### The FAO Emissions Database

## Statistics and Indicators for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use

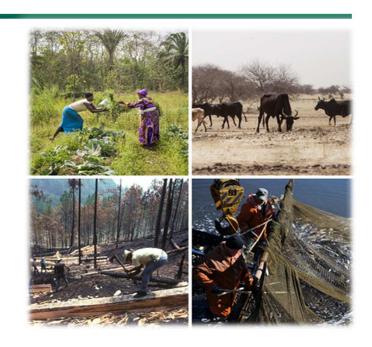
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### **Outline**

- FAOSTAT AND FDES: NEED for CLIMATE CHANGE RELEVANT STATISTICS
- EMISSIONS STATISTICS and INDICATORS
- CAPACITY DEVELOMENT



#### **Emissions**



#### Emissions - Land Use

Land Use Total

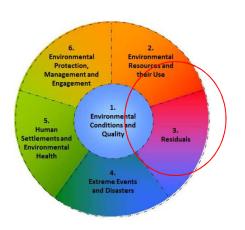
Forest Land

Cropland

Grassland

Burning - Biomass

http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data







## Emissions - Agriculture

Agriculture Total

Enteric Fermentation

Manure Management

Rice Cultivation

Synthetic Fertilizers

Manure applied to Soils

Manure left on Pasture

Crop Residues

Cultivation of Organic Soils

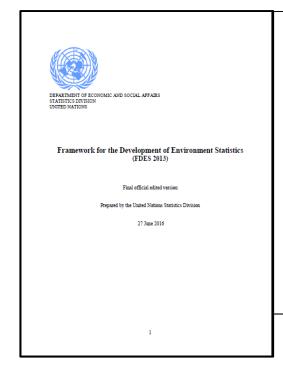
Burning - Savanna

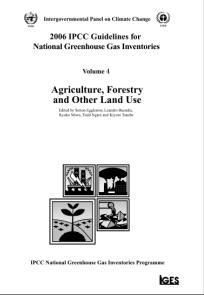
Burning - Crop Residues

Energy Use

# FAOSTAT Analytical Statistics: Estimates and Indicators based on core statistics and aligned with International Standards

 Reference data products in support of National analysis and International Reporting (Climate Convention, SDGs, FDES, SEEA)







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## FAOSTAT Emissions Database: A reference Tier 1 Exercise

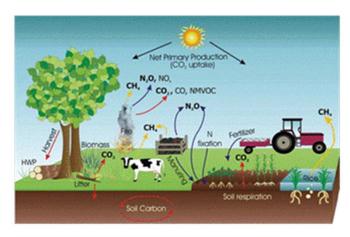


& geo-reference data



IPCC 2006 Guidelines







## **GHG Emissions Statistics: Categories**

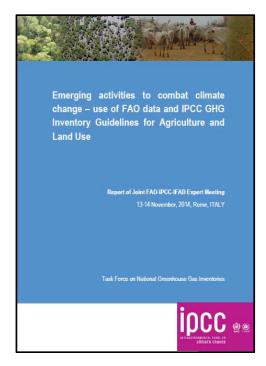
DOMAIN	CATEGORY		GAS	Data source
Agriculture	Enteric Fermentation		CH <sub>4</sub>	FAOSTAT
	Manure Management		CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	FAOSTAT
	Rice Cultivation		CH <sub>4</sub>	FAOSTAT
	Agricultural soils	Synthetic Fertilizers	N <sub>2</sub> O	FAOSTAT
		Manure applied to soils	N <sub>2</sub> O	FAOSTAT
		Manure left on pasture	N <sub>2</sub> O	FAOSTAT
		Crop residues	N <sub>2</sub> O	FAOSTAT
		Cultivated organic soils	N <sub>2</sub> O	FAOSTAT- Geospatial
	Burning - Savanna		CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	FAOSTAT- Geospatial
	Burning – Crop residues		CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	FAOSTAT

