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# First Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC)

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## Summary Record

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## DATE, TIME, VENUE

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**DATE:** 9-10 April 2013

**TIME:** 09:00-17:00 Hrs. (Tuesday); 09:00-15:00 Hrs. (Wednesday); (Bangkok Time)

**VENUE:** The meeting was carried out at FAO RAP in Bangkok, Thailand

## RSC MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVES (Details of participants given in Annex 2)

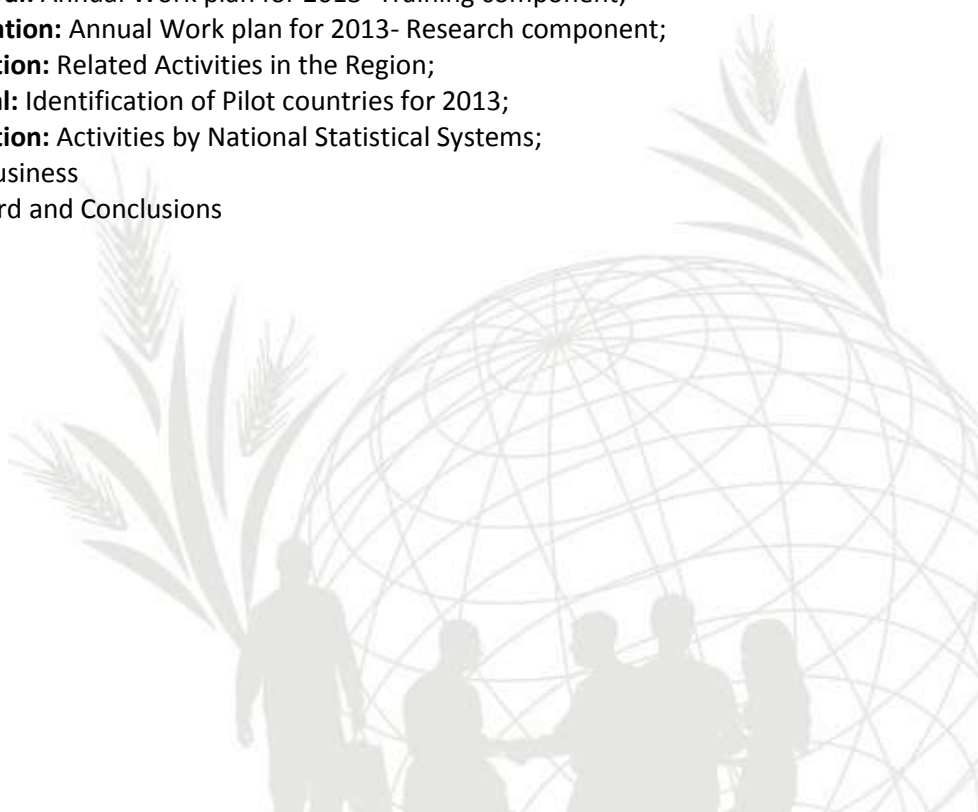
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 Viet Nam: Vinh Quang Pham

## AGENDA (Details given in Annex 1)

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1. **AGENDA ITEM 1 – for approval:** Election of a chair and deputy chair;
2. **AGENDA ITEM 2 – for information:** Overview of the Regional Action Plan;
3. **AGENDA ITEM 3 – for information:** Governance Structure and Role of Regional Steering Committee;
4. **AGENDA ITEM 4 – for information:** Activity Report from the Regional Office;
5. **AGENDA ITEM 5a – for approval:** Annual Work plan for 2013- Regional Office and Technical Assistance components;
6. **AGENDA ITEM 5b – for approval:** Annual Work plan for 2013- Training component;
7. **AGENDA ITEM 5c– for information:** Annual Work plan for 2013- Research component;
8. **AGENDA ITEM 6– for information:** Related Activities in the Region;
9. **AGENDA ITEM 7 – for approval:** Identification of Pilot countries for 2013;
10. **AGENDA ITEM 8– for information:** Activities by National Statistical Systems;
11. **AGENDA ITEM 9:** Any Other Business
12. **AGENDA ITEM 10:** Way Forward and Conclusions



## OUTCOMES

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### 1. AGENDA ITEM 1 – for approval: Election of a chair and deputy chair;

**DECISION 1:** *The membership of the RSC elected Mr Romeo Recide (OIC- Assistant Secretary and Director, Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, Philippines) as Chair and Mr Amara Satharasinghe (Additional Director General, Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka) as Deputy Chair of the RSC.*

### 2. AGENDA ITEM 2 – for information: Overview of the Regional Action Plan

**Introduction:** The RSC was given an overview of the Regional Action Plan (RAP) for Asia-Pacific outlining the initiative's impact, outcome, and outputs over the first phase from 2013 to 2017.

### 3. AGENDA ITEM 3 – for information: Governance Structure and Role of Regional Steering Committee

**Introduction:** The Global Governance framework and the role of the RSC within that framework was presented to the RSC in this session. The RSC would provide guidance on the implementation of the Regional Action Plan and serve as the ultimate decision making body for the use of funds from the Global Trust Fund allocated to the region - on the basis of annual work plans approved by the Global Executive Board.

**Discussion:**

- The RSC recognized the need for collaboration between the RSC and the Steering Group for the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics (SGRPES). The RSC agreed to the suggestion that, to ensure coordination between the two bodies, the RSC and the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics (SGRPES) should have a common member. The RSC was advised that the SGRPES intended to invite the RSC to nominate a member to join SGRPES. The RSC agreed that, on the basis of such an invitation, the Chair and the Vice-chair would delegate an RSC member to join SGRPES. The RSC in this regard suggested that both bodies are kept informed of each other's activities by means of reports at their respective meetings
- It was clarified by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) representative that when reporting to external regional bodies the RSC should not report to the ADB governing board, but rather to the President of the ADB.
- The RSC recommended that the Regional Office for the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics (referred to as the Regional Office) explore options for out of session means of communications between RSC members to ensure continuous and efficient consultations on RAP implementation.
- The representative of ADB noted the availability of the Community for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (CARS) as a possible online platform for on-line meetings and on-line polling with features of password protected areas (<http://cars.adb.org>). The members of the RSC noted their experience in using such a platform, but acknowledged that for some countries, email was their preferred method of communication. The Regional Office will follow up to explore further options.

**DECISION 2:** *The RSC proposed that a report on SGRPES activities be made to the next meeting of the RSC and that this should be a standing agenda item.*

**DECISION 3:** *The RSC noted that SGRPES plans to invite the RSC to nominate a member to join SGRPES and agreed that was an appropriate strategy to enable collaboration.*

#### 4. AGENDA ITEM 4 – for information: Activity Report from the Regional Office (RO)

Introduction: It was reported to the RSC that the Regional Office is temporarily staffed with four positions with recruitment still underway for additional positions including the Regional Coordinator, the Technical Assistance Statistician, the Training Statistician, a consultant for monitoring and evaluation, and an operations clerk.

A number of on-going activities were reported by the Regional Office, notably: (1) the finalization of the RAP prior to approval in December 2012, (2) the formulation of the work plan for 2013, and (3) the work being done for the identification of priority countries for national-level activities in 2013.

Discussion:

- The role of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) project work (MTF/GLO/372/BMG) within the framework of the Global Strategy was clarified to the members of the RSC. It was discussed that although the project work for the BMGF was not part of the Global Strategy, its objectives and methodologies were directly in line with those of the Global Strategy.

#### 5. AGENDA ITEM 5 – for approval: Annual Work plan for 2013

Introduction: The annual work plan for 2013 was noted to be composed of three parts of which the technical assistance and training components would need to be endorsed by the RSC and the Global Executive Board (GEB) for the disbursement of funds to the region.

