

Meetings of Heads of National Statistical Offices (HNSO) of ECO Member Countries

For over a decade, the Heads of ECO NSOs have effectively been managing the most challenging issues relating to the Official Statistics under ECO's platform.

The **1st Meeting of the Heads of National Statistical Offices (HNSO)** of ECO Member Countries was hosted by the Statistical Center of Iran (SCI) (January 28-29, 2008). This meeting approved the ECO Framework of Cooperation and Plan of Action on Statistics.

Usually HNSO meetings are preceded by the meetings of High Level Expert Group Meetings on Statistics. The High Level Expert Group (HLEGM) on Statistics was established in 2006.

The 2nd meeting of the Heads of National Statistical Offices of ECO countries was held in Astana on May 27-28, 2009.

The 3rd meeting of the Heads of National Statistical Offices was held in Kabul, Afghanistan on May 24-25, 2011.

The 4th meeting of the Heads of National Statistical Offices of ECO Member States was held in Islamabad, Pakistan on September 26-27, 2019.

The Heads of the National Statistical Offices of the ECO Member States have gathered at their 5th Meeting on 29 June 2021 at ECO Secretariat (virtual mode). The said Meeting was preceded by the 7th High Level Expert Group Meeting on Statistics.

6th Meeting of the Heads of National Statistical Offices of the ECO Member States/8th High Level Expert Group Meeting on Statistics was held on June 29, 2022 at ECO Secretariat (virtual mode).

The 33rd Regional Planning Council (RPC) meeting held in January 2023 requested to organize the meetings of HLEG on Statistics and HNSO separately. Therefore 9th High Level Expert Group Meeting on Statistics was held on May 16, 2023 and discussed the agenda of the 7th Meeting of the Heads of National Statistical Offices of the ECO Member States.

The 7th Meeting of the Heads of National Statistical Offices of the ECO Member States was held on September 20, 2023 in virtual mode under the Chairmanship of the Statistical Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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