

In the Name of God

Proposed Speech

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Opening Session of Educational workshop on “Production Procedures and Analysis of Population Statistics based on Registered Data”

For experts of civil status registration organization of ECO member-countries

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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

In the name of the Only God that has given life to existence and praise the pure and sacred souls of the messengers of God and prophets and praise the name of Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him). I would like to say Welcome dear guests, professors and experts of demographic sciences particularly experts in civil status registration of ECO members who are in this meeting to participate in the educational workshop of Production Procedures and Analysis of Population Statistics based on Registered Data. I hope holding this educational workshop will prove to be an effective step towards exchanging views and scientific information on the relevant issues.

Today, the presence of scientific and research centers in both national and international levels to study Population issues in the areas of “quality of production vital events statistics” as well as analysis, studies and goal-oriented projects in connection with economic, social, political and cultural aspects in the society shows that the subject of population changes and relevant subjects are of particular importance and subsequently, accessibility to statistics and information on vital events and collecting information on them are critical for policymakers and planners. Today, one could only find a few social phenomena that do not deal with population and its relevant issues. In fact, having information and refreshed

knowledge on population statistics in high quality and full coverage could assist governments in various arena. In this regards, careful monitoring of population changes and drawing up future perspectives in coordination with all relevant and effective sections is a necessity.

Knowing population and demographic changes and adopting suitable measures and policies in compatibility with those changes are pre-requisites in achieving progress and sustained development. Population and its structure is considered as the main source of economic growth and national development and without having exact and updated information on the size volume, structure and other population and demographic specifications, planning and taking a proper move towards predicted perspectives will be practically impossible.

In Islamic Republic of Iran too, the executive systems such as State Civil Status Registration Organization, Statistics Center of Iran and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education have been assigned with the responsibility of producing statistics and information on population and their specifications in various areas including the age and gender combination, income and economic status, education level of people in the society, marriage and family formation, local and international migrations, personal and community health and similar issues. In addition, several academic and university centers monitor and analyze that information specifically and present the results and findings in this area.

In this approach, the Civil Status Registration Organization of Iran has three main assignments and strategic planning of “Registry of the four vital events and migration”, “issuance of identity and nationality documents of Iranians”, “Production and releasing statistics on population changes” through establishing and utilizing population information base of Iranian and through close interactions with other organizations and relevant institutes with population and their studies, and announces the statistics on changes in population.

One of the significant changes in Civil Status Organization in the process of modernizing service provision as a pioneer organization in using information technology is direct production of population statistics of Iranian from state

population information base, and providing necessary statistics for statistics and planning systems. “Providing the possibility of exact and detailed reporting of the latest population information and statistics” is among the macro goals in establishing that base. Presently, there are about 600 offices and representatives in different places of the country that provide on line registry of information on vital events and immigration at the state population information base. In fact, with that base, the government has been able to monitor changes in population of country and analyze the results of population policies in a manner that in desirable intervals, it could produce information that would be main indexes in the analysis and perspective of population.

On the other hand, by taking effective actions to cover birth and decease events registry at State Civil Status Registration Organization, a part of population studies and analysis in this organization has been directed towards studying the status of population indexes in neighboring countries and regions; as, we believe that today, changes inside the country not only affect the social relations in countries, but also, regional countries are affected by the population moves and even population policies of each other.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all individuals and groups who participated and helped in holding this educational workshop in cooperation with ECO, UNFPA, esteemed professors and experts as the civil status registration Organization of Iran has found the honor to host it. I hope this educational course would bring valuable achievements for all esteemed participants,

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