The Regional Office noted that for 2013, FAORAP and SIAP have allocated 2 053 629 USD for technical assistance activities and 710 986 USD for training activities respectively. Including administration and support costs the total budget for 2013 amounted to 2 958 042 USD.

Under this agenda, Ms Maligalig (ADB) also presented information about the research program being undertaken and planned by ADB, including the relationship to the Global Strategy through its project on Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics for Food Security (R-PATA 8029). The project was shown to be supportive of and complementary to the activities of the Global Strategy with the implementation period running from December 2011 to June 2013 (extended until May 2014) and a project budget of 500 000 USD. The project aims to focus on a set of pilot countries including Bhutan, Lao PDR, Maldives, Thailand and Viet Nam. Additional activities related to innovative data collection methods for agricultural and rural statistics (R-CDTA) were also discussed with implementation beginning May 2013 to June 2015 and a project budget of 2 375 000 USD. The project aims to focus on a set of pilot countries including Lao PDR, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Discussion:

- The ADB representative suggested to the Regional Office that conducting a national stakeholders' workshop would be beneficial to initiate country level activities in the first year.
- The Regional Coordinator informed the RSC that there was an 80 000 USD discrepancy between the budget presented to the RSC and the actual available budget in the Global Office. The Regional Office committed to follow up on this issue shortly and inform RSC members of any developments out of session. The RSC agreed that endorsement of the revised budget would be sought via email with a short deadline due to the need to send the budget to the GEB for approval in time for its meeting on April 24, 2013. It was further agreed that non-response to the email regarding the revised budget was to be interpreted as endorsement.
- During the discussion, Fiji requested the Regional Office to explore the possibilities of expanding CountrySTAT to their country. The Regional Office acknowledged this country request and will follow up with relevant focal points at FAO headquarters.



**DECISION 4: *Endorsement of the Annual Work plan 2013 for Technical Assistance and Training components is subject to revision out of session by the Regional Office (Annex 4)***

## **6. AGENDA ITEM 6 – for information: Related Activities in the Region**

Information: The Regional Office informed the RSC that a number of related activities were being undertaken in addition to the Global Strategy - including those by FAO (AMIS, FSIN, IPC), USDA, the World Bank, and ADB.

### Discussion:

- The RSC acknowledged additional efforts being undertaken in the region including those of ASEAN Food Security and Information System (AFSIS), which supported the dissemination of Food Security information in ASEAN states. RSC members were encouraged to inform the Regional Office of other initiatives.
- During the discussion, Fiji queried FAO on the expansion of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) to the Pacific Region. FAO acknowledged this country request and promised to follow up the issue with the responsible focal points.
- The RSC noted that the identification and availability of both national and international consultants would be a key activity in the success of the in-depth assessment process. To support this, members of the RSC were urged to contact the Regional Office to supply any known consultants that could support activities of the Global Strategy. It was noted that the existing expertise within national statistical systems (including NSOs and MoAs) would need to be mobilized for effective implementation; country-to-country visits and the use of government statisticians as resource persons could be modalities for doing so.

**DECISION 5: *The RSC recommended that the Regional Office share information on RAP-related activities conducted in the region.***

**DECISION 6: *The RSC recommended that the Global Office explore possible mechanisms for sharing among regions information about activities under different regional action plans.***

**DECISION 7: *The RSC recommended that the Regional Office maintain a consultant database specified by area of expertise***

## **7. AGENDA ITEM 7 – for approval: Identification of Countries for national-level implementation in 2013**

Information: The RSC was informed of the identification criteria for the selection of initial countries as outlined in both the Global Action Plan and the Regional Action Plan. In this, RSC members were presented with a summary of these selection criteria for further discussion and decision.

### Discussion:

- The RSC noted the twelve countries who have expressed interest to initiate national-level RAP implementation in 2013. These countries were: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Samoa, and Sri Lanka.
- The RSC acknowledged the work being done by the Regional Office to continue the work being done on the preliminary Country Assessment Questionnaires (CAQ) and called for the Regional Office to continue its validation efforts to ensure that the level of statistical capacity for agricultural and rural statistics were objectively measured.
- The representative from ADB noted some discrepancies of the presented selection criteria. The Regional Office was recommended to review the indicators upon further validation with countries.

- The RSC noted that DFID, the only donor supporting the RAP at the moment, has indicated that the funds be used for country level activities in Asian countries only. For regional level activities though, participation from Pacific countries would be possible. The RSC requested that the Global Office makes an effort to secure resources for Pacific countries so that they can be fully included in the implementation. The RSC was advised that there is a Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy 2011-2020 for the development of statistics in the Pacific. The RSC noted that integration of activities under the Ten Year Plan and the Global Strategy should be discussed with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).
- The RSC noted the work being done by the ADB in a number of countries in the region and called on the Regional Office to further coordinate its activities with ADB.
- The RSC recognized that, although only a limited number of countries can be selected for national-level activities in 2013, all countries who expressed interest should be supported in their effort in every way possible. In this regard, the RSC suggested that an inception workshop be held inviting all countries keen to initiate national-level implementation for 2013 to discuss the level of assistance that can be provided by the implementing partners and the necessary commitments that need to come from their respective governments.
- The Regional Office proposed to the RSC an initial suggestion of three countries consisting of Bhutan, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka based on the selection criteria as per the RAP.

***DECISION 8: The RSC selected Bhutan, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka as initial countries for prioritising national RAP implementation in 2013.***

## **8. AGENDA ITEM 8 – for information: Related activities by National Statistical Systems**

Information: The RSC noted the national level activities being done in China with regard to the use of remote sensing for crop acreage estimation.

### Discussion:

- The benefits of remote sensing technology uses was debated, and concluded that the technology could be beneficial to the region but was not yet mature enough to fully replace traditional field level methods. The representative of India acknowledged this point emphasizing that remote sensing technologies are limited in use for mountainous areas. The use of such technology should further be evaluated on a country by country basis.
- The Global Coordinator from the Global Office acknowledged the work being done by China on the use of remote sensing technologies and informed the RSC that the Global Office was currently in the process of pursuing research in this area.
- The RSC recognized that countries had begun the process of expressing their level of need to the Regional Office.
- The RSC acknowledged that the success of the Global Strategy initiative would be dependent on the outreach and advocacy efforts put forth by all agencies under the governance framework.
- The Global Office noted that advocacy tools were currently being developed with the intention for adaption at the regional level.

***DECISION 9: The RSC recommended that the Regional Office explore the possibility of compiling a database for the needs expressed by countries that could be shared with RAP countries and resource partners.***

***DECISION 10: The RSC recommended that the Regional Office explore the holding of a regional advocacy activity to promote the Regional Action Plan in the near term.***

***DECISION 11: The RSC recommended that the Regional Office liaise with Global Office to ensure a consistent communications strategy.***

## 9. AGENDA ITEM 9: Any other Business

### Discussion:

- The RSC underlined its role as a consultative body to the Regional Office with consideration of its TOR (Annex 3). In this regard, the RSC noted that performing this role requires that the RSC be notified of all developments in the Asia-Pacific region and that it should be consulted for all major decisions related to activities in the region.

**DECISION 12: *The RSC endorsed the proposal that it should serve as a consultative body to the Regional Office.***

## 10. AGENDA ITEM 10: Way Forward and Conclusions

### Discussion:

- It was agreed that the Summary of the First Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee would be distributed to all focal points in the RAP region (including members of APCAS, members of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics (Heads of NSO), and Ministries of Agriculture).
- It was proposed that the following session of the RSC could convene in either late August or early October depending on the advancement of implementation of national level activities and decisions about the inception workshop.
- The RSC noted the need for two members to represent the region on the Global Steering Committee and agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair were appropriate nominations.