DOMAIN	CATEGORY	GAS reported	Data source
LULUCF	Forest land	$CO_2$	FRA
	Cropland	CO <sub>2</sub>	FAOSTAT- Geospatial
	Grassland	$CO_2$	FAOSTAT- Geospatial
	Burning Biomass	CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub>	FAOSTAT- Geospatial
	Wetlands	$CO_2$	
	Settlements	CO <sub>2</sub>	
	Other land	CO <sub>2</sub>	



#### **FAO Statistical Work on GHG Emissions**

- ☐ FAO database with estimates and updates GHG Emissions from AFOLU;
- 1961-2014 (Agriculture); 1990-2015 (LULUCF): ~185 Countries
- ☐ Reference **Tier 1** GHG Inventory using 2006 IPCC Guidelines:
  - Facilitate national, regional and global analysis, including IPCC Assessment Reports
  - Support member countries report under UNFCCC, addressing data gaps and needs in data QA/QC
  - Explore policy-relevant emission indicators in support of analyses linked to resilience, food security, including SDGs processes



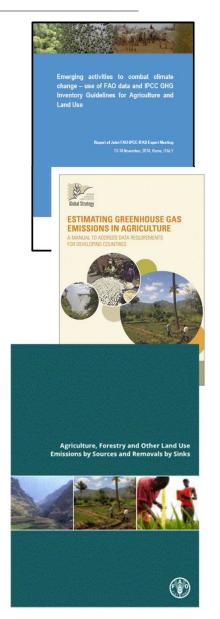


## FAO emissions database: Addressing different data analysis needs

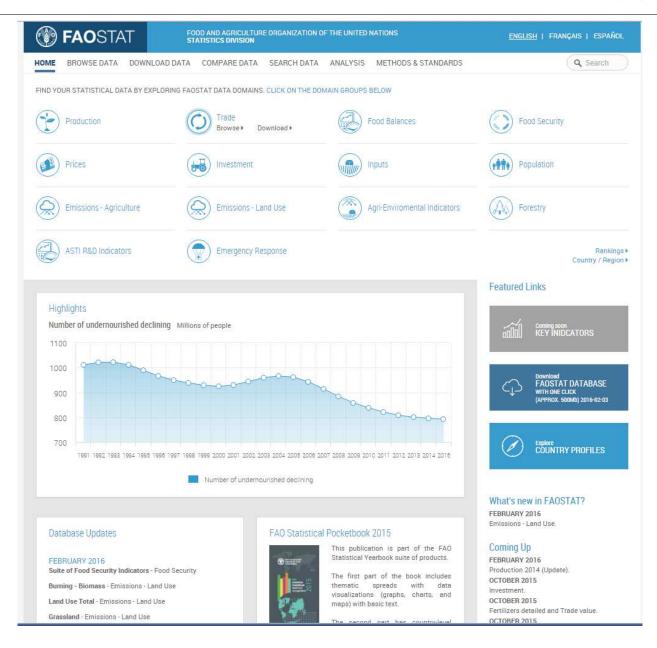
National, Regional and Global Assessments
 Facilitate regional comparisons and trend analysis
 for AFOLU

2. Fill data gaps and QA/QC procedures Provide a reference, Tier 1 data framework for analysis of AFOLU GHG trends for all countries—EU 28 QA/QC in 2014 using FAOSTAT Emissions data

