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# **Global Strategy for the Improvement of Agricultural and Rural statistics**

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# Why do we need a Global Strategy?

- Basic data requirements are not met, especially in devel. countries
    - countries' capacity in agr. statistics have declined since '80s
    - declining resources allocated to agricultural statistics by countries and development partners (low priority)
  - Emerging data needs (impact of agr. on environment; investment in agr.; biofuels; water and land use, etc.)
    - Need of a new conceptual framework
  - Agricultural statistics not integrated in the National Statistical System
    - Lack of coordination between NSO & Min. of Agriculture
    - National Statistical Plan do not cover agricultural stat.
- *Lack of sound information in support of agricultural development and food security policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation*



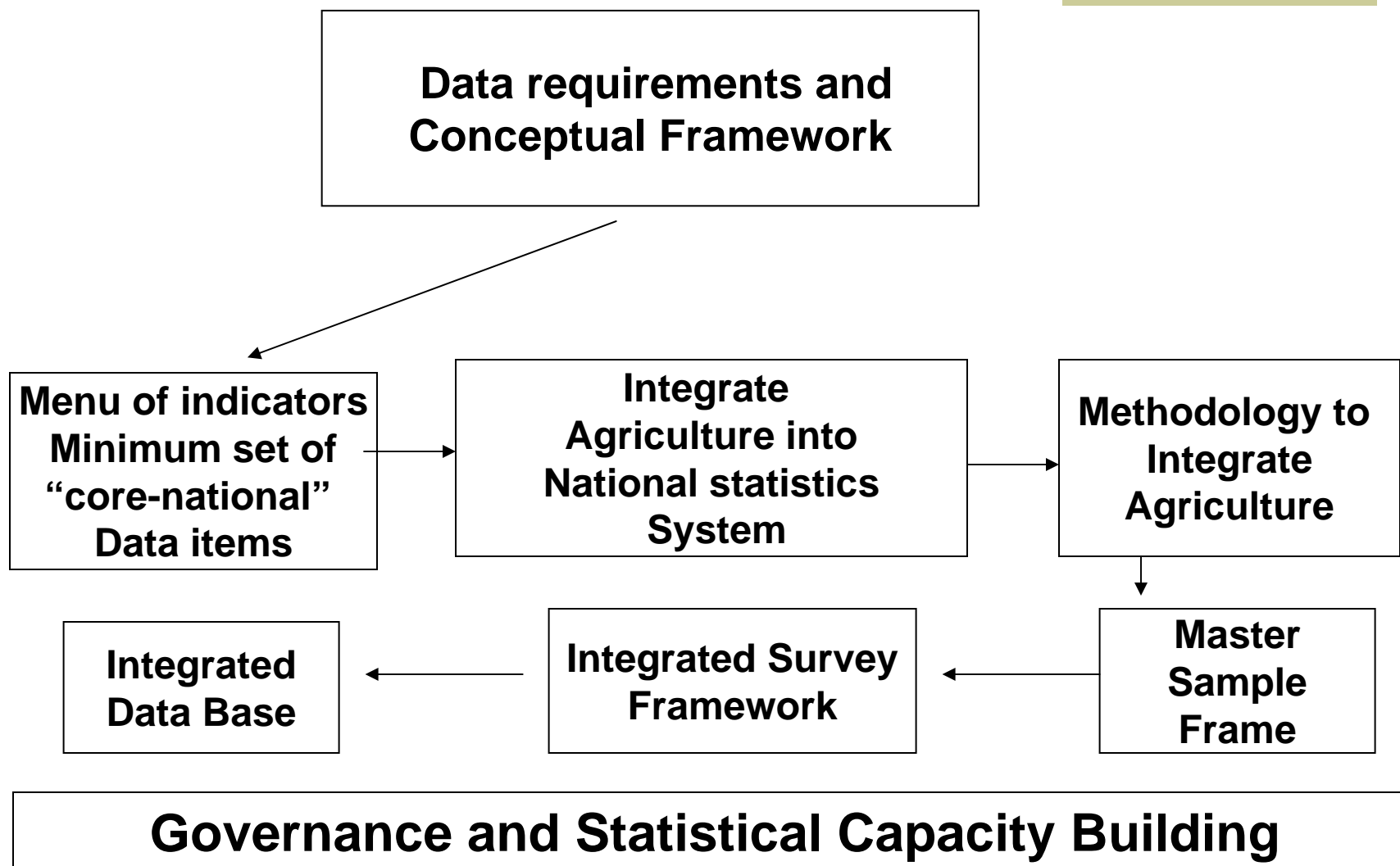
# Purpose of the Strategy

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- Provide the vision for a statistical system to support decision making requirements in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (Long-term plan and a living document)
- Reflect new data/information requirements
  - Policy – Markets & Trade – Investments
- Establish innovative methodological solutions & frameworks to build the national statistical infrastructure
- Feasible and sustainable for developing countries
- Set the ground for a renewed initiative of capacity building in agricultural statistics: mobilization of resources



# Key components of the global strategy





# Process to develop the Global Strategy?

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- An initiative of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC)
- Partnership between International Agencies, developed and developing countries
- 2 intergovernmental process for its adoption:
  - UNSC and National Statistical Offices
  - FAO Governing Bodies and Ministries of Agriculture



## Decisions of the 40<sup>th</sup> UN Statistical Commission

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- A global strategy is needed to meet the increasing demand for information at both the international and country levels;
- Agricultural and rural statistics are essential for policymaking and Agricultural Ministries have an important role to play in the compilation of agricultural statistics;
- FAO should lead the development of the global strategy, involving the Ministries of Agriculture through its governing bodies;
- A Friends of the Chair group (FoC) is established to steer the process, with FAO and the United Nations Statistics Division serving as secretariat;
