of cooperation and collaboration among the member countries, and between the member countries and international organisations.</i>
19:00	<b>Social Program</b>

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12 APRIL 2011, TUESDAY

09:00 – 13:00

### Session III. Enhancing Statistical Awareness and Outreach

*In this session, NSOs will be grouped by regions to discuss ways and means to enhance their visibilities and outreach in disseminating quality assured statistics. The session will also discuss how the NSOs should establish strong relationships with policy-makers and mass media. It will explore how to use social networks as a means of promoting statistics on a larger scale, access wider audiences with new data and visualisation techniques, adjustment of education curricula at all levels to include statistical literacy as well as other activities including the World Statistics Day. The session will also discuss how to enhance the cooperation and coordination between the NSOs and the OIC organisations regarding data collection and dissemination [Break-out Session].*

### 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

*Reports of each group will be presented in a plenary session. This session will conclude with policy guidelines for a wider outreach and higher statistical awareness.*

13:00 – 14:00

### Lunch and Prayer

14:30 – 16:00

### Session IV. Concerted Efforts, New Prospects and Future Challenges in Statistics

*This session will begin with presentations by the Department of Statistics (DOS) of Jordan, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Eurostat. The delegates of the OIC-SC will be briefed by DOS of Jordan about the outcome of the Expert Groups Meeting on Islamic Statistics and the way forward. IDB will present the activities of OIC Statistical Working Group (OIC-SWG). Finally, Eurostat will make a presentation on new prospects and future challenges in the field of statistics.*

*After the presentations, the delegates will have opportunity to raise questions and share their thoughts on the various topics presented. This will be followed by a general discussion on statistical harmonisation and the coordination of statistical activities at national and international levels.*

16:00 – 16:15

### Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:30

### Closing Session

*In this concluding session, the draft Finale Communiqué will be discussed and adopted.*