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## CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting

(Back-to-back with the 22<sup>nd</sup> AFCAS)

MTF/GLO/345/BMG "CountrySTAT for Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)"

UTF/UEM/002/UEM "Appui à la mise en œuvre et au développement du Système CountrySTAT en Guinée-Bissau, au Niger, au Togo et au Siège de la Commission de l'UEMOA"

GTFS/RAF/465/ITA "Strengthening capacity of selected member countries of the East African Community in agricultural statistics for food security"

Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia 28 – 29 November 2011

### TERMS OF REFERENCE OF STATISTICS WORKING GROUP

#### Project Background

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to better policies and investments that will lead to improved agricultural productivity growth and better livelihood for small farmers in 21 SSA countries through improved and sustainable access to better quality agricultural data and statistics through CountrySTAT system by researchers, policy makers, development organizations and the private sector.

The project will strengthen the countries system to make them self-reliant for sustainable functioning after the end of the project, including the contribution of two regional organizations, the West African Economic and Monetary Union ("UEMOA") and East African Community (EAC).

Therefore at the end of this second phase, it is expected that 21 SSA countries and 2 Regional Institutions will have established CountrySTAT having a self-reliant and sustainable system.

#### Workshop Objectives

The workshop will carry out and develop the activities related to the statistical component on the the following project objectives:

- Strengthening the CountrySTAT systems established in 21 Sub-Saharan countries by enhancing technical capacity of staff, building more effective institutional framework and promoting use of data.
- Strengthening the capacity of selected regional organizations and statistical training centers for building a pool of experts and competent trainers in the region for continuous support and long term sustainability of national CountrySTAT systems.

This Working Group will analyse the experiences, lessons learned, development areas and work plans related to project statistical component as follows:

1. Develop a more efficient process for effective coordination and management of the institutional infrastructure of the systems in order to guarantee the National and Regional CountrySTAT System sustainability.
  - a. Evaluate the proper resources of national Secretariat to carry on all the activities and exchange the best practise to allocate them.
  - b. Evaluate how to select, involve and motivate TWG members to address the data validation and decisions for national official data publication in order to extent and to include major advocates and stakeholders of the National CountrySTAT System and to deal with emerging issues and sustainability. Evaluate the national TWG process on data validation.
2. Improve the quality and quantity of food and agricultural statistics to achieve a full compliance with regional and international standards for data exchange.
  - a. Evaluate how to complete the indicators (Core Standards) for missing data
  - b. Identify new relevant indicators for agricultural policy making such as Prices and to elaborate SUA/FBS, Fisheries, Forestry products, etc.
  - c. Analyse methodology issues.
    - National classifications / Correspondence table
    - Data discrepancies and sources harmonisation process
    - Metadata collection and publication
    - Discussion on national data collection methodologies and concepts to harmonize them with the international standards
  - d. Evaluate the development of indicators to be disseminated in the “Thematic Module” relevant for the country such as National Agricultural Census, Surveys, FBS, Agricultural Statistics Yearbook, etc. It could be interesting to evaluate the opportunity to disseminate data for policy relevant indicators such as MAFAP, African Fertilisers, WFP, etc.
3. Maintain qualified and well-trained staff on CountrySTAT at the national level.
  - a. Evaluate the content of the “Basic” and “Advanced” training,
  - b. Advise on a “Train-the-Trainer” approach.
4. Building Capacity at the Regional Level in order to provide support within the region.
  - a. Evaluate a national and regional pool of CountrySTAT experts (in countries and in regional institutions) in order to develop a “South-South” cooperation (UEMOA and EAC).
  - b. Evaluate regional periodical meetings and experiences exchange between countries through study tours.

## **Workshop Outcomes**

Participants are requested to provide a presentation which will includes the following points for each subject:

- Recommendations
- Links between recommendations and national work plans.