

JOINT STATEMENT
OF THE HEADS OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICES
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES
(Moscow, 23 June 2016)

We, the Heads of National Statistical Offices of the Member States of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, gathered in Moscow on 23 June 2016;

Referring to:

The Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations No. A/70/L.1 “Transforming our World: The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda”;

The Decision of the 47th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission No.47/101 on the Global Indicators Framework for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

The BSEC Economic Agenda Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership;

Recognizing the demand for qualitative official statistics for policy makers, as well as for its monitoring and a progress assessment;

Recognizing the demand for the coordinated implementation of international statistical standards in order to ensure efficiency and consistency in the production and dissemination of reliable and timely statistical data in response to current and emerging policy demands,

declare our willingness to:

- Support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Targets by producing SDG Indicators that should constitute a major challenge for many countries that shall require to take appropriate efforts to improve national statistical capacities of the BSEC Member States within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development along with coordination and capacity-building for post-2015 monitoring;
- Agree that the compilation of SDG Indicators should be based on comparable and standardized national official statistics that shall be provided by the BSEC Member States to the international organizations;

- Agree that maintenance of coordination between the statistical systems of the BSEC Member States, national stakeholders such as data producers, civil society, academia and private sector and international organizations shall be of great importance;
- Agree that improving data diversity with more detailed disaggregation, including the use of administrative records and other data sources shall constitute a fundamental condition for the full implementation of the SDG Indicators and full reflection of principles of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The Participants express their gratitude to the Government of the Russian Federation and to the organizers of the Meeting for the excellent arrangements and their warm hospitality.