**DECISION 13: *The RSC endorsed the proposal for the Chair and the Vice Chair to represent the RSC in the Global Steering Committee.***



## Annex 1: Provisional Agenda

**Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics  
Regional Steering Committee for Asia and the Pacific  
First Meeting: 9-10 April 2013  
Venue: FAO RAP Conference Room**

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**Tuesday, 9 April 2013**

09:00-09:30 **Registration**

09:30-10:00 **Opening Ceremony**

Welcome Address

- [Venue Host] Mr Hiroyuki Konuma, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
- Mr Christophe Duhamel, Global Coordinator for the Global Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Statistics
- Mr Romeo Recide, Former chair of SGAS

10:00-10:20 **Agenda Item 1 - Election of a chair and deputy chair**

Chair: Mr Allan Nicholls [Regional Coordinator]

10:20-11:00 *Group Photo/ Coffee break*

11:00-11:40 **Agenda Item 2 – Overview of the Regional Action Plan (RAP)**

Presentation: Mr Romeo Recide [Former chair of SGAS]

- Overview of RAP objectives and outputs
- Approvals and endorsements
- Establishment of Regional Steering Committee (RSC)

*Objectives:* To provide an overview of the Regional Action Plan as background for the work of the committee.

11:40-12:15 **Agenda Item 3 - Governance structure & Role of the Steering Committee**

Presentation: Mr Jairo Castano [FAO RAP] and Ms Rikke Munk Hansen [UNESCAP]

- GSC-GEB-GO-RSC-RO-PP-National coordination mechanism
- Intergovernmental bodies (ESCAP Committee on Statistics, APCAS, Governing board of ADB)

12:15-13:45 *Lunch break*

13:45-14:30 **Agenda Item 4 – Activity Report from the Regional Office (RO)**

Presentation: Mr Allan Nicholls [Regional Coordinator]

- The Regional Office Set-up
- Activities to date
- Immediate Future Plans

*Objectives:* To advise the RSC of the structure and activities of the RO, and to obtain RSC approval of the 2012 narrative and financial report.



**14:30-15:15 Agenda Item 5a – Annual Work plan for 2013****– Regional Office and Technical Assistance components**

Presentation: Mr Allan Nicholls [Regional Coordinator]

- Approval process for the annual workplan
- overview of annual workplan for Regional Office and Technical Assistance components
- approval of Regional Office and Technical Assistance components

*Objectives:* To present the Regional Office and Technical Assistance components of the annual workplan for 2013 and obtain approval from the RSC.

15:15-15:30 *Coffee break*

**15:30-16:15 Agenda Item 5b – Annual Work plan for 2013 – Training component**

Presentation: Ms Margarita Guerrero [SIAP]

- overview of annual workplan for the Training component
- approval of the Training component

*Objectives:* To present the Training component of the annual workplan for 2013 and obtain approval from the RSC.

**16:15-17:00 Agenda Item 5c – Annual Work plan for 2013 – Research component**

Presentation: Ms Dalisay Maligalig [Asian Development Bank]

- overview of annual workplan for the Research component
- approval of the Research component

*Objectives:* To present the Research component of the annual workplan for 2013 and obtain approval from the RSC.

17:30-20:30 *Dinner*

**Wednesday, 10 April 2013****09:30-10:15 Agenda Item 6 – Related activities in the Region**

Presentation: Mr Allan Nicholls [Regional Coordinator]

- MTF/GLO/372/BMG: “Strengthening Agricultural Statistics in Anchor Countries - Phase 1: Assessment of Anchor Country Agricultural Statistics”
- MTF/GLO/359/BMG : “Strengthening Agriculture Market Information Systems (AMIS) using innovative methods and digital technology”
- “Feed the Future” program – US work in Bangladesh and India
- World Bank project on “Improving Statistical Capacity in Myanmar”
- AMIS, FSIN and IPC

*Objectives:* To advise the RSC of related work being undertaken in the region

10:15-10:30 *Coffee break*

**10:30-12:00 Agenda Item 7 – Identification of Pilot countries for 2013**

Presentation: Mr Anthony Burgard [FAO RAP]

- Proposed process for identification of countries
- *Discussion:* Methodology and confirmation of pilot countries for 2013

*Objectives:* To obtain confirmation of pilot countries for 2013

12:00-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30-14:15 **Agenda Item 8 - Activities by national statistical systems**

Presentation: Mr Wei Zhou [China]

- Introduction to the remote sensing application in crop acreage estimation in China

*Discussion:* Role of the RSC in supporting national activities

14:15-14:30 *Coffee break*

14:30-14:45 **Agenda Item 9 – Any Other Business**

Chair: RSC Chair

- Next meeting
  - Timing
  - Topics for discussion

14:45-15:15 **Agenda Item 10 – Way forward and Conclusions**

Speakers: RSC Chair and Venue Host

- Summary and recommendations.
- Evaluation of the meeting

*Objectives:* To summarize the meeting and the way forward



## Annex 2: List of Participants

**Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics  
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### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	POSITION	ORGANIZATION
<b>MEMBERS</b>				
1	China	Mr Zhiquan Xu	Counsel	Department of Rural Surveys, National Bureau of Statistics of China
2	Fiji	Mr Pauliasi Waqa Tuilau	Principal Economic Planning Officer	Ministry of Agriculture
3	India	Mr Rajeev Lochan	Adviser	Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture
4	Japan	Mr Kenji Kamikura	Senior Statistician	Statistics Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
5	Philippines	Mr Romeo Recide	Director	Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, Department of Agriculture
6	Samoa	Mr Laupua Fiti	ACEO, Economic Statistics Division	Samoa Bureau of Statistics
7	Sri Lanka	Mr Amara Satharasinghe	Additional Director General	Department of Census and Statistics
8	Viet Nam	Mr Vinh Quang Pham	Director	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Statistics, General Statistics Office, Ministry of Planning and Investment
9	APAARI	Mr. Srinivasacharyulu Attaluri	Coordinator, APARIS	Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions, Thailand
10	ADB	Ms Dalisay S. Maligalig	Principal Statistician	Asian Development Bank
11	ESCAP-SIAP	Ms Margarita Guerrero	Director	Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific
12	FAO	Mr Jairo Castano	Senior Statistician	FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

No.	COUNTRY	NAME	POSITION	ORGANIZATION
<b>OBSERVERS</b>				
1	China	Mr Wei Zhou	Consultant	Department of Rural Surveys, National Bureau of Statistics of China
2	Republic of Korea	Mr Byong-surk Hong	Deputy Director	Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics Division, Statistics Korea
<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</b>				
1	ESCAP	Ms Rikke Munk Hansen	Chief	Statistics Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
2	ESCAP	Mr Habibur Rahman Khan	Associate Statistician	Statistics Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
3	FAO	Mr Christophe Duhamel	Global Office Coordinator	FAO Head Quarter Statistics Division
4	FAO	Mr Allan Nicholls	Regional Office Coordinator	FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
5	FAO	Mr Anthony Burgard	Consultant	FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
6	FAO	Mr Yohei Kunikane	Consultant	FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
7	FAO	Ms Onnom Waraporn	Secretary	FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific



