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CountrySTAT National Sensitization and Users Seminar

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The event took place in the premises of the hotel Lemigo in Kigali, on 20th of June, and was attended by around 60 participants from the Ministries, representatives of the Technical and Financial Partners, Secretaries and General Managers of various departments, members of the Technical Working Group CountrySTAT-Rwanda and the media.

This seminar was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The objective of the seminar was to sensitize national authorities and development partners on the importance of CountrySTAT so that they support and actively participate in its consolidation and sustainability, as well as to popularize CountrySTAT with the major users of statistical data.

Dr Théogène Rutagwenda, Director General of Animal Resources from the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resource, Mrs Beatrice Uwumukiza, Director General for Agriculture and Livestock Inspection and Certification Services, the FAO Representative Mr Attaher Maiga and Mr Paul N'Goma-Kimbatsa, CountrySTAT Team Leader from FAO HQs, opened the ceremony and greeted the participants.

Dr Rutagwenda in his Opening of the ceremony speech stressed the great importance of statistical information and the capacity-building and the important role of CountrySTAT in providing evidence-based decision making. FAO Representative, Mr Maiga emphasised that FAO is committed to the development and implementation of integrated systems of data and metadata on food and agriculture, because reliable statistical data of good quality can aid the greater efficiency in development politics.

CountrySTAT, designed as a unique window of information on food and agriculture, is easily accessible on the Web, and not only enables the centralization, organization, standardization and harmonization of data from different sources, at national and sub national level, and integrates them in a common location, but moreover support evidence-based decision making and facilitate informed policy making and monitoring.

CountrySTAT also contributes to the improvement of data quality according to international standards to ensure their comparability and accessibility, allows to simplify and speed the process, from the data collection to its dissemination, emphasizes the reinforcement of national capacities and ownership of the system towards assuring long-term sustainability, and promotes partnership between different statistical agencies at the country level, including the National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and other institutions, as well as promotes the exchange of data within countries, between countries and between FAO and countries.

During the closure ceremony, FAO Representative congratulated the Government of Rwanda, and particularly the Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Dr Agnes Matilda Kalibata, for its emphasis and commitment to food and agricultural statistics, and the hard work and dedication of the Department towards making CountrySTAT Rwanda a public system.

In his closing speech, Dr Theogene Rutagwanda, on behalf of Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources Dr Agnes Matilda Kalibata and on his own, congratulated the participants and technical partner for the interest showed in CountrySTAT and reiterated the importance of reliable and easy accessible national food and agricultural statistics, for Rwanda, as well as the commitment of the Government toward the long-term sustainability of the CountrySTAT system.

CountrySTAT Rwanda

The screenshot displays the CountrySTAT Rwanda website interface. At the top, there is a header with the CountrySTAT logo and the text 'RWANDA'. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'KEY INDICATORS', 'METADATA', 'NEWS', and 'CONTACTS'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- DATABASE:** A list of data sources including National Core, Sub-National, Global Strategy Minimum set of Core Data, Agricultural Censuses and Surveys, Statistical Yearbooks, Food Balance Sheets, Thematic Modules, National Institutions, and International Partners.
- DOCUMENTS:** A list of documents including National and International.
- LINKS:** A section for additional links.
- Welcome to the CountrySTAT website:** A central text block explaining the system's purpose and objectives.
- Map:** A map of Rwanda showing regional boundaries and major cities. The map is powered by Leaflet.
- DETAILS:** A section providing specific data for Rwanda, including land use statistics (2000 Agricultural, 634 Non-Agricultural, 76% Agricultural) and a bar chart showing production (1000 tonnes) for Plantains, Cassava, Potatoes, and Sweet Potatoes.

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