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<i>Statement provided by:</i> DANE-Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Colombia underscores the progress made by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in the area of data and statistics, and particularly notes the importance of arrangements made regarding the improvement of its governance within the organization, in line with the Secretary General’s data strategy for a more coherent and modern approach to data production. Moreover, it is important to highlight that through the adopted changes the newly created post of “executive data champion” shall have a substantial role in the positioning of the value of data and statistics, and shall enhance data literacy among users, where it is important to identify the way in which countries will be able to provide feedback to the process to be led by this post, directly or through their regional commissions.</p> <p>Similarly, Colombia appreciates FAOs efforts in the support received to carry out the pilot test of the National Agricultural Survey (ENA), incorporating the questions for the calculation of two SDGs (2.4.1 "Proportion of the agricultural area in which productive and sustainable agriculture is practiced" and 12.3.1.a - "Food loss index"). Our cooperation has allowed to design processes and advance rapidly before the National Agricultural Survey is carried out again.</p> <p>Likewise, DANE expresses its gratitude of the inclusion in the report of a crucial issue within the official statistics community: the importance of financing for data and statistics for the implementation of global, regional, and national agendas. As such the reference made to both the Clearinghouse and the World Bank’s Global Data Facility underpin the importance of the progress made by different stakeholders in financing data and statistics.</p> <p>Regarding the proposal of advancing in the integrated quality assurance framework for development of agricultural statistics, it is important to highlight that one of the key messages that should be conveyed along its development is to position the importance of producing high quality data. Moreover, given the progress highlighted in areas such as the use of geospatial data and administrative data to produce agriculture statistics, a strong focus in the issuance of guidance regarding the use of these data, would be beneficial for members.</p>	
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