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**CountrySTAT REGIONAL BASIC ADMINISTRATOR
TRAINING
for ECO Member States**

Ankara, Turkey, 21-25 October 2013

SESRIC

Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries

INFORMATION NOTE





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1. Introduction

We welcome all participants to the Basic Administrator Training on CountrySTAT.

The aim of this Information Note is to provide participants to the Regional CountrySTAT Training with all the necessary information to guide them during their stay in Ankara, Turkey.

All information contained in this document can be found on-line under:

<http://www.fao.org/economic/ess/ess-capacity/countrystathome/training/rt2010/ecotraining/en/>

This technical training will be provided for the national management of ECO member states (Directorate of Agricultural Statistics of the Ministry of Agriculture and National Statistics Institute), as well as for the regional team at ECO headquarters. It will provide an excellent opportunity for members of ECO to work together under the direction of the Regional CountrySTAT Secretariat. Trainers will come from FAO and ECO.

The objectives of the training are to provide participants with skills on how to use the new CountrySTAT system, based on the FENIX platform.

Particularly, this workshop includes:

- (i) a presentation of the new CountrySTAT information system module: participants will have the opportunity to develop skills and gain experience through practical exercises on the entire process of downloading data, and the best use of the new CountrySTAT platform and its structure;
- (ii) a presentation of the CountrySTAT statistical module: Concepts, Definitions, Classifications, Table Structure data collection process, data validation and harmonization with international standards, E-learning;
- (iii) a presentation of the CountrySTAT communications strategy;
- (iv) a presentation of the country coordination activities.

At the end of the workshop, the participants will be able to exchange on international standards, methodologies, new tools and best practices to produce high quality food and agricultural statistics necessary for informing decisions on food security and other national agriculture policy.



2. Venue and date

The Regional CountrySTAT Training will be held in Ankara, Turkey, at the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) on 21-25 October 2013.

Address:

