



## **CLOSING REMARKS**

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***Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,***

***Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,***



I would like to sincerely thank you all once again for allocating your precious time to attend to the **Seventh Session of OIC Statistical Commission**. I also want to extend my sincere thanks to the **Islamic Development Bank** for their kind collaboration in organising this Session, as always.

Over the sessions that have taken place during these two days, we have found the opportunity to listen to **valuable presentations** concerning *Implemented and Planned Activities of OIC-StatCom; Improvement of Census Conduct and CRVS; Enhancing the Production, Dissemination, and Use of Migration Statistics; Prioritisation and Measurement of SDG Indicators; and 2030 Strategic Vision of the OIC-StatCom.*



I believe that we have had a valuable exchange of views on the **best practices** of OIC countries and other international organisations present in here concerning the topics covered in the aforementioned sessions.

One cannot deny that the current global development agenda has increased the **burdens on your and our shoulders** and definitely has introduced new **challenges** even the NSOs with more capacities have difficulties to overcome.



In this regard, **improving the current conditions of NSSs** requires a collective and comprehensive approach that involves the national, regional, and international stakeholders based on **South-South and Triangular cooperation** modalities.

In addition to **our statistical outreach programmes and projects**, I would once again like to declare our readiness and willingness to further collaborate with the relevant agencies for the benefit of our common members.



In this connection, the **deliberations** made and **recommendations** and **feedback** provided by this august gathering during these two days are of utmost importance for us as they will be instrumental in planning our future activities and engagement with the relevant international actors accordingly.

***Dear Colleagues, Brothers and Sisters,***

1 June 2018 will mark our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SESRIC. I am also glad to share this joyful occasion with all of you representing the National Statistical Offices of our countries.



Through the immense support of our member countries, I do believe SESRIC will be more successful and well known in all its three mandate areas: **statistics, research and training** while approaching half century.

Taking this opportunity, let me also extend my sincere thanks to our colleagues at **Statistics and Information Department** for the outstanding preparation of the reports and documentation management, at **Administration and Finance Department** for logistical arrangements, and of course, our **translators** for having facilitated our communication during these two days.



I sincerely thank you for your allocated **time** and **endeavours**. Your presence has been invaluable and, without any doubt, has helped make this **Seventh Session of OIC Statistical Commission** an exceptional one.

I wish those of you who will be with us tomorrow at a memorable trip to Beypazari, a candidate district of Ankara for the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List, and a safe trip back to your home countries.

***Wassalamu Alaykum we Rahmatullahi we Barakatuhu***