

WSC 2017 in Marrakech, Morocco

An ISI delegation, comprising President Vijay Nair, President-Elect Pedro Silva, and Director Ada van Krimpen, visited Marrakech during January 29-30 to make plans for the 61st World Statistics Congress in 2017.

The ISI and the Moroccan HCP signed a formal memorandum of understanding (MoU) to hold the 61st World Statistics Congress (WSC), slated for July 2017 in Marrakech. The MoU was signed by Mr Ahmed Lahlimi, the High Commissioner (Minister) for Planning, and Vijay Nair, the ISI President. The ceremony was attended by more than 70 participants from the Moroccan government and statistical communities as well as the press.

In his remarks at the ceremony and to the press, President Nair noted the long history and rich tradition of the ISI World Statistics Congresses. He emphasized that organizing the WSC should also be viewed as a great opportunity to promote



the profession and statisticians in the region. The ISI is fully prepared to partner with the Moroccan government and the regional statistical communities to achieve this important goal over the next few years.

High Commissioner Lahlimi remarked that the choice of Morocco to host the Congress confirms the international community's trust in the national statistical systems and in the country's commitment to producing statistical data meeting international criteria.

The ISI delegation also met with members from the Moroccan HCP to discuss and develop plans for the WSC and also visit the two available convention centres for the congress. President-Elect Silva, wearing his hat as Chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the upcoming WSC in Rio de Janeiro, shared information and experiences on planning and arrangements for Rio.

We are looking forward to working with the Moroccan team, especially members of the Statistics Directorate of HCP, on WSC 2017.

Participants to the WSC in Rio this July will be able to meet the Moroccan delegation and get more information at the Marrakech 2017 booth and during the closing ceremony.

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