



What is the World Statistics Day (WSD)?

At its 41st Session in February 2010, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) proposed celebrating "World Statistics Day" on 20th of October, 2010. In the last UNSC's annual meeting that took place in March 2015, National Statistical Institutes (NSI's) are encouraged to celebrate the International Statistical Day on 20th of October, 2015. The intention is to utilize such international event with *local flavor* to focus on the production of reliable, timely statistics and indicators as indispensable for informed policy decisions and monitoring progress of societies.



The First Ever WSD. In Palestine (PS) on 20/10/2010

PCBS organized an international conference on the first ever celebration of such event on October 20, 2010 with over 1000 participants representing national, regional and international organizations. The conference had successfully



contributed to strengthening public awareness of the important role of national statistical systems to support a wide range of national and international activities, including development efforts that improve the lives of the poor and the vulnerable. In that event, featured by Hans Rosling –The beauty of statistics was highlighted. The event was mixed with local flavor that focused on demographic, social and economic challenges.

WSD.PS 20/10/2015

PCBS plans to celebrate the WSD 2015 by organizing an international event that highlights emerging issues and challenges in official statistics with mixed combination from regional and international community.



Objectives:

On WSD.PS, the conference will consist of activities and events that highlight the role of official statistics to the progress of society. The main objective is to bring proper attention within the national statistics system on data revolution and its impact on official statistics. This is crucial within the current conditions prevailing internationally as well as regionally. The event will witness the launching of the regional Code of Practices (COP), highlighting the post- 2015 Development Indicators from different views and perspectives, emphasizing on future core competencies in National Statistics (i.e. data visualization, utilization of big data, spatial data), discuss strategies to cope with information revolution and focus on advance innovation and analysis.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The conference shall include reputable keynote speakers, panel discussions, data visualization shows, videos,...etc. Specific country experiences from different regions shall be presented in different fields.

The conference will be accompanied by Palestinian flavor in the form of field trips to Palestinian historical and religious sites.

Participants

Participants include representatives of Arab and International Statistical Institutions, as well as international experts in the field of official Statistics in addition to official research institutions, local and international media agencies.

The Conference Agenda

On the first day, there will be an evening reception for official delegations, while the second day will focusing on presenting and discussing submitted papers and the third day will include making tours in the country for guest delegations.

Time and Place:

The Conference will be held in the Palestine Red Crescent Society HQ in Ramallah during the period between 19 -22 October 2015.

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