

The deadlines for submitting abstracts and papers have been extended as follows:

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ICAS - V

Call for Papers

Fifth International Conference On Agriculture Statistics – ICAS-V

Integrating Agriculture into National Statistical Systems

Speke Resort, Kampala, Uganda

13-15 October 2010

This is a call for economists, statisticians and analysts working on agricultural/forestry/fishery/rural statistics, in their economic, social and environmental dimensions, to participate in the upcoming Fifth International Conference on Agriculture Statistics in Kampala, Uganda, on 13-15 October 2010. The theme of the Conference is “Integrating Agriculture into National Statistical Systems”. The Conference will provide an opportunity to review the draft implementation plan of the “Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics” endorsed at the last session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in February 2010.

Background

The Fifth International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS-V), conducted under the auspices of the International Statistical Institute, will take place on 13-15 October, 2010 in Kampala, Uganda. It will be preceded by a one-day pre-conference training aimed at young statisticians on "Methodology for Agriculture Censuses and Surveys" and by a side event on "Integrating Food Security Statistics into National Statistical Systems". The Conference will be hosted by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics under the leadership of the Programme Committee which comprises the African Development Bank, Eurostat, FAO, the Friends of the Chair of the UNSC, ISI, the Islamic Development Bank, the Uganda Bureau of Statistics, UNSD, United States Department of Agriculture, the World Bank, Algeria, Ethiopia, India, Philippines, Russia and South Africa.

The Conference will focus on the implementation plan of “Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics”, presented at the last session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in February 2010. The Global Strategy, prepared by the World Bank and FAO with substantial input from the UN Statistical Commission Friends of Chair group, is

a ground-breaking effort to improve agricultural statistics, driven by an in-depth assessment of its current status. This assessment found that a serious decline in the quantity and quality of agricultural statistics is occurring at the same time that many new data requirements are emerging, such as the growing awareness of agriculture's role in poverty reduction and food security, as well as of agriculture's impact on climate change, land and water use. One of the major recommendations included in the Strategy is that agriculture be integrated into the national statistical system, with the necessary steps to develop the master sample frame, the integrated survey framework and data management system. The Statistical Commission endorsed the Global Strategy and urged the FAO and the Friends of the Chair (FoC) to develop an implementation plan aimed at strengthening national statistical systems. The ICAS-V comes at a crucial time in reviewing the key components of the implementation plan that comprise country assessments and governance at different levels, research and training agendas, and technical assistance.

The conference is open to the entire international agricultural statistical community. Given the location of the Conference, agricultural statisticians with experience in Africa are particularly encouraged to participate.

Sessions format and organisation

The Conference is organized in 5 plenary sessions and 18 parallel sessions, addressing the key components of the implementation plan of the Global Strategy (see <http://www.icas-v.org/>). The detailed conference program is attached herewith.

Each parallel session will last 1hr 30 minutes and it will be introduced by three to four invited papers. Authors are expected to present their work in 10 minutes so to allow almost 1hr to the general discussion afterward.

Final papers should provide the basis for session organizers and chairs to work with their discussants to shape their session. Additional papers on the same topic will be made available in a Poster Session at the end of the first day.

The Conference will be conducted in English, with simultaneous translation to French.

Papers and abstracts

Please submit abstracts for papers not exceeding **500 words in English** by **18 June, 2010**, including the title, names of all authors, and full postal and e-mail addresses of the corresponding authors. Abstract acceptance will be communicated before **30 June 2010**. Please note that the abstract must be written in English. **Full papers must be sent by 31 August 2010**. Papers should focus on:

- identification of core data in each thematic area, highlighting regional specificities and cross-sectoral linkages (e.g. agriculture in relation with environment, economic and social statistics);
- methodology to develop the master sample frame and the sample design;
- advancement in agricultural surveys and good practices in developing an integrated survey programme in agricultural statistics;
- good practices in data dissemination and access for analytical, research and policy purposes;
- good practices in mainstreaming agricultural statistics into the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics;

- identification of the key elements for each component of the implementation plan (research agenda, training program, technical assistance, governance).

Authors should take the Global Strategy as the main reference for papers. Authors are encouraged to review the Strategy and identify topics/areas where their country experience is relevant or areas that need to be further developed. Papers should provide an important contribution to develop of the implementation plan of the Strategy or to the identification of good practices in selected areas.

Abstract Submission Deadline: 18 June 2010

Abstracts and papers **must be submitted to the respective session organisers** ([click here to detailed contact list](#)) with copy to: icasv@fao.org and carola.fabi@fao.org.

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Final drafts, to be completed by the end of August, will have to incorporate input and comments that may be provided by the Programme Committee.

Questions?

For any question concerning the organization of the Conference, you may contact Ms Carola Fabi (carola.fabi@fao.org, tel (+39)0657054555) or Mr John Male Mukasa (icasv-secretariat@ubos.org). For any questions concerning the content of your paper, you will be put in contact with your session organiser.

Websites for further information

ICAS-V Conference Web-Site: <http://www.icas-v.org/>

FAO Statistics Division Conference page: <http://www.fao.org/economic/ess/en/>