### **Annex 3: Terms of reference for the Regional Steering Committee**

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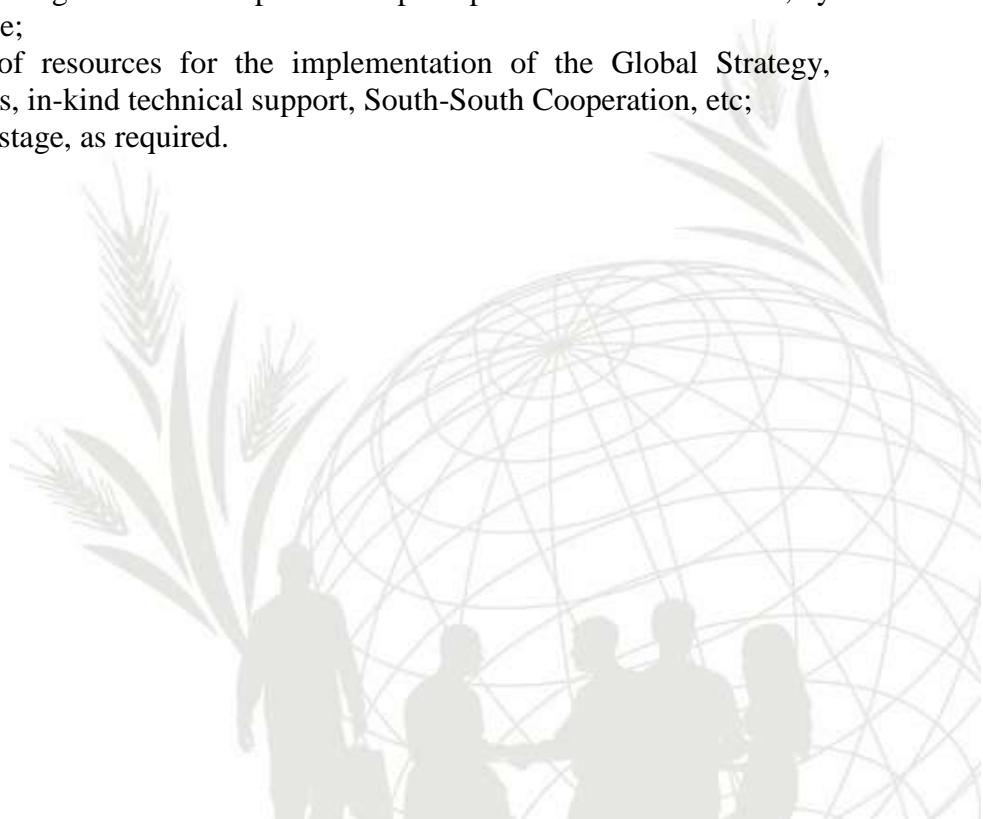
The Regional Steering Committee is the ultimate decision-making body at regional level. The RSC will provide guidance and oversight, within the framework defined by the GSC and consistent with relevant funding agreements, for the implementation of the regional and country activities defined in the Regional Plan.

In addition, the RSC will seek to achieve coordination of activities and interventions that are not funded through the Trust Fund, but are of significant relevance for the implementation of the Global Strategy. Interventions of this nature include all relevant interventions that are funded through bilateral arrangements, self-funding modalities or any other activities outside the Trust Fund mechanism.

The RSC will meet at least once annually to monitor progress in the implementation of the Regional Plan and evaluate its impact. Additional meetings of the RSC may be held, as required.

Specifically, the RSC will:

- a) Ensure coordination and integration of the implementation of the Global Strategy with other related statistical capacity development activities for synergy, complementarities and greater impact at the regional level;
- b) Approve the Regional Action Plan (including budget and log-frame) prior to its submission to the Global Steering Committee – the Regional Action Plan will be submitted by the Regional Office (RO), through the Global Office;
- c) Approve the annual work-plans (and any substantial modification) of the implementing partners prior to their submission to the Global Steering Committee for requesting disbursement of funds;
- d) Decide on allocation of funds received between regional and country level activities as well as among the countries, on the basis of the approved work-plans;
- e) Monitor progress in the implementation of the Regional Action Plan;
- f) Review and approve the annual narrative and financial reports prepared by the implementing partners, prior their submission to the GSC, by the RO through the GEB, the GO and the Fund Administrator;
- g) Approve the regional Monitoring & Evaluation plan and reports prior to their submission, by the RO, to the Global Office;
- h) Support the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Global Strategy, including financial resources, in-kind technical support, South-South Cooperation, etc;
- i) Review its functions at any stage, as required.





### *Composition*

The composition of the RSC will include 15 representatives from countries, resource partners, regional organizations, regional Participating Partners, FAO and selected experts. More specifically, the membership of the RSC will include:

- Two countries from each of four subregions [South and South-West Asia; South-East Asia; East & North-East Asia; Pacific]; maximum one representative per country, and ensuring a balanced representation of national statistical offices and ministries of agriculture;
- Implementing partners ADB, FAO RAP and ESCAP;
- Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC)
- One donor representative.
- One training and one research institution;

Term for country representatives will be 5 years with half of the membership to be rotated every 2.5 years. At the establishment, four country representatives will hence be members for a term of 2.5 years and four representatives for a full term of 5 years.

### *Rules of decision*

Decisions of the RSC will be taken by consensus. If all efforts fail to reach consensus, decisions will be taken by a simple majority vote, provided that decisions of the RSC [that have a bearing on the Trust Fund] shall not be taken without the consent of donors of the Trust Fund.

### *Reporting*

There will be a multi-reporting mechanism that will allow reports to be received and acted upon by different structures, including the following:

- Committee on Statistics of ESCAP, which will also report to the UN Statistical Commission as well as the ESCAP Commission;
- APCAS;
- Governing Board of ADB; and
- Global Steering Committee.



## Annex 4: 2013 Work plan (narrative)

### Regional Office for Asia-Pacific Programme of Activities 2013

Output A - Effective governing bodies set up and functioning at regional level	
<b>A1</b>	<p><b>Regional Steering Committee (RSC) formed and active</b></p> <p>The governance arrangements as specified in the Global Strategy Action Plan include the establishment of Regional Steering Committees (RSC) which will serve as the decision-making body at the regional level. The RSC will provide guidance and oversight on the implementation of the regional and country activities defined in the Regional Action Plan (RAP).</p> <p>Invitations have been sent to proposed member countries and organizations and preparations are being made for the first meeting of the RSC, which is expected to be in April 2013. It is expected that there will be three meetings of the RSC in 2013.</p>
<b>A2</b>	<p><b>Regional Office staffed and functioning (FAO)</b></p> <p>The Regional Coordinator and most of the Regional Office (RO) staff will be located in the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. An interim regional coordinator is currently in place and is being assisted by two staff, one of whom is on secondment from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan as part of a project funded by Japan to assist the work of the Global Strategy in the region.</p> <p>Action is under way to recruit a Secretary and General Operations Clerk, and both are expected to start in March or April. Advertisements are currently being prepared for the positions of Regional Coordinator (P4) and Technical Assistance Statistician (P4). Recruitment action for an M&amp;E Specialist (P3) will be delayed until later in the year. Carry over from 2012 allocation includes allowance for appointment travel for these staff, and also allows for necessary establishment costs of the Regional Office.</p>
<b>A3</b>	<p><b>Regional office staffed and functioning</b></p> <p>SIAP will recruit a statistician consultant for an initial period of one year to support management, coordination and delivery of the 2013 programme of activities.</p>
<b>A4</b>	<p><b>Preparation of Phase 1 training implementation plan</b></p> <p>The implementation plan for phase 1 training activities will be developed in collaboration with training institute partners (TIPs) through technical meetings and reviews of available guidelines on the core statistics and basic methodologies from the Global Office (GO) for purposes of preparation of standardized training modules and materials. A small group of experts from the TIPs will be created and coordinated by SIAP. This activity will be one of the activities of the regional network of training institutions (RNTI) to be established under the RAP. (Refer to activity A5 below)</p>
<b>A5</b>	<p><b>Preparation of concept note on establishing regional network of training institutions (RNTI)</b></p> <p>A key output of the training component is establishing a regional network of training institutions that will not only support the delivery of the training activities of the RAP but will, more importantly, be a standing mechanism in the region for coordinating the capacity-building in agricultural and rural statistics through training. The concept note will lay down the objectives, strategies, implementing mechanisms and indicative activities for the network. SIAP will recruit an expert to develop the concept note.</p>
<b>A6</b>	<p><b>Preparation of concept note on system of certification of trainers</b></p> <p>A key output of the training component is strengthening the capacity of country statistical training institutions to provide in-country training on agriculture and rural statistics. The identification for</p>

