Regional workshop on the SDG 12.3 Food Loss and Waste Index

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Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

The FAO-OEA/CIE-IIICA working group on agricultural and livestock statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean organized a regional workshop for member countries of the LAC region. The workshop took place back to back to the 29th session of the working group. The objectives of the training course was to enhance the capacity of National Statistics Offices, Ministries of agriculture and/or other entities undertaking Food Loss and Waste work through training of statistical staff. The workshop was held in English and Spanish.

Purpose

The purpose of the workshop was to present and explain to the selected countries what the FAO’s proposed methodology on indicator 12.3.1 consists of. It mainly delved into the Food Loss Index rationale and interpretation, how it is built, as well as which tools are necessary for its compilation, monitoring and reporting processes.

Participants

The participants were representatives from the various NSOs within the region tasked with supporting their governments in measuring losses and waste under the SDG indicator. Participants had expertise on postharvest losses, value chains and/or agriculture surveys or were focal points for SDG 12.3. as well have an actual or potential training role in their respective regions. The 20 participating countries included Antigua, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St Lucia, St Vincent, Suriname.

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