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CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting

(Back-to-back with the 23rd AFCAS)

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

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"

Casablanca, Morocco 01 – 03 December 2013

INFORMATION NOTE

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1. Introduction

We welcome all participants to the CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting in Casablanca.

The aim of this Information Note is to provide participants with all the necessary information to guide them during their stay in Casablanca, Morocco.

All information contained in this document can be found on-line under:

<http://www.fao.org/economic/ess/ess-capacity/countrystathome/consultative-meeting-morocco-2013/en/>

The purpose of the Consultative Meeting on CountrySTAT is to present:

- (i) Main achievements and lessons learned from the CountrySTAT projects;
- (ii) Innovations in the CountrySTAT system using the FENIX platform as well as future technological developments (Open Data Network for sharing Agriculture and Food Security Information – a new perspective for global, regional and national level systems, Focus on Technologies – service-oriented architecture, web-based geospatial data management tools, semantic search engines and mobile data collection);
- (iii) Best practices of the CountrySTAT System: Ownership and sustainability, increased data availability/accessibility through the national One-Stop-Centre on 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;
- (iv) 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.

2. Venue and date

The Consultative Meeting will be held in Casablanca, Morocco, at Oum Palace Hotel.
Address: 12 Rue Kamal Mohamed, Casablanca 20000, Maroc

3. Registration and identification badges

Registration of participants will take place at 8.30 am. The opening ceremony begins at 9 am. For security reasons identification badges should be worn by all participants, at all times, during the meeting as well as during social functions.

4. Technical documents for the Consultative Meeting

The technical documents related to this training will be available from at the following Website: <http://www.fao.org/economic/ess/ess-capacity/countrystathome/consultative-meeting-morocco-2013/en/>

5. Organization of the Consultative Meeting

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, through the FAO Representation in Rabat, are committed to provide the necessary logistics to ensure optimum conditions for this meeting.

a. Hotel accommodation

Participants will find all the necessary information about accommodation in Annex I. At the request of each participant a booking arrangement will be made at the hotel requested. Participants are free to book other hotels, if they prefer.

b. Entry requirements

Remember to check the current validity of your passport.

Please note that citizens of the following countries do not need a visa to enter the Kingdom of Morocco and may stay up to 90 days.

Algeria - Andorra - Argentina - Australia - Austria - Bahrain - Belgium - Brazil - Bulgaria - Canada - Chile - **Republic of Congo** - Croatia - Cyprus - Czech Republic - Denmark - Estonia - Finland - France - Germany - Great Britain - Greece - Guinea (Conakry) - Hong Kong - Hungary - Iceland - Indonesia - Ireland - Italy - **Ivory Coast** - Japan - Kuwait - Latvia - Libya - Liechtenstein - Lithuania - Luxemburg - **Mali** - Malta - Mexico - Monaco - Netherlands - New Zealand - **Niger** - Norway - Oman - Peru - Philippines - Poland - Portugal - Puerto Rico - Qatar - Romania - Russian Federation - Saudi Arabia - **Senegal** - Singapore (Singaporean nationals may stay up to one month without visa) - Slovakia - Slovenia - South Korea - Spain - Sweden - Switzerland - Tunisia - Turkey - United Arab Emirates - United States of America - Venezuela.

Citizens of the following countries do need a visa to enter the Kingdom of Morocco: Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, South Africa.

These citizens should go to the Moroccan Embassy in their respective countries (please see Annex II) with the following documents:

- [Visa application](#) form **duly filled out in capital letters and signed**
- Original passport (valid for over 6 months at the entry date and with at least one blank page)
- Photocopy of the original passport (Pages 1-3)



- Four passport-size photos taken within the previous six months with a white background
- Visa processing fees will be waived only for diplomats and officials of international organizations
- A photocopy of all flight bookings and a photocopy of hotel reservation.

Citizens of the following countries do need a visa to enter the Kingdom of Morocco and they will get it at the airport of Morocco: Benin, Burundi, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia.

These citizens should send the following documentation to FAO-Rome (Giorgio.pala@fao.org; Radha.gupta@fao.org; Julia.stone@fao.org; Paul.NgomaKimbatsa@fao.org) and FAO-Morocco (Salam.Charara@fao.org) :

- Photocopy of the original passport (Pages 1-3)
- Details of all flight bookings

For further information on Entry Requirements and Visas please see:

<http://www.moroccanconsulate.com/visa.cfm>

<http://www.visitmorocco.com/index.php/fre/Je-m-informe/Avant-de-partir/Le-passeport-le-visa-et-les-ambassades>

Vaccinations: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention advises that all travelers, regardless of the region they are travelling in, should be covered for Hepatitis A and Typhoid. Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, varicella (chickenpox), polio, and your yearly flu shot. While making preparations to travel, take the opportunity to ensure that all of your routine vaccinations are covered and complete.

c. Arrangements upon arrival

Upon request, and by communication of their flight itinerary (Flight number, Arrival time), delegates will be welcomed at the Mohammed V International Airport, Casablanca by representatives from the hotel they will be staying in. Transport will be provided from the Airport to their hotel through the respective hotel shuttle services. Please look for a hotel staff with their respective signs.

Please note: Not all hotels offer shuttle service. Participants that have booked a hotel without shuttle service should consult the link below for information on trains from the airport into the city center.

