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PILOT

Fostering e-GFAR Web ring organization contact information

Introduction:

The organizational contact information service (OCIS) is a pilot project of GFAR, FAO, IAC-WUR, RWC and WIS International.

Goal:

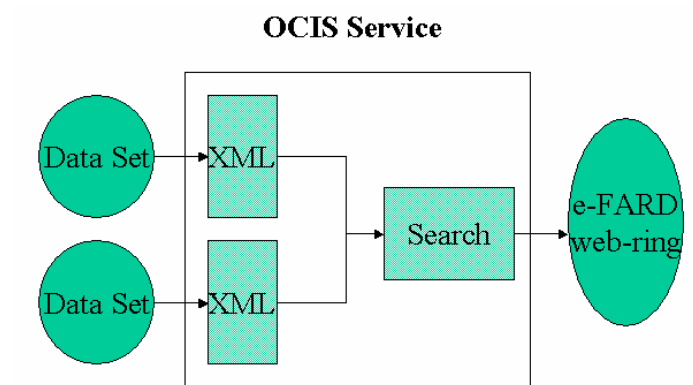
OCIS aims to improve access to organizational contact information on the e-GFAR website being part of the e-GFAR web ring combining information from the NARS database of FAO, the Institutions, Farmers and NGO database of GFAR, WISARD and PRISM.

Objectives:

- Create a basic common standard for data exchange on organizations address information making use of distributed data sets recognizing ownership and responsibilities;
- Develop a tool that can centralize relevant information from the distributed datasets based on the common standard.

Outputs:

- XLM/RSS based mechanism for mapping a distributed dataset to a file using the common standard;
- HTML-based mechanism to search the decentralized standardized address files.



Technology:

In choosing the appropriate technology is anticipated that the products from the pilot project become freely available for implementation in the global stakeholder community in a later stage and should therefore be widely applicable.

Timeframe:

The pilot will start by February 01, 2006

Relevant websites:

<http://www.egfar.org>

<http://www.wisard.org>

<http://www.wis.cgiar.org/rwc>