- Friends of the Chair group to report back on the progress made to the UNSC at its 41<sup>st</sup> session.



# Actions taken by FAO

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- Facilitating the creation of the Friends of the Chair group of the UN Statistical Commission and assisting its work
- Working with partners to prepare the background document
- Organizing a series of meetings in which the new global strategy on Agricultural Statistics will be reviewed



# Members of the FoC Group of the UNSC

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- Brazil (chair)
  - Australia
  - China
  - Cuba
  - Ethiopia
  - Italy
  - Morocco
  - Philippines
  - Russian Federation
  - Trinidad and Tobago
  - Uganda
  - USA
  - FAO (secretariat)
  - UNSD (secretariat)
  - EUROSTAT (observer)
  - World Bank (observer)



# Preparation of the background document

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- ESS working closely with other international development partners (World Bank, African Development Bank, EUROSTAT, PARIS21, UN Statistics Division, US Dept of Agriculture)
- ESS coordinating input from all FAO Departments with substantial statistical work (Fishery, Forestry, Natural Resources)
- A revised draft of the Global Strategy was discussed at a Satellite Meeting of the International Statistical Institute, Maputo (MOZAMBIQUE), 13-14 August 2009

*→ Detailed review and validation of the Strategy by more than 100 Senior experts from all regions*



## Global consultation to discuss the strategy

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- Seminar with FAO Permanent Representatives, Rome, 22 June 2009
- Satellite Meeting of the International Statistical Institute, Maputo (MOZAMBIQUE), 13-14 August 2009
- FAO Regional Consultations (Bangkok, Accra, Rio de Janeiro)
- PARIS21 Consortium Meeting, Dakar (SENEGAL), 16-18 November 2009
- The FAO Conference, Rome, November 2009
- UN Statistical Commission, February 2010, for final endorsement
- Implementation plan of the Global Strategy will be prepared in 2010



# The way forward

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- National input—Min of AG, National Statistical Offices & other stakeholders
  - Review and update National Strategies for Development of Statistics
- International input from stakeholders
  - ISI Satellite meeting on agricultural statistics
  - Global written consultation
  - 4 Task Teams of the FOC to revise key parts of the document: conceptual framework; menu of indicators; integrated survey framework; assessment framework
- Develop final strategy for 2010 UNSC
- Develop Implementation Plan