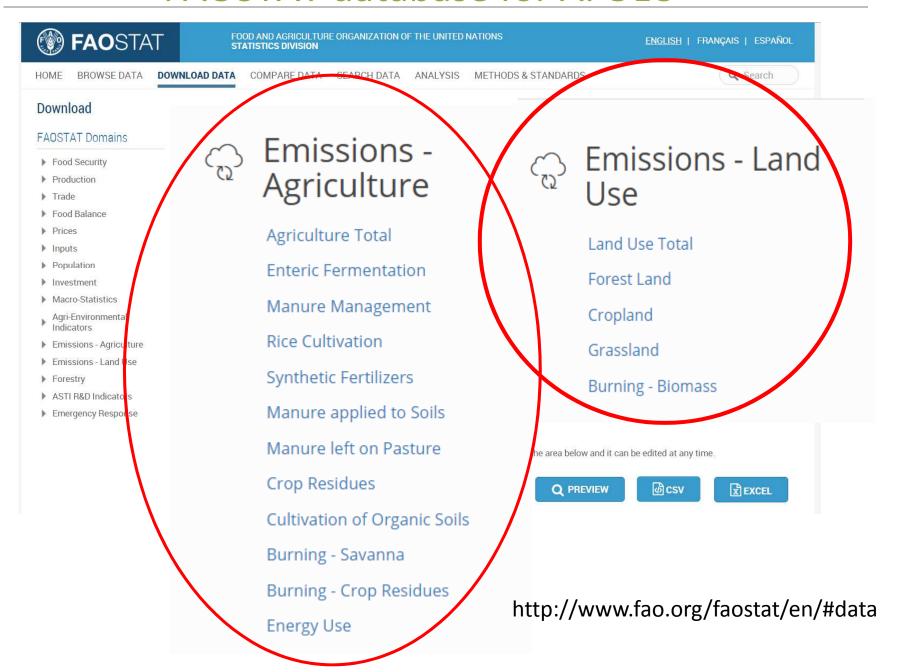
**3. Develop Indicators** Derive complex GHG indexes useful for analysis and policy support;



