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Ceylan InterContinental
Istanbul, 22-23 March 2010

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1. Programme

THE MEETING OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL ORGANISATIONS OF THE OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES

22 March 2010

08:30-09:00 Registration and arrival of delegates

09:00-10:30 Inaugural Session:

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Keynote Addresses

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 Session I: Better Statistics for Better Policy Response During and Post-Crisis World

13:00-14:30 Lunch and Prayer

14:30-16:30 Breakout Session II: NSOs and Data Demand on Emerging Development Issues

19:00 Gala Dinner

23 March 2010

09:00-10:30 Session III: Capacity Building Initiatives at the OIC level

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 Breakout Session IV: Communication Gap between the Data Users and Providers

13:00-14:30 Lunch and Prayer

14:30-16:00 Session V: Case Studies and Best Practices from NSOs

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Session VI: Istanbul Declaration on the NSOs Meeting

24 March 2010

09:00 Social Programme



2. General Information

Venue

The meeting will take place at the **Ceylan InterContinental Hotel** in Istanbul, Turkey.

Address: Asker Ocagi Cad. No:1 Taksim 34435, Istanbul

Web : <http://www.interconti.com.tr>

Phone : +90-212-3684444

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Meeting Language

The working language of the meeting will be English, Arabic and French.

Information Desk

The Information Desk located at the lobby of the Ceylan InterContinental Hotel will be at the service of the participants during 21-24 March from 09:00 to 18:00 hours daily.

Visas

All participants are advised to check with the Turkish Consular missions (where available) for visa requirements. Detailed information on visa requirements is available at http://www.konsoosluk.gov.tr/Visa/Visa_Welcome.aspx .

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3. Some Practical Information for Travel

Local Time

The time in Istanbul is GMT/UTC plus 2 (two) hours.

Electricity

The electric current in Istanbul is 220 Volt, 50 Hz. Two-pin round plugs are used.

Weather

The weather in Istanbul is generally mild and rainy in March. Coats, sweaters and jackets are recommended for outdoor activities . In the month of March the mean temperature is around 8 degrees centigrade and the expected temperature is min. 5 and max. 12 degrees centigrade.

Currency Exchange

The currency used in Turkey is ‘Turkish Lira’. Convertible foreign country currency can be exchanged at the airport, hotels, exchange offices and at all banks in accordance with the current exchange rates announced daily. International credit cards are widely used.

Banks

Working hours for most of the banks are from Monday to Friday, 08:30 - 16:30. They are closed at weekends and at public holidays.



3. Some Practical Information for Travel, Con't

Driving License

International Driving Licenses are recognized throughout Turkey. Car Rental Companies ask for a valid driving license.

Restaurants

For all participants, it will be an outstanding opportunity to taste various samples of Turkish, European, Asian and international cuisine in Istanbul.

Shopping

Most shops in Istanbul are generally open from 09:00 to 19:00, Monday to Saturday. Big shopping centers are open all through the week, usually from 10:00 to 22:00. In all shopping centers major credit cards are accepted and tax-free shopping is possible. You will also have the chance to do shopping in the historical Grand Bazaar or the Spice Bazaar, which are located in the Old City District.

Prayer Times

Prayer times in Istanbul during the meeting will be as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fajr</u>	<u>Shuruq</u>	<u>Dhuhr</u>	<u>Asr</u>	<u>Maghreb</u>	<u>Ishaa</u>
March 21	04:33	06:00	12:19	15:41	18:25	19:45
March 22	04:31	05:58	12:18	15:42	18:26	19:46
March 23	04:29	05:56	12:18	15:42	18:27	19:47
March 24	04:27	05:55	12:18	15:43	18:28	19:48



4. Hotels around the Venue of the Meeting

Ceylan InterContinental Istanbul Hotel

(Venue of the Meeting)

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Nippon Hotel

Address: Topcu Caddesi No: 6 Taksim, 34437 Istanbul

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Fax : +90-212-3133333

E-mail : info@nipponhotel.com.tr

Elite World Istanbul Hotel

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Web : <http://www.eliteworldhotel.com.tr>

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E-mail : reservations@thecentralpalace.com

The Madison Hotel

Address: Receppasa Caddesi No:15 Taksim, 34437 Istanbul

Web : <http://www.madison.com.tr>

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Fax : +90-212-2385151

E-mail : info@madison.com.tr

Golden Park Hotel

Address: Lamartin Caddesi No:24 Taksim, 34437 Istanbul

Web : <http://www.hotelgoldenpark.net>

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Best Western Eresin Taksim Hotel

Address: Yopcu Caddesi No:34 Taksim, 34437 Istanbul

Web : <http://eresintaxim.com.tr>

Phone : +90-212-2560803

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5. Transportation to the Hotels Area

Ataturk International Airport (IST)

Venue of the meeting and the Taksim Hotel Area is around 30-45 minutes (20 km / 12.43 miles) from Ataturk International Airport.

- Transportation by airport cabs is approximately TL. 45.-
- Havaş shuttle services are 5 to 10 minutes walking distance from the hotels and costs TL 10.- Shuttle service starts to operate at 04.00am in the early morning till 01.00am at midnight.
- The urban tramway operates from the airport to Aksaray, transfers to another tramway and heads to Kabataş and by funicular system reaches Taksim Square, which is only 5 to 10 minutes walking distance from the hotels.

Subway

Subway name: Taksim Metro (Subway) Station

Walking distance to all listed hotels.

6. Downtown Information

Historical Places (Distance to Meeting Venue)

Dolmabahçe Palace (0.5 km / 0.31 mi)

Galata Tower (3 km / 1.8 mi)

Hagia Sophia (7 km / 4.3 mi)

Covered Bazaar (7 km / 4.3 mi)

Topkapi Palace (7 km / 4.3 mi)

Blue Mosque (7 km / 4.3 mi)

Business and Entertainment (Distance to Meeting Venue)

Lütfi Kırdar Convention Centre (0.5 km / 0.31 mi)

The Bosphorus (0.5 km / 0.31 mi)

Taksim Square (0.5 km / 0.31 mi)

Nişantaşı Shopping District (0.5 km / 0.31 mi)

CNR (20 km / 12.43 mi)



7. Useful Contact Information



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