In English

<http://www.onda.ma/ONDA/An/Espaces/EspacePassagers/LeReseauAeroportuaireONDA/Lesae-roports/Fiches+d%E2%80%99identit%C3%A9+par+a%C3%A9roport/CASABLANCA/acc%C3%A8s.htm>

In French

<http://www.onda.ma/ONDA/Fr/Espaces/EspacePassagers/LeReseauAeroportuaireONDA/Lesaerports/Fiches+d%E2%80%99identit%C3%A9+par+a%C3%A9roport/CASABLANCA/ACC%3%A8s.htm>

d. Local currency and foreign exchange

The local currency is the *Moroccan Dirham* (MAD). Money can be changed at the airport, in banks as well as in hotels with exchange facilities. The exchange rate as of 18 November 2013 is 1 USD to approximately 8.29 MAD.

e. Electricity:

Morocco operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets /points.

f. Useful Phone Numbers

Emergency Numbers:

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| Ambulance | Phone: 15 |
| Police | Phone: 19 |
| Fire | Phone: 15 |

7. Useful Contacts in FAO - Morocco

All correspondence should be sent to the following address:

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+212 537 65 43 08

FAO-Morocco

Postal address PO Box 1369, Rabat

Address FAO Representation 4, Rue Prince Sidi Mohamed, Souissi 10170 RABAT

E-mail: Charara.Salam@fao.org

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8. Introduction to Morocco

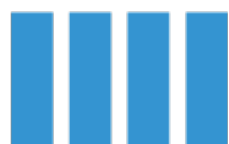
Morocco is a Northern African country, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, between Algeria and the annexed Western Sahara.

The country is a parliamentary constitutional monarchy; the Prime Minister of Morocco is the head of government. The official languages spoken are Berber and Literary Arabic. Moroccan Arabic (Darijah) and French are also spoken. Morocco's economy is considered a relatively liberal economy. The services sector accounts for just over half of GDP and industry, made up of mining, construction and manufacturing, is an additional quarter. The industries that recorded the highest growth are tourism, telecoms, information technology, and textile.

Annex I

Hotel Information

| Name of Hotel | Address | Telephone | Estimated price | Web Address |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Oum palace Hotel | 12 Rue Kamal Mohamed, Casablanca 20000, Maroc | +212 5222-01500 | MAD 900 | www.oumpalace.com |
| Hôtel Toubkal Best Western Casablanca | 9, Rue sidi Belyout, Avenue des Far Casablanca | +212 522311414 | 700 MAD | http://www.zenithhotel.net/ hoteltoubkal.best.w@menara.ma |
| IBIS Casa port 3 * | Boulevard Bahmad, Place de la Gare Casa - Voyageur, Casablanca 20000, Maroc | +212 522466560 | 794 MAD | www.ibis.com h6573@accord.com |



Annex II Moroccan Embassies in Countries

Moroccan Embassy in Algiers, Algeria

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Algiers, Algeria

8 Rue des Cedres, Algiers

City: Algiers

Phone: (+213) 21691737

Fax: (+213) 21692900

Email: ambmaro@ist.cerist.dz

Moroccan Embassy in Luanda, Angola

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Luanda, Angola

Avenida 4 de Fevereiro,

Edificio Atlantico, No.25,1 deg andar

City: Luanda

Phone: (+244-222) 393708

Fax: (+244-222) 338847, 330037

Email: aluanda@supernet.ao

Moroccan Embassy in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Embassy of Morocco in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

01 BP 6467 OUAGADOUGOU

01 OUAGA 2000 PLACE DE LA COTIERE

City: Ouagadougou

Phone: 00 (226) 50 37 40 16

Fax: 00 (226) 50 37 41 72

Email: ambfrba@smirt.net.ma

Moroccan Embassy in Yaounde, Cameroon

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Yaounde, Cameroon

Boite Postale 1629, Yaounde

City: Yaounde

Phone: (+237) 22205092

Fax: (+237) 22203793

Email: sifamayaoun@camnet.cm

Moroccan Embassy in Kinshasa, Congo - Republic of

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Kinshasa, Congo

Boite Postale 912,

Avenues Corteaux et Vallee No. 40, Kinshasa 1,

Democratic Republic of Congo

City: Kinshasa

Phone: (+243-12) 34794, 33367

Moroccan Embassy in Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Abidjan, Ivory Coast

01 Boite Postale 146, Abidjan

City: Abidjan

Phone: (+225) 22445873, 22445630

Fax: (+225) 22446058

Email: sifmaabj@africaonline.co.ci

Moroccan Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

P.O.Box 60033, Addis Ababa

City: Addis Ababa

Phone: (+251-11) 5531700

Fax: (+251-11) 5512818



Moroccan Embassy in Libreville, Gabon

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Libreville, France
Boite Postale 3983, Libreville
City: Libreville
Phone: (+241) 774151
Fax: (+241) 774150
Email: sifamalbv@inet.ga

Moroccan Embassy in Accra, Ghana

Embassy of Morocco in Accra, Ghana
1, Switchback Lane Cantonments-Ctpmb-117,
Accra
City: Accra
Phone: +233-21-775669
Fax: +233-21-785549
Email: ambassade.maroc@myzipnet.com

Moroccan Embassy in Conarky, Guinea

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Conarky, Guinea
Boite Postale 193, Villa No. 12, Cite des Nations, Conarky
City: Conarky
Phone: (+224) 30413686
Fax: (+224) 30413816

Moroccan Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya

Embassy of Morocco in Nairobi, Kenya
United Nations Street, Gigiri
P.O. Box 617 00621 Nairobi
City: Nairobi
Phone: (+254) (20) 7120 765 / 795
Fax: (+254) (20) 7120 817
Email: sifmanbi@clubinternetk.com
Details: Ambassador: Mr Mohammed Amar

Moroccan Embassy in Antananarivo, Madagascar

Embassy of Morocco in Antananarivo, Madagascar
Bâtiment D1, Rez-de-chaussée village des jeux Ankorondrano
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Email: amar_med@hotmail.com

Moroccan Embassy in Bamako, Mali

Embassy of Morocco in