	<p>suitable experts through a system of accreditation and certification is a mechanism that would support achievement of this output. A roster of experts identified through such a mechanism would be updated and continually replenished by the system. Aside from developing in-country expertise, such a roster of experts would provide a regional resource base for capacity development activities. The concept note will lay down the objectives, strategies and implementing mechanisms for the system. SIAP will recruit an expert to develop the concept note which will be reviewed and finalized by the RTNI (refer to related activity I7).</p>
<b>A7</b>	<p><b>Inception workshop to promote understanding of the RAP among countries and decision makers</b></p> <p>The importance of such a workshop was raised at the first Regional Steering Committee meeting. It was recognized that countries did not have a good understanding of the detail of processes to be used during in-country work, nor did they understand the extent of their role in the process and the commitments that would need to be made by countries, both during the in-country work, and to ensure sustainability of changes.</p> <p>The workshop would also be used as an advocacy tool to showcase the role of statistics in decision making and the importance of the Global Strategy work to improve the quality and availability of key statistics.</p> <p>Carry over from 2012 allocation will be used to fund this activity.</p>
<b>Output B – Country assessments and determining set of Core data</b>	
<b>B1</b>	<p><b>Organize in-depth country assessments with participation of users and producers using adapted country assessment guidelines</b></p> <p>In-depth country assessments are required to obtain detailed information about the statistical needs and capabilities of countries, the state of the data they currently produce and disseminate, and the methodologies they use. This information will form the basis for further in-country work.</p> <p>In-depth country assessments will be undertaken by country teams with assistance from National and International consultants and from participating partners. The RO will provide support to the process through organizing consultant participation and by providing advice and assistance to country teams. The in-depth assessments will need to involve stakeholders from all institutions that produce agricultural and rural statistics plus those who use, or would like to use those statistics. They should also include ministries likely to have a key role in funding a sustainable statistical programme.</p> <p>Carry over from 2012 allocation will be used to increase the extent of this activity.</p>
<b>B2</b>	<p><b>Establishment of baseline information through a detailed assessment of specific country needs: questionnaire design, data collection, data processing, data analysis and reporting</b></p> <p>Analysis of the in-depth country assessments by the RO will result in baseline information for each country about a wide range of related issues. This information will be maintained by the RO, and updated as necessary.</p>
<b>B3</b>	<p><b>Development and establishment of technical assistance programmes</b></p> <p>The in-depth country assessments will provide a detailed understanding of the breadth of specific country needs. Technical assistance programmes will be developed to address these needs, starting with assistance needed to develop or update Sector Strategic Plans, within the framework of the NSDS.</p>
<b>B4</b>	<p><b>Training on Country Assessment Questionnaire for in-depth assessments</b></p> <p>No work is planned on this activity in 2013.</p>
<b>B5</b>	<p><b>Development of standardized training curricula/modules relevant to the identification of the country-specific minimum core set of statistics and implementation of training</b></p> <p>SIAP will organize a regional training-of-trainers course for TIPs of selected pilot countries to increase their knowledge and understanding of the core set of agricultural and rural statistics and to equip them with skills to provide training on country-specific minimum core set of statistics. SIAP will recruit an expert to support the development of modules and materials and conduct of training.</p>

<b>B6</b>	<p><b>Training on standards and methods of basic agriculture and rural statistics and indicators: production, economic, social and environmental impacts</b></p> <p>SIAP will organize a regional training-of-trainers course for TIPs of selected pilot countries to increase their knowledge and understanding of standards and methods of basic agriculture and rural statistics and indicators and to equip them with skills to provide in-country training on these topics. SIAP will recruit an expert to support the development of modules and materials and conduct of training.</p>
<b>Output C - Integration of Agriculture into the National Statistical System using the NSDS</b>	
<b>C1</b>	<p><b>Adapt global guidelines for integration of agriculture into national statistical system</b></p> <p>Global guidelines for the integration of agriculture into national statistical system will be issued by the Global Office. However, they will need to be adapted to suit the circumstances of individual countries. The RO will work with individual countries to ensure that appropriate guidelines for each country are developed.</p>
<b>C2</b>	<p><b>Preparation of detailed SSPARS as part of the NSDS process</b></p> <p>Sector strategic plans will be designed by countries to act as building blocks for the NSDS. Technical assistance will be required by countries to bring objectivity, international best practices and experiences from other countries/regions to bear in the design of the SSPARS. Carry over from 2012 allocation will be used to increase the extent of this activity.</p>
<b>C3</b>	<p><b>Preparation of Country Proposals based on assessments of needs to support SSPARS</b></p> <p>Country proposals will be prepared based on the in-depth assessments to ensure appropriate support is provided for the development of SSPARS as a first step in the integration of agriculture into the NSS.</p>
<b>C4</b>	<p><b>Development of standardized training curricula/modules relevant to the formulation of country agricultural statistics action plan and training on formulation of action plan</b></p> <p>SIAP will support TIPs in developing the training curricula/modules and materials. The training implementation will be closely coordinated with the TA component in support of related activities (refer to activities C1, C2 and C3).</p>
<b>C5</b>	<p><b>Training on gap analysis of core requirements and qualifications of statistical staff</b></p> <p>A regional training-of-trainers course for TIPs of selected pilot countries will be designed by SIAP with expert support from RNTI members. The training will be based on the training needs assessment tools, including a core skills framework, developed under activity I3 and will aim to provide skills for applying these tools and using them in carrying out gap analysis of core requirements and qualifications of statistical staff of statistical units of the NSS.</p>
<b>Output D – Improved political support for agricultural statistics</b>	
<b>D1</b>	<p><b>Assist key stakeholders to develop business cases for increased political and resource support</b></p> <p>An important factor in obtaining a sustainable system is to increase the political support for the system and, in so doing, increase resources available to the system. Assistance will be provided in the development of suitable business cases.</p>
<b>D2</b>	<p><b>Organize technical meetings between decision makers and data providers to showcase the importance of agricultural and rural statistics</b></p> <p>The importance of agricultural and rural statistics to a wide range of policy decisions needs to be publicized to increase support for the statistics. The RO will organize meetings to highlight the widespread and critical use of statistics in decision making.</p>
<b>D3</b>	<p><b>Training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increasing political and public support</b></p>



