# ASIA AND PACIFIC COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

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### Agenda Item 7.1

**Progress in implementation of Regional Action Plan of the Global strategy to improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics: Availability of research outputs and next steps**

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Availability of research outputs and next steps
1st phase of the Global Strategy
2012-2018

- SPARS
- Training
- Technical assistance

Research: cost-effective methods
Research Outputs in a Nutshell

Since the beginning of the implementation of the GS in 2013:

• Efforts made by the GO to undertake a comprehensive research programme and prepare guidelines and training material

• to be used for supporting the provision of TA for countries and regional training institutions.

• by March 2018, **90% the research lines have been completed** and more than **70 technical reports and guidelines** have been disseminated through the GS website (**www.gsars.org**).

• Over **9000 pages of technical reports and guidelines**, as well as **3000 pages of training material** published in the resource center of the GS website.
Research Outputs
Handbooks and Guidelines (I)

2014 (5)
• Assessing Country Capacity to Produce Agricultural and Rural Statistics
• Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS)
• In-depth Country Assessments (IdCA)
• Access to Agriculture Microdata: A Guide
• Estimating Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Agriculture

2015 (5)
• Integrated Survey Framework
• Enhance Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics through a Census Framework
• Environmental-Economic Accounting 2015, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
• International Classifications for Agricultural Statistics
• Master Sampling Frames for Agricultural Statistics

2016 (2)
• Handbook on Agricultural Cost of Production Statistics
• Enumeration of Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic (Transhumant) Livestock
Research Outputs
Handbooks and Guidelines (II)

2017 (5)
- Small-Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics through a Household Approach
- Remote Sensing for Agricultural Statistics
- Sex-disaggregated and gender-specific indicators in national agricultural surveys
- Food Balance Sheets
- Agricultural Integrated Survey (AGRIS)

2018 (10)
- Improving and Using Administrative Data in Agricultural Statistics
- Woodfuel statistics
- Livestock and livestock products statistics
- Forest products statistics
- Post-harvest losses (PHL)
- Crops statistics
- Farms typology
- Productivity statistics
- Decent work in agriculture
- Rural statistics
Complete reshuffling of main methodologies in the field of agricultural statistics

- (incl. methodologies developed in the framework of AMIS on prices, stocks, crop forecasting)

ready to be used!

TA and training provided on less than 25% of cost-effective methodologies:

a good justification for advocating a 2nd phase of implementation of the GS!
• 1st Task-Team (July-October 2017): recommendations to the Global Steering Committee (GSC) in October 2017 endorsed

A SECOND PHASE TO BUILD ON RESULTS ACHIEVED DURING PHASE 1 AND FOCUS ON DELIVERY OF TRAINING AND TA IN COUNTRIES

…It should be focused on providing TA and Training on cost effective methods to countries as needed, using a modular approach and promoting innovative and efficient approaches for delivery that reflect the latest progress on capacity development. It should also take into consideration other existing initiatives in order to avoid duplications.

+ OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS ON GOVERNANCE, IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES AND FUNDING
Preparation of the 2nd phase (2)

- The 49th UN Statistical Commission (March 2018) “supported the preparation of a second action plan for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics, with a focus on implementing cost-effective methods at country level…”

- A second Task-Team will prepare a 2nd global Action Plan to be presented to the Global Steering Committee in November 2017
  - through a consultative process
  - based on recommendations of the 1st Task-team
Elements to be considered for preparing a 2nd phase
Basic considerations

- Less research
- More country-based TA/Training activities
- Capacity Development models for TA to be reviewed
- Role of regional economic communities to be strengthened
- International agenda has considerably evolved: SDG’s
- Need to take into account donor’s constraints within an overall framework of stagnation of available resources
Candidate topics for a 2nd phase:

• **TA/Training on cost-effective methodologies:**
  - Better use and quality of administrative data
  - Innovative data collection approaches: Remote Sensing for area frame,
  - Livestock and livestock products statistics
  - Forestry and fisheries statistics
  - Cost of production
  - Post-Harvest Losses and stock surveys

• **More research needed on:**
  - Integrated capacity development models
  - Increased use of data and national policy linkages
  - Better integration of geographic dimension in statistics
  - Farm gate prices
In conclusion: one question, one demand

- Do APCAS members have remarks/comments on the draft proposed process and the first elements of orientation for a 2nd phase?

- We need two volunteer countries from Asia-Pacific region for acting as members of the Task-Team between April and November 2018 (2 video/audio-conference meetings and one meeting in Rome in June 2018)
Thank You