

CountrySTAT CONSULTATIVE MEETING

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INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

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Introduction



BACKGROUND – Phase 1

- Is based on decades of FAO experience
- Was first tested in **2005** in **Ghana, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan**)
- Was further developed in **2007** and **2008** in **Mali** and **Togo**
- Was **piloted** in **UEMOA** as Regional Agricultural Information System



BACKGROUND – Phase 2

- **17 countries** in SSAF, (6/2011–12/ 2014), financed by the BMGF
- **3 Countries:** Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Togo and RegionSTAT @ UEMOA HQs (2/2011–12/2013)
- **Burundi and East Africa Community HQs:** 10/2011-9/2014
- Other Active Projects in Africa: Gambia, Congo-Brazzaville, Sierra Leone.
- Pipeline Projects in Africa: SADC (with 10 remaining countries and SADCSTAT), Algeria, Gabon, Chad, UNECA, COMESA and CEMAC.



Objectives

- Data
 - Gathering national data
 - Reconciling data from different sources
 - Making national data available
 - Informing policy and monitoring processes such as CAADP, ReSAKSS, domestic policy making, food security, investment planning
 - Provide countries with a powerful IT platform
- Institutions
 - Improve institutional coordination
 - Work through TWG
 - Capacity development with partners such as the IFDC

IT Platform

Open Source platform, called Fenix,

- SOA architecture, APIs, widget-based
- No royalties, freely available
- Cross platform at FAO
- Open source community, constant development
- State-of-the-art functionalities, powerful data visualization and analysis tools.

Objectives

The Objectives of the Consultative Meeting are to present:

1. Take stock of main achievements and lessons learned from the CountrySTAT Projects
2. Present the innovations of the CountrySTAT system using the FENIX platform. Future technological developments: the concept of the Open Data Network for sharing agriculture and food security information

3. Best practises of the CountrySTAT System:

- Ownership and sustainability
- Increased data availability/accessibility through the national “One-Stop-Shop” for food and agriculture statistics
- Implementing the CountrySTAT Institutional Framework and strengthening collaboration with the Key National Structures, Positive Impact made in countries through the Partnership.

3. Future vision

- Strengthening sustainable development of rural and agricultural statistical information targeting better integration of new scalable information technologies, to support food security and decision-making based on facts.

Overview of Presentations

1. Online presentation of FAOSTAT, CountrySTAT and RegionSTAT
2. Status of Recommendations from the Last CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting
3. Presentation of the main achievements of CountrySTAT Projects and lessons learned
4. Countries Experiences: Cameroon, Burkina and Kenya
5. Positive Impact made in countries through the CountrySTAT - AfricaFertilizer.org Partnership
6. Innovations in the CountrySTAT system using the FENIX platform as well as future technological developments
7. Future New Project
8. Working Group Sessions

THANKS