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The 19TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS (PBS)

The 19th meeting of Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics held in the Committee Room, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI), P Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad on **15th March, 2022 (Tuesday)**

The 19th meeting of the Governing Council (GC) of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics was held on 15th March, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Asad Umar, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives / Chairman of Governing Council. The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission / Vice Chairman of GC, Secretary M/o PD&SI/Member of GC, Chief Statistician, PBS/Member & Secretary of GC and other two members of GC as well as Functional Members of PBS.

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. Dr. Naeem Uz Zafar, Chief Statistician/Secretary of GC briefed the forum about the agenda items to be discussed as well implementation status of decision made in 18th meeting of the Governing Council. After that Secretary of GC apprised about agenda item "Change of Base of National Accounts (CBNA) from 2005-06 to 2015-16". After the discussion and deliberation, Rebasing of National

Accounts from 2005-06 to 2015-16 was approved by the Governing Council. It was also decided that work on next rebasing may be initiated after Population Census-2022 and FY 2022-23 may be taken as base year for next rebasing of National Accounts.

After that Secretary, GC briefed about the agenda item i.e. "Change of base of Trade Indices from 1990-91 to 2017-18". The forum was informed about recommendations of technical committee of PBS regarding change of base of Trade Indices. It was also brief that United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) has already commended the initiative taken by PBS and endorsed the proposed



methodology of rebasing of Trade Statistics. Governing Council of PBS unanimously approved the change of base of Trade Indices from 1990-91 to 2017-18.

Secretary, GC apprised the forum that conduct of various census and surveys have been halted due to conduct of the 7th Population and Housing Census. It was decided by the Governing Council to resume various census and surveys after the completion of the 7th Population and Housing Census 2022.

The Governing Council was also briefed about the results of Population and Housing Census 2017 as well as various activities of the 7th Population and Housing Census, the first ever “Digital Census” of Pakistan. Dr. Muhmamad Iqbal and Dr. Syed Muhammad Arif, Members of GC, appreciated the initiative of PBS under which various sensitization workshops on Population and Housing Census conducted in all the provinces for Census Awareness. Theses workshops are important for involvement of stakeholders especially Government organizations, researchers and data users from planning stage. Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (Support Services/RM) of PBS briefed that liaison with stakeholders will be continued till finalization of results and Data Dissemination stage.