	Training modules and materials for training managers of statistical units producing agriculture and rural statistics to improve skills on advocacy and communication strategies and developing business cases will be developed by SIAP with expert advice from the RNTI members. These will support related activities of the TA component (refer to activities D1, D2). The conduct of training activities will be funded by and closely coordinated with the aforementioned activities.
<b>D4</b>	<b>Workshops for increasing statistical literacy and enhancing appreciation of the importance of agricultural and rural statistics</b> No work is planned on this activity in 2013.
<b>Output E – Strengthened legal and coordination mechanisms and frameworks</b>	
<b>E1</b>	<b>Support legal frameworks for agricultural statistics by ensuring their alignment with other legal provisions</b> Assistance will be provided to review all relevant legislation and make recommendations to ensure alignment of provisions related to the collection and dissemination of statistics, including agricultural statistics. Limited work is expected on this activity in 2013.
<b>E2</b>	<b>Promote and enhance coordination for agricultural data production and use by establishing mechanisms for continuous dialogue between data producers and users and among data producers</b> Assistance will be provided to establish (or strengthen) Agriculture Statistics Coordination Committees comprising both producers and users to enable regular discussions on statistical priorities. In addition, assistance will be provided to establish (or strengthen) Agriculture Data Producer Committees to enable regular discussions on statistical data collection activities and methodologies. Limited work is expected on this activity in 2013.
<b>E3</b>	<b>Assistance on coordination of statistical activities related to environmental, social and gender issues</b> Assistance will be provided to countries to identify opportunities to integrate environmental, social and gender issues into existing or planned agricultural data collection activities and to ensure that these issues are considered whenever new collections are proposed. Limited work is expected on this activity in 2013.
<b>E4</b>	<b>Workshops and seminars in support of advocacy for and integration into the statistics development strategies and plans</b> The conduct of workshops and seminars targeting producers and users of agricultural and rural statistics in two pilot countries during the fourth quarter of 2014 will be closely coordinated with the related TA component activities (refer to activities E2 and E3). The workshops and seminars will be implemented by the TIPs of the respective countries, with technical support from SIAP. Based on the outcomes of these two pilots, the TIPs and SIAP will develop standardized modules for advocacy and make these available for replication/customisation in other countries.
<b>Output F - Advocacy</b>	
<b>F1</b>	<b>Promote the use by NSS of best advocacy practices for the allocation of sufficient government and private resources to compile the minimum set of core data</b> The RO will work with countries to develop a set of advocacy practices to be used in the country, based on, and adapted from, best advocacy practices.
<b>F2</b>	<b>Prepare resource mobilization plan to put national statistical system on a sustainable basis</b> The RO will work with countries to prepare a mobilization plan for the resources needed to put the NSS on a sustainable basis. Limited work is expected on this activity in 2013.



<b>F3</b>	<b>Develop materials and conduct training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increasing resource support</b> Training modules and materials will be developed in support of related activities of the TA component (refer to activities F1 and F2). The conduct of training activities will be funded by and closely coordinated with the aforementioned activities.
<b>F4</b>	<b>Develop materials and conduct training to improve communication skills with policy and decision makers, and private sector data users</b> Training of statisticians in two pilot countries will be designed and conducted by SIAP in collaboration with the TIPs of the respective countries toward the end of 2013.
<b>Output G – Increased ability of NSS to access and use ICT</b>	
<b>G1</b>	<b>Assist countries to build and sustain statistical capacity, including survey infrastructure, IT infrastructure and application of emerging technologies and tools</b> Collect examples of good practices in these areas and use the guidelines produced by the Global Office, adapted as necessary, to assist countries build and sustain statistical capacity in these areas.
<b>G2</b>	<b>Assist countries with use of statistical software and IT solutions for compilation, reporting/dissemination of the minimum data set</b> Collect examples of good practices in these areas, review current practices in countries and assist countries to improve their use of statistical software and ICT.
<b>G3</b>	<b>Assist countries to establish and/or strengthen use of CountrySTAT</b> Where a country already uses CountrySTAT, review their use and work with the country to strengthen their use of this system. Where a country does not use CountrySTAT, work with them to incorporate CountrySTAT into their normal practices.
<b>G4</b>	<b>Training on use of ICT for production of relevant country-specific minimum set of statistics; including remote sensing</b> No work is planned on this activity in 2013.
<b>G5</b>	<b>Training on use of ICT for dissemination of country-specific minimum set of statistics</b> No work is planned on this activity in 2013.
<b>G6</b>	<b>Training on documentation, preservation and archiving of agriculture and rural statistical data</b> No work is planned on this activity in 2013.
<b>G7</b>	<b>Development of e-learning tools on uses of different types of software and communications technology</b> The content the e-learning tools will be determined by the results of the TA component of the RAP (refer to activities G1-G3). As part of the current programme of work of SIAP, development of templates and design of e-learning courses will be initiated in 2013 in collaboration with the RNTI.
<b>Output H – Improved competencies of NSS</b>	
<b>H1</b>	<b>Assist countries to better plan and manage their agricultural censuses according to the latest guidelines</b> The World Census of Agriculture 2010 (WCA 2010) provides the latest guidelines for planning and conducting agricultural censuses. Assist countries to work through this document and adapt relevant parts to plan and manage their next agricultural census.
<b>H2</b>	<b>Assist countries to design integrated survey frameworks and integrated databases following the recommendations of the Global Strategy about the establishment of a Master Sampling Frame</b> Collect examples of good practices in these areas and use the guidelines produced by the Global

	Office, adapted as necessary, to assist countries to design integrated survey frameworks and integrated databases.
<b>H3</b>	<p><b>Assist countries to review and audit methodologies and instruments in use for registers of agricultural administrative data</b></p> <p>Many countries derive some agricultural statistics from data in administrative registers. The quality of these statistics needs to be assessed through a review and audit of methodologies and instruments used, and the RO will assist countries to undertake such audits and report results.</p>
<b>H4</b>	<p><b>Assist countries to improve data consolidation and comparability among sources and over time</b></p> <p>Technical assistance will be required to help countries: (a) assemble, review, analyze and document existing agricultural datasets; (b) verify the accuracy and reliability of the agricultural production series, using information from other sources; and (c) establish and maintain a web-based information technology system (eg CountrySTAT) for food and agricultural statistics at the national and sub-national levels.</p>
<b>H5</b>	<p><b>(Multiple programmes) Design, developing of materials and delivery of targeted training programmes on statistical processes that are responsive to NSS staff needs</b></p> <p>The content and design of targeted training programmes to be supported by RAP will be part of the activities of the RNTI. These will be based on results of training needs assessments, guidelines prepared by the GO and outputs of the training component. In 2013, SIAP will organize two training courses on basic statistical methods for agricultural statistics during the last half of the year.</p>
<b>Output I – Strengthened capacity of national and regional training institutions</b>	
<b>I1</b>	<p><b>Promote the application in-country of acquired technical knowledge and skills</b></p> <p>Assist countries to reinforce acquired technical knowledge and skills through practical applications.</p>
<b>I2</b>	<p><b>Support the emergence of regional centers of excellence in technical areas such as emerging technologies, sampling designs and other innovative methods</b></p> <p>Provide support to centers of excellence through provision of documentation, training and other assistance as required.</p>
<b>I3</b>	<p><b>Development and training on implementation of training needs assessment tools, including core skills framework for agriculture and rural statistics</b></p> <p>The development of customized training programmes to support country action plans need to be based on the results of thorough training needs assessment. Tools to undertake such assessments will be developed by reviewing existing tools and core skills frameworks and improving on them and training countries to carry out and evaluate the results of the assessments. This activity will be undertaken by an expert group from the RNTIs and piloted in 1-2 countries that have completed their country proposals in support of the SSPARS in 2013. A consultant will be recruited by SIAP to provide technical support in the development, piloting and finalization of the assessment tools.</p>
<b>I4</b>	<p><b>Develop and pilot a graduate degree programme curriculum for statisticians that is tailored for agricultural and rural statistics through twinning arrangements between a statistical research and training institute and a university</b></p> <p>No work is planned on this activity in 2013.</p>
<b>I5</b>	<p><b>Training-of-trainers in basic and specialized areas identified in training needs assessment</b></p> <p>No work is planned on this activity in 2013.</p>
<b>I6</b>	<b>Develop and pilot a graduate degree programme curriculum for statisticians that is</b>

