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**Items for discussion and decision: agricultural and rural statistics**

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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Pakistan Bureau of Statistics	
<i>Statement:</i> Pakistan appreciates the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on recent developments in the agricultural and rural statistics. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics supports the strategies of FAO to integrate and strengthen the statistics and data, strengthen the statistical capacity, optimization of resource allocation and mobilization, and improvement in the IT infrastructure. The "50x2030" initiative to support countries for providing quality data for monitoring SDG indicators 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 5.a.1 and 12.3.1, is a great step by the FAO. We appreciate the efforts of FAO to support Pakistan Bureau of Statistics for the successful conduct of the next agricultural census expected in 2023-24 using digitalized enumeration areas throughout the country. FAO also provided guidelines to include some of the questions related to SDG indicators in the next agricultural census of Pakistan.	
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