SESRIC

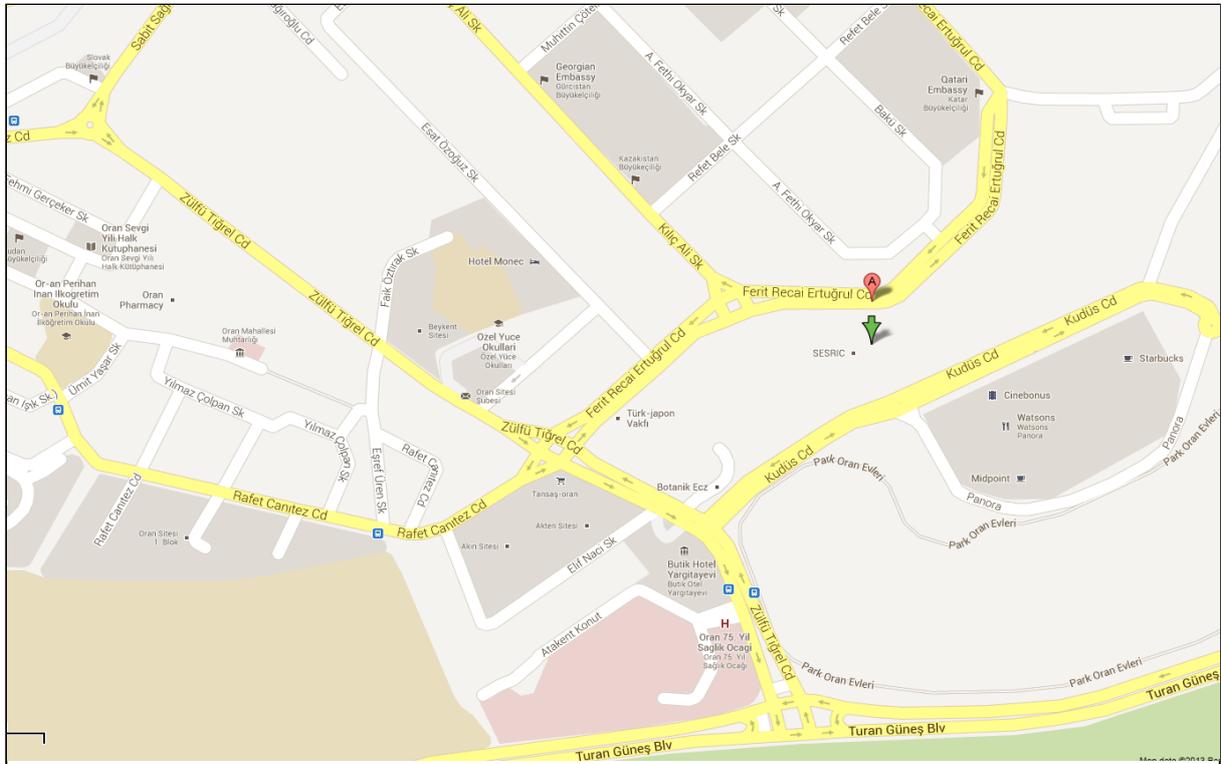
Kudüs Cad. No: 9 Diplomatik Site

06450 Oran- Ankara, Turkey

Geolocation:

Latitude = 39.84866995478495 North, Longitude = 32.830670177936554 East

Please visit <http://goo.gl/maps/WZK8g> to see the detailed address of the venue.



3. Registration and identification badges

Registration of participants will take place at the SESRIC. The opening ceremony begins at 9 am.

For security reasons, the identification badges should be worn by all participants, at all times, during the conference as well as during social functions.

4. Technical documents for the Regional Training

The technical documents related to this training will be available from ... onwards at the following Website:



5. Organization of the Regional Training

The Economic Cooperation Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, through the FAO Representation in Ankara, and SESRIC are committed to provide the necessary logistics to ensure optimum conditions for this Regional Training.

a. Hotel accommodation

Participants will find all the necessary information about accommodation in Annex I. At the request of each participant a booking arrangement will be made at the hotel requested. Participants are free to book other hotels, if they prefer.

b. Entry requirements

Afghanistan: Ordinary, Special and Service passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. These passport holders with a valid Schengen or OECD member's visa or residence permit may get their single entry e-Visas valid for one month e-Visas via the website www.evisa.gov.tr, provided that they meet certain conditions. Diplomatic passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Azerbaijan: Ordinary passport holders are exempted from visa requirement for their travels to Turkey up to 30 days. Official passport holders are exempt from visa requirement for their travels up to 90 days.

Iran: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days.

Kazakhstan: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 30 days.

Kyrgyzstan: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 30 days.

Pakistan: Official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels to Turkey up to 90 days. Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders with a valid Schengen, OECD member's visa or residence permit may get their one month single entry e-Visas via the website www.evisa.gov.tr.

Sierra Leone: Ordinary and official passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. These passport holders with a valid Schengen or OECD member's visa or residence permit may get their one month period single entry e-Visas via the website www.evisa.gov.tr.

Tajikistan: Ordinary passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels to Turkey up to 30 days within six months, starting from the first entry date. Diplomatic passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels to Turkey up to 90 days within six months, starting from the first entry date. Service passport holders, who are appointed to the diplomatic, consular missions or representations of international organizations accredited in Turkey, are exempted from visa for the period of their assignments. Service passport holders, who are not appointed to Turkey, are exempted from visa for their travels with touristic purposes and transit from Turkey, up to 60 days within six months, starting from the first entry date.

Turkmenistan: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempt from visa requirement for their travels to Turkey up to 30 days.



United Arab Emirates: Official passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels up to 90 days. Ordinary passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey. Ordinary passport holders can obtain their three-month period multiple entry e-Visas via the website www.evisa.gov.tr.

Uzbekistan: Ordinary passport holders are exempted from visa requirement for their travels to Turkey up to 30 days. Diplomatic passport holders are exempted from visa for their travels to Turkey up to 90 days. Service and special passport holders are required to have visa to enter Turkey.