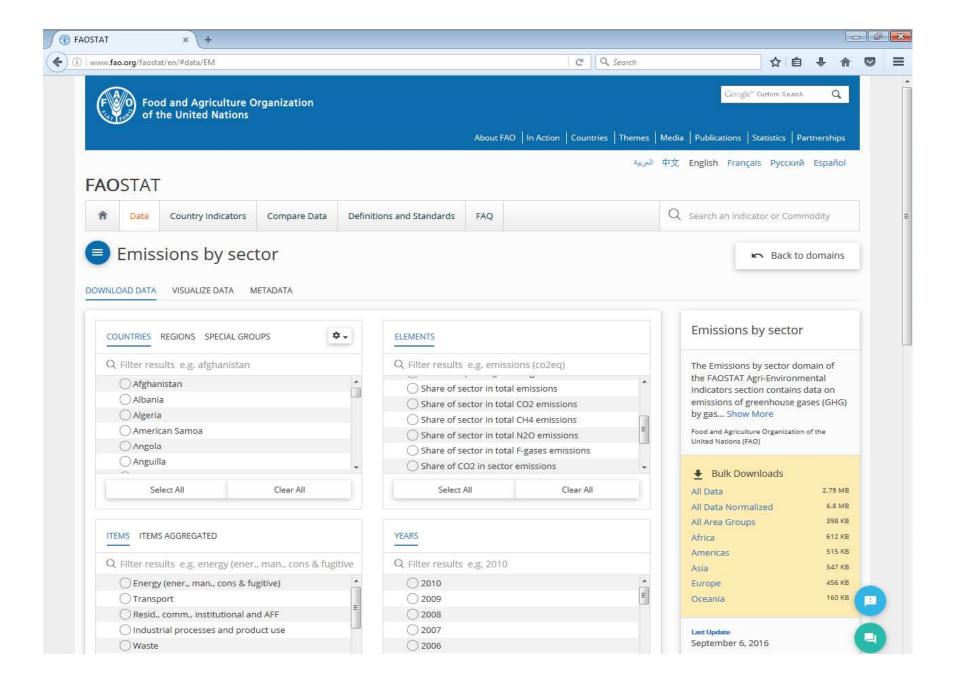
#### FAOSTAT - FAO Statistical Database



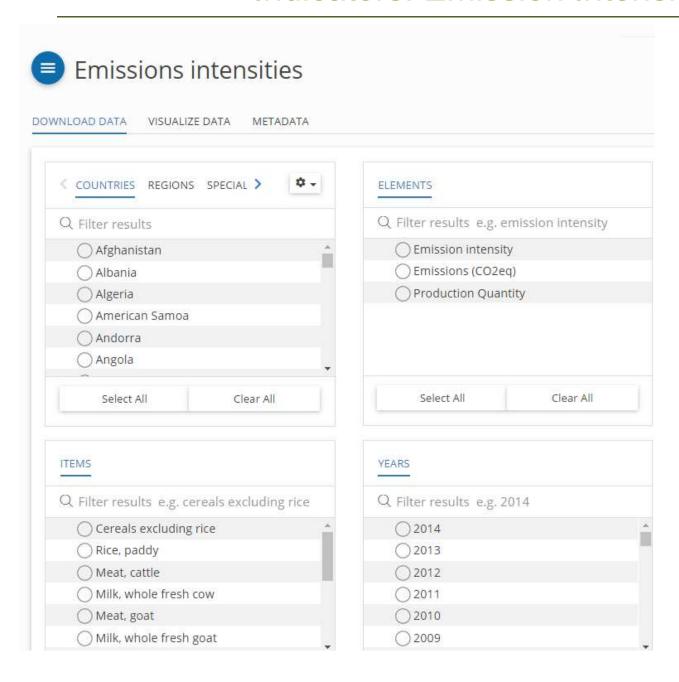
#### **FAOSTAT** database for AFOLU



#### Indicators: Emissions by Sector



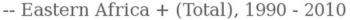
#### **Indicators: Emission Intensities**

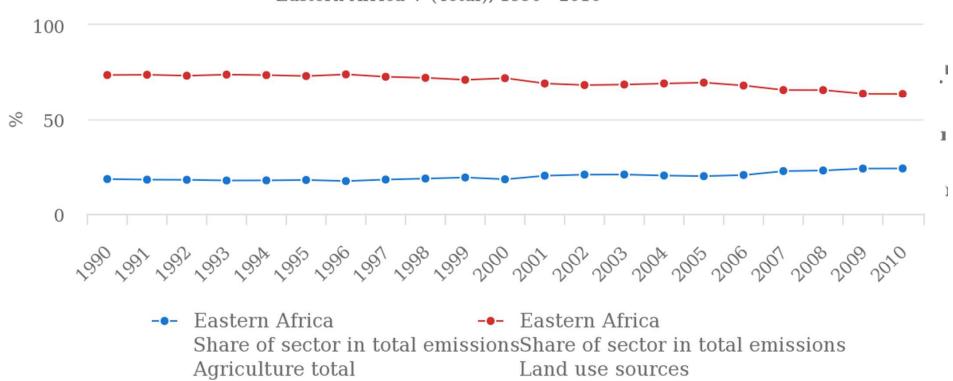


**Examples of Data Analysis** 

#### Global and Regional Trends

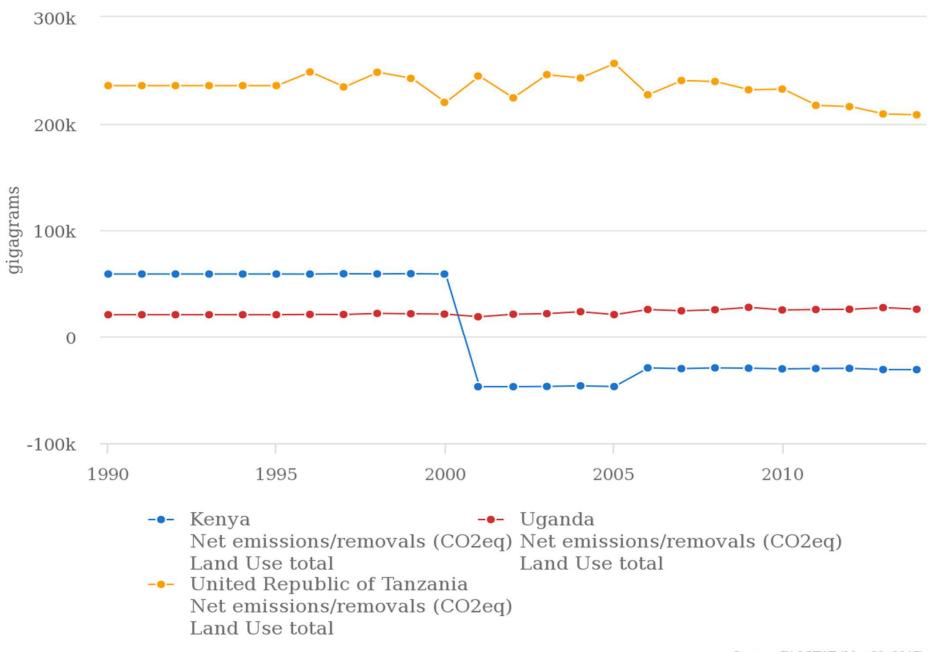
#### Shares of agricultural sectors in total GHG emissions



