

## **Astana Declaration of the First OIC Summit on Science and Technology: “Science, Technology, Innovation and Modernization in the Islamic World”**

The Astana Declaration will be signed during the Organization of Islamic Cooperation’s (OIC) First Summit on Science and Technology. The Summit is scheduled to be held in Kazakhstan’s capital Astana between September 10-11, 2017.

This political document – prepared by the Kazakh Government and the OIC General Secretariat, and based on the OIC-2025: Program of Action and the UN Sustainable Development Goals – does not make any politically sensitive statements. It does, however, advocate for increased multilateral cooperation between all OIC Member States in the fields of education, science, technology, and innovation.

The Astana Declaration will be presented for the first time to representatives of OIC Member States during the Ministerial meeting which will be held in advance of the Summit on September 9.

As part of the Declaration, leaders of OIC Member States – as well as heads of regional and international organizations and OIC institutions – will collectively decide on the best way to develop science, technology, and innovation to ensure the growth and prosperity of the Muslim Ummah in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

To support this objective, the Astana Declaration will be strengthened by an additional Summit document: the OIC Science, Technology and Innovation Agenda 2026. This is to be approved by participants of the Senior Officials Meeting on September 8 and adopted on September 11.

The Astana Declaration recognizes the historical significance of the “Future Energy” themed EXPO 2017. All heads of delegations at the Summit will attend the international exhibition’s closing ceremony on September 10.

Finally, the document calls on the OIC General Secretariat and Islamic Development Bank to secure the necessary financial resources to comprehensively implement both the Astana Declaration and the OIC Science, Technology and Innovation Agenda 2026.