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus: Ordinary and official passport holders are exempted from visa.

For further information on Entry Requirements and Visas please see:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/default.en.mfa>

<https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/info>

Vaccinations: The World Health Organization recommends that all travelers, regardless of the region they are travelling in, should be covered for diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio, as well as hepatitis B. While making preparations to travel, take the opportunity to ensure that all of your routine vaccination cover is complete.

c. Arrangements upon arrival

Upon request, and by communication of their flight itinerary (Flight number, Arrival time), delegates will be welcomed at the Ankara-Esenboga Airport by representatives from the hotel they will be staying in. Transport will be provided from the Airport to their Hotel through the respective hotel shuttle services. Please look for a hotel staff with their respective signs.

Please note: not all hotels offer a shuttle service. Participants that have booked a hotel without shuttle service should consult <http://www.esenbogaairport.com/en-EN/Transportation/Pages/AirportTrasnportation.aspx> for the transportation to the hotel and back to the airport.

Unfortunately, participants who did not communicate their arrival details to the organizers can not be welcomed at the Airport and would have to find their own way to their Hotel. Please visit the following page for more information on airport transportation:

<http://www.esenbogaairport.com/en-EN/Transportation/Pages/AirportTrasnportation.aspx>

Private shuttle firm Secure Drive also offers affordable shared transportation from the ESB. To book your place, please visit

<http://www.securedrivetravel.com.tr/Reservation.aspx>



d. Local currency and foreign exchange

The local currency is the Turkish lira (TRY). Money can be changed at the airport, in banks as well as in hotels with exchange facilities. The local currency is the Turkish lira (TRY). The exchange rate (Turkish Central Bank rates as of 13 August 2013), for information only:

- 1 USD = about 1.92315 TRY
- 1 TRY = about 0.51998 USD

e. Electricity:

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets /points.

f. Useful Phone Numbers

Emergency Numbers:

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| Ambulance | Phone: 112 |
| Police | Phone: 155 |
| Fire | Phone: 110 |

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8. Introduction to Turkey

General:

Turkey, officially the Republic of Turkey is located in Southeastern Europe. Turkey's location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia makes it a country of significant geostrategic importance. Furthermore, Turkey is a richly historical land with some of the best cuisines in Europe, one of the world's greatest cities and scenery from white-sand beaches to soaring mountains. Turkey is a parliamentary representative democracy; the official language spoken is Turkish.

Geography:

Turkey is a transcontinental Eurasian country. Asian Turkey, which includes 97% of the country, is separated from European Turkey by the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmara, and the Dardanelles. European Turkey comprises 3% of the country.

Economy:

Turkey has the world's 15th largest GDP-PPP and 17th largest nominal GDP. The country is among the founding members of the OECD and the G-20 major economies. In 2012, the agricultural sector accounted for 9% of GDP, while the industrial sector accounted for 29% and the services sector 62%. However, agriculture still accounted for 24.7% of employment.

Culture:

Turkey has a very diverse culture that is a blend of various elements and traditions.

A brochure including a city map of Ankara and information about shopping areas and sightseeing can be accessed via: <http://www.ankaraka.org.tr/en/publication.asp?id=36>

You can also find some essential information about Ankara on the official tourism portal of Turkey: <http://www.goturkey.com/en/city/detail/ankara>

MAP OF TURKEY





Annex I
Hotel Information

| Name of Hotel | Address | Location | Estimated price | Web Address |
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| Hotel Monec (* * * *) | Esat Ozoguz Sokak No:5 06450,Oran /Ankara Phone: +90 (312) 491 3030 Fax: +90 (312) 491 3733 Email: <i>mcelikkaya@hotelmonec.com.tr</i> <i>reservations@hotelmonec.com.tr</i> <i>info@hotelmonec.com.tr</i> | 400 metres from SESRIC close to a big shopping mall (Panora) | 70\$ | http://www.hotelmonec.com.tr/eng/ |