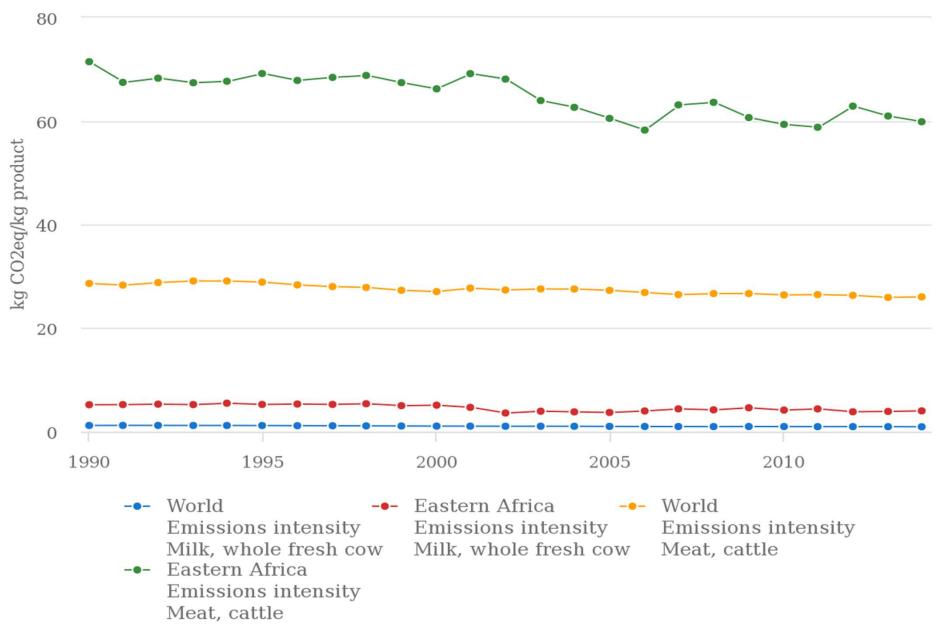


Source: FAOSTAT (Mar 30, 2017) Source: FAOSTAT (Mar 30, 2017)

#### **National Trends: Emissions**



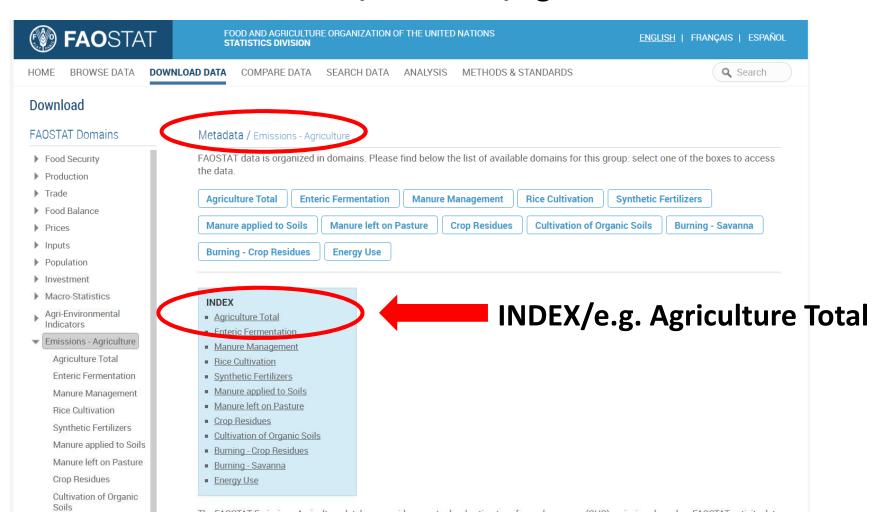
#### Regional Trends: Emissions by Product



### Metadata for the Emissions database (1)

Metadata / methodological notes available for download as pdf for all domains within the Emissions database (Agriculture and Land use)

