

SESRIC OPENING SPEECH

Dear Minister, dear Deputy Minister, dear Undersecretary

Dear Director of International Labour Organisation

in Turkey,

**Distinguished Representatives of General Secretariat of
Organisation of Islamic Organisation, Foreign Country
Missions and Public Employment Services,**

Distinguished Press Members,

I would like to welcome you at the First Meeting of Public Employment Services of “Organisation of Islamic Organisation Member Countries which is held by ISKUR and Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and I would like to greet you with respect on behalf of my country and myself.

As you know the financial crisis emerged in USA and developed countries' markets since 2008 effected the whole world and showed its destructive effects by increase in unemployment. In 2013 the number of unemployed people all over the world is over 200 millions.

It's obvious that unemployment problem emerging with crises can't be solved only by means of financial and economic measures. As is known, countries' primary tools of struggling against unemployment are active and passive employment policies and public employment services directing these policies.

Information and experience exchange between public employment services and sharing new trends and good practices regarding employment services constitute a component which will increase success in struggling against unemployment.

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From this point of view, at “2nd Conference of Organization of Islamic Countries Ministers of Labour”, “OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection” was deliberated and adopted upon proposal of Turkey.

In this scope, it’s been targeted to establish a cooperation mechanism based on exchange of issues about labour market, employment and working life between the member states.

OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET), for which we make an establishment meeting today, will enable

exchanging good practices, developing new policies and solutions to common problems with regard to employment.

Hon'ble participants

Today many international institutions are operating. World Association of Public Employment Services is one of the best examples of international cooperation in employment field. As is known, this association is an important platform at which public employment services share information and experience.

With the occasion of this meeting, I would like to state that we would be proud of hosting you in the general assembly of WAPES in İstanbul in 2015.

Mission, power and effectiveness of such organizations in international level can be realized through solidarity, cooperation, information exchange and capacity of working together among member states.

Any joint attempt that exists or will be established in Islamic geography will contribute to political, economic, social and cultural

improvements of Islamic countries and promote them in having a voice in global policies.

Furthermore, it will bring achievements in combating Islamic phobia, increasing welfare level of member states, forming regional and world peace, together with the meeting of brotherhood and humanistic values.

As ummah and followers of a Prophet that says “a person who is full while his neighbour is hungry is out of our community”, we know very well that we must not be deaf to the problems of other countries and bear this responsibility.

We support, particularly, every activity in our mission realm which will strengthen the solidarity among Islamic Countries, with enthusiasm and love; and want you to know that we will do as much as we can on this matter.

Dear Participants,

We, ISKUR, work so that all citizens of the World can be employed in decent works together and in equal conditions. During this meeting which will last two days, I pay my respects to those who will work in this meeting and who have worked in the preparation process, and thank you for your participation.