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 developed 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

- Provide the vision for a statistical system to support decision making requirements in the 21st 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

Data requirements and Conceptual Framework

Menu of indicators
Minimum set of “core-national” Data items

Integrate Agriculture into National statistics System

Methodology to Integrate Agriculture

Integrated Data Base

Integrated Survey Framework

Master Sample Frame

Governance and Statistical Capacity Building
Process to develop the Global Strategy?

- 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 40th UN Statistical Commission

- 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 41st session.
Actions taken by FAO

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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)
- PARI S21 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

- **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