Download Data/Emissions/Agriculture



### Metadata for the Emissions database (2)

#### Metadata available for download as pdf

#### **Dataset Information:**

#### Title

#### **Agriculture Total**

#### Abstract

Agriculture Total contains all the emissions produced in the different agricultural emissions sub-domains, providing a picture of the contribution to the total amount of GHG emissions from agriculture. GHG emissions from agriculture consist of non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases, namely methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), produced by crop and livestock production and management activities. Computed at Tier 1 following IPCC Guidelines for National GHG Inventories; available by country, with global coverage and annual updates. The time period of available estimates is 1961-2014, except for "cultivation of organic soils" and "burning – savanna" that start in 1990. Accordingly, the composition of the items aggregated "Agriculture total" and "Agriculture soils" depends on the items available for each year. Projections are also available, for 2030 and 2050, based on a baseline defined as the 2005-2007 average of the corresponding FAOSTAT activity data and on the percentage growth rates from FAO perspective studies (Alexandratos and Bruinsma, 2012) (with the exception of "cultivation of organic soils" and "burning – savanna", for which projections are set as a constant, estimated as the average of the period 1996-2014).

#### Supplemental

This domain contains data on GHG emissions and shares on the total GHG emissions from the different agricultural sub-domains.

The FAOSTAT Emissions data are estimates by FAO and do not coincide with GHG data reported by member countries to UNFCCC. The database is intended primarily as a service to help member countries assess and report their emissions, as well as a useful international benchmark. The FAOSTAT Emissions data are disseminated publicly to facilitate continuous feedback from member countries.

#### International Standards

The FAOSTAT Agriculture Total domain is compliant with the **System of Environmental- Economic Accounting Central Framework** (SEEA CF) in terms of:

- i) Definitions: air emissions as defined in the SEEA CF: "Emissions to air are gaseous and particulate substances released to the atmosphere by establishments and households as a result of production, consumption and accumulation processes" (Chapter 3.6 Physical flow accounts for materials, Paragraph 3.6.3, Accounting for air emissions), are compliant with those computed and reported by FAO;
- ii) Classifications: it follows the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC); and
- iii) Applicability: data can be used to compile the SEEA CF Table 3.7, "Air emissions account" and the SEEA AFF Table 4.5 "Physical flow account for air emissions".

The FAOSTAT Agriculture Total domain is compliant with the **Framework for the Development of Environmental Statistics** (FDES 2013) as Emissions to Air of Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) are included in FDES Component 3, *Residuals*. Furthermore air emissions data are defined by FDES as Core set/ Tier 1 statistics. (FDES, Table 4.2, "The Core Set of Environmental Statistics").

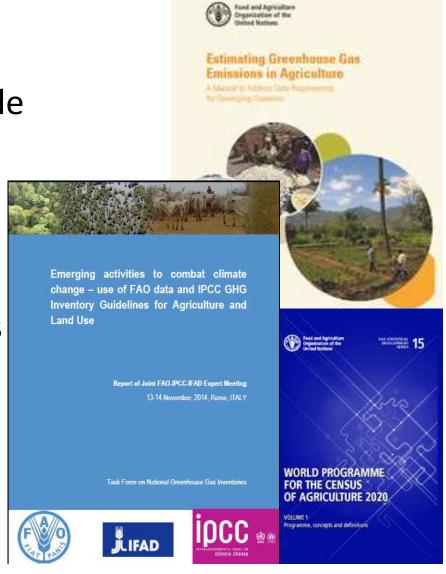
Data and associated metadata are yearly updated based on the release calendar



### CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Country work based on national statistics and FAOSTAT Emissions database in support of sustainable inventories:

- Gap filling and trend analysis
- Quality Control, Quality
   Assurance of GHG Inventories
- IPCC Report and Guidelines



## **Conclusions**

- Availability of a global greenhouse gas emission database by country, in line with international standards (FDES, IPCC, SEEA)
- A tool for national, regional, global analysis and in support member countries GHG Inventory needs
- Possibility of direct work with member countries and regional agencies via trainings, workshops, assistance
- Opportunity to build linkages with reporting of relevance to both Climate Convention and SDG process





#### **THANK YOU!**

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