	<p><b>tailored for agricultural and rural statistics through twinning arrangements between a statistical research and training institute and a university</b></p> <p>A degree programme tailored for agricultural and rural statistics offered by universities is expected to be a core pillar for sustainable capacity development in countries in this area of work. The development of the graduate degree programme curriculum will be an activity of the RNTI to be initiated during the last quarter of 2013. The RAP will engage a consultant to develop a proposal that will be reviewed by an expert group from the RNTI. In 2013, a pilot university will be identified and the RAP will facilitate the development of a twinning arrangement mechanism with a counterpart statistical research and training institute.</p>
<b>I7</b>	<p><b>Develop and implement system for accrediting/certifying trainers</b></p> <p>An expert group from the RNTI will review and finalize the concept note developed by SIAP (refer to activity A6) on a system of accreditation/certification of trainers. A technical meeting of an expert group from the RNTI will be convened for this purpose in the second quarter of 2013. SIAP will organize the meeting and coordinate and manage the implementation of the system as part of its programme of work.</p>
<b>I8</b>	<p><b>Establish and maintain informal network of training and research institutions through CARS or other relevant modalities</b></p> <p>In consultation with the Regional Steering Committee of the RAP, SIAP will identify potential members of the RNTI and will convene a meeting of the network during the second quarter of 2013. The meeting will review, finalize and adopt the proposals on objectives, strategies, implementing mechanism and initial activities in the concept note for its establishment (refer to activity A5). One of the strategies for maintaining (and expanding) the RNTI will be the ADB CARS system.</p>
<b>Output J – Increased capacity of countries to adopt cost effective and reliable methods</b>	
<b>J1</b>	<p><b>Assist countries in the implementation of relevant and sound statistical methodology</b></p> <p>Depending on country circumstances, this activity could include assistance with determining the most suitable methodology(ies) for a particular collection, planning and undertaking tests of different methodologies, the provision of field equipment for testing and the provision of appropriate computer software.</p>
<b>J2</b>	<p><b>Assist countries to assemble, review, analyze and document good practices and to identify and reconcile inconsistencies and discrepancies in agricultural data from different sources</b></p> <p>Inconsistencies and discrepancies in data are confusing to users and undermine confidence in the quality of the data. Such inconsistencies need to be identified and reconciled. Ideally data producers should agree on the most appropriate measure and collect and publish only one measure. If both measures are seen to be necessary, then arrangements should be made to ensure they are consistent, for example by using one as a benchmark for the other. Assistance will be provided to countries to identify and resolve these issues.</p>
<b>J3</b>	<p><b>Assist countries to verify the accuracy and reliability of the agricultural production data series</b></p> <p>Agricultural production data is the most basic of agricultural statistics and needs to be accurate and reliable to enable appropriate assessments of, for example, food availability. Assistance will be provided to countries to assess the accuracy and reliability of production data and to make recommendations for necessary improvements.</p>
<b>J4</b>	<p><b>Preparation of handbooks and training materials on cost-effective methods developed by research component</b></p> <p>No work is planned on this activity in 2013.</p>
<b>Output K– Increased capacity to use statistics for policy making</b>	
<b>K1</b>	<p><b>Disseminate guidelines on the application of data analysis for evidence-based decision making</b></p>

	The Global office intends to prepare a document on how analysis of data from the economic, social and environmental dimensions can be used for policy purposes. This will be useful to countries as examples of evidence-based decision making.
<b>K2</b>	<b>Provide support for cross-cutting analysis from the economic, social and agri-environmental dimensions for policy purposes</b> Assistance will be provided to countries to adapt the above guidelines to most effectively influence policy makers in their country.
<b>K3</b>	<b>Prepare training materials and conduct training on connecting the economic, social and environmental aspects of agriculture</b> SIAP, with expert support of the RTNI, will develop training modules and materials for a series of training courses to increase understanding and improve skills of data users on cross-cutting analysis from the economic, social and agri-environmental dimensions for policy purposes. A regional training-of-trainers workshop for TIPs and data users of selected pilot countries will be conducted in late 2013 based on the modules. The workshop participants will review the suitability of content and effectiveness of the module design. Based on the outcome of this workshop, the module will be finalized and will be used for subsequent training activities of the RAP. It is also expected that TIPs will integrate such training in their work programmes. The statistician consultant will provide support in the preparation of the module and materials. Experts from the RTNI will be invited to serve as resource persons.
<b>K4</b>	<b>Training on innovative presentation of statistics</b> No work is planned on this activity in 2013.



## Annex 5: Annual Work plan 2013

### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

#### ASIA PACIFIC REGION for YEAR 2013

#### Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics

**Impact:** Improved evidence-based decision making for poverty reduction, increased food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development

**Outcome:** Enable 20 target countries to develop sustainable statistical systems for production and dissemination of accurate and timely agricultural and rural statistics, comparable over time and across countries

GLOBAL OUTPUTS	REGIONAL OFFICE OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES			Carry forward from 31 March 2013 activities to be executed in 2013	Budget 2013 (USD)	PARTICIPATING PARTNER	2013				Pillars of the Global Strategy*	Total Budget available 2013 (USD)
							Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
1  <i>Effective governing bodies set up and functioning at global and regional levels</i>	A	Effective governing bodies set up and functioning at regional level		185,831	937,074							1,122,905
	Activity	A1	Regional Steering Committee (RSC) formed and active		30,000	FAORAP		●	●	●	I, II, III	30,000
	Activity	A2	Regional Office (RO) staffed and functioning (FAO)	105,831	581,178	FAORAP	●	●	●	●	I, II, III	687,009
	Activity	A3	Regional Office (RO) staffed and functioning (SIAP)		186,996	SIAP	●	●	●	●	I, II, III	186,996
	Activity	A4	Preparation of Phase 1 training implementation plan		108,900	SIAP	□	●	●	●	I, II, III	108,900
	Activity	A5	Preparation of concept note on establishing regional network of training institutions		15,000	SIAP	□	●	□	□	III	15,000
	Activity	A6	Preparation of concept note on system of certification of trainers		15,000	SIAP	□	●	□	□	III	15,000
	Activity	A7	Inception workshop to promote understanding of the RAP among countries and decision makers	80,000	0	FAORAP	□	□	●	□		80,000



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national  
statistical system,  
legal frameworks  
and strategic  
plans established  
in the 90 target  
countries*

