Welcome!

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• Consider how to assure consistency of data collection methodology across countries;

• Focus on data standards in developing countries, especially for development of indicators for Millennium Development Goals;

• Improve use of improved statistics as policy relevant indicators and in empirical policy analysis;

• Determine the need for any changes or updating of the Handbook, execute if needed.
• Support U.N. Global Strategy by highlighting international needs and opportunities to improve statistics on rural and farm households;

• Strengthen process of collecting and developing such statistics;

• Review and discuss revisions to the Wye Group Handbook, with emphasis on issues for developing countries.

Objectives of Conference