<b>C</b>	<b>Integration of Agriculture into the National Statistical System using the NSDS</b>	<b>35,650</b>	<b>159,000</b>							<b>194,650</b>
Activity C1	Adapt global guidelines for integration of agriculture into national statistical system		<b>60,000</b>	<b>FAORAP</b>	●	●	●	●	II	<b>60,000</b>
Activity C2	Preparation of detailed SSPARS as part of the NSDS process	35,650	<b>42,600</b>	<b>FAORAP</b>	□	●	□	□	I, II	<b>78,250</b>
Activity C3	Preparation of Country Proposals based on assessments of needs to support SSPARS		<b>41,400</b>	<b>FAORAP</b>	□	●	●	□	III	<b>41,400</b>
Activity C4	Development of standardized training curricula/modules relevant to the formulation of country agricultural statistics action plan and training on formulation of action plan		<b>0</b>	<b>SIAP</b>	□	□	□	□	I, II, III	<b>0</b>
Activity C5	Training on gap analysis of core requirements and qualifications of statistical staff		<b>15,000</b>	<b>SIAP</b>	□	□	●	●	III	<b>15,000</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Improved political support for agricultural statistics</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84,000</b>							<b>84,000</b>
Activity D1	Assist key stakeholders to develop business cases for increased political and resource support		<b>52,000</b>	<b>FAORAP</b>	□	●	●	●	I, III	<b>52,000</b>
Activity D2	Organise technical meetings between decision makers and data providers to showcase the importance of agricultural and rural statistics		<b>32,000</b>	<b>FAORAP</b>	□	●	□	□	I, III	<b>32,000</b>
Activity D3	Training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increasing political and public support		<b>0</b>	<b>SIAP</b>	□	□	□	□	II, III	<b>0</b>
Activity D4	Workshops for increasing statistical literacy and enhancing appreciation of the importance of agricultural and rural statistics		<b>0</b>	<b>SIAP</b>	□	□	□	□	I, II, III	<b>0</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Strengthened legal and coordination mechanisms and frameworks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,000</b>							<b>45,000</b>
Activity E1	Support legal frameworks for agricultural statistics by ensuring their alignment with other legal provisions		<b>11,300</b>	<b>FAORAP</b>	□	●	●	●	III	<b>11,300</b>
Activity E2	Promote and enhance coordination for agricultural data production and use by establishing mechanisms for continuous dialogue between data producers and users and among data producers		<b>14,900</b>	<b>FAORAP</b>	□	●	●	●	III	<b>14,900</b>

Activity	E3	Assistance on coordination of statistical activities related to environmental, social and gender issues		13,800	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	●	III	13,800
Activity	E4	Workshops and seminars in support of advocacy for and integration into the statistics development strategies and plans		5,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	II	5,000
<b>F</b>		<b>Advocacy</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,000</b>							<b>42,000</b>
Activity	F1	Promote the use by NSS of best advocacy practices for the allocation of sufficient government and private resources to compile the minimum set of core data		21,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	II, III	21,000
Activity	F2	Prepare resource mobilization plan to put national statistical system on a sustainable basis		11,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	II, III	11,000
Activity	F3	Develop materials and conduct training on advocacy and communication strategies and development of business cases for increasing resource support		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	II, III	0
Activity	F4	Develop materials and conduct training to improve communication skills with policy and decision makers, and private sector data users		10,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	II, III	10,000
<b>K</b>		<b>Increased capacity to use statistics for policy making</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57,000</b>							<b>57,000</b>
Activity	K1	Disseminate guidelines on the application of data analysis for evidence-based decision making		16,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	●	I, II, III	16,000
Activity	K2	Provide support for cross-cutting analysis from the economic, social and agri-environmental dimensions for policy purposes		16,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	●	I, II, III	16,000
Activity	K3	Prepare training materials and conduct training on connecting the economic, social and environmental aspects of agriculture		25,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	I, II, III	25,000
Activity	K4	Training on innovative presentation of statistics		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	0



B		Country assessments and determining set of Core data	35,000	248,000						283,000	
Activity	B1	Organize in-depth country assessments with participation of users and producers using adapted country assessment guidelines	35,000	15,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	I	50,000
Activity	B2	Establishment of baseline information through a detailed assessment of specific country needs: questionnaire design, data collection, data processing, data analysis and reporting		68,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	I	68,000
Activity	B3	Development and establishment of technical assistance programmes		15,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	I, III	15,000
Activity	B4	Training on Country Assessment Questionnaire for in-depth assessments		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	0
Activity	B5	Development of standardized training curricula/modules relevant to the identification of the country-specific minimum core set of statistics and implementation of training		50,000	SIAP	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	III	50,000
Activity	B6	Training on standards and methods of basic agriculture and rural statistics and indicators: production, economic, social and environmental impacts		100,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	III	100,000
G		Increased ability of NSS to access and use ICT	0	244,400						244,400	
Activity	G1	Assist countries to build and sustain statistical capacity, including survey infrastructure, IT infrastructure and application of emerging technologies and tools		76,400	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	III	76,400
Activity	G2	Assist countries with use of statistical software and IT solutions for compilation, reporting/dissemination of the minimum core data set		88,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	III	88,000
Activity	G3	Assist countries to establish and/or strengthen use of CountrySTAT		60,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	III	60,000
Activity	G4	Training on use of ICT for production of relevant country-specific minimum set of statistics: including remote sensing		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	0
Activity	G5	Training on use of ICT for dissemination of country-specific minimum set of statistics		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I, III	0
Activity	G6	Training on documentation, preservation and archiving of agriculture and rural statistical data		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I, III	0
Activity	G7	Development of e-learning tools on uses of different types of software and communications technology		20,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	III	20,000

H		Improved competencies of NSS	0	197,020							197,020
Activity	H1	Assist countries to better plan and manage their agricultural censuses according to the latest guidelines		35,020	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	35,020
Activity	H2	Assist countries to design integrated survey frameworks and integrated databases following the recommendations of the Global Strategy about the establishment of a Master Sampling Frame		58,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	III	58,000
Activity	H3	Assist countries to review and audit methodologies and instruments in use for registers of agricultural administrative data		28,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	III	28,000
Activity	H4	Assist countries to improve data consolidation and comparability among sources and over time		26,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	III	26,000
Activity	H5	(Multiple programmes) Design, developing of materials and delivery of targeted training programmes on statistical processes that are responsive to NSS staff needs		50,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	III	50,000
I		Strengthened capacity of national and regional training institutions	0	162,000							162,000
Activity	I1	Promote the application in-country of acquired technical knowledge and skills		26,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	26,000
Activity	I2	Support the emergence of regional centers of excellence in technical areas such as emerging technologies, sampling designs and other innovative methods		26,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	26,000
Activity	I3	Development and training on implementation of training needs assessment tools, including core skills framework for agriculture and rural statistics		60,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	●	II, III	60,000
Activity	I4	Develop and pilot standardized training and materials for in-country courses in areas identified in training needs		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	0
Activity	I5	Training-of-trainers in basic and specialized areas identified in training needs assessment		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	0
Activity	I6	Develop and pilot a graduate degree programme curriculum for statisticians that is tailored for agricultural and rural statistics through twinning arrangements between a statistical research and training institute and a university		10,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	III	10,000
Activity	I7	Develop and implement system for		15,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	15,000

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		accrediting/certifying trainers									
Activity	I8	Establish and maintain informal network of training and research institutions through CARS or other relevant modalities		25,000	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	25,000
	J	Increased capacity of countries to adopt cost effective and reliable methods	0	523,200							523,200
Activity	J1	Assist countries in the implementation of relevant and sound statistical methodology		424,000	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	III	424,000
Activity	J2	Assist countries to assemble, review, analyze and document good practices and to identify and reconcile inconsistencies and discrepancies in agricultural data from different sources		49,600	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	III	49,600
Activity	J3	Assist countries to verify the accuracy and reliability of the agricultural production data series		49,600	FAORAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	●	●	III	49,600
Activity	J4	Preparation of handbooks and training materials on cost-effective methods developed by research component		0	SIAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	III	0
Sub-total FAORAP			256,481	1,987,798							2,244,279
Sub-total SIAP			0	710,896							710,896
TOTAL			256,481	2,698,694							2,955,175
Support costs FAORAP			17,954	139,146							157,100
Support costs SIAP (5% PSC and 2% FA fee)			0	49,763							49,763
GRAND TOTAL			274,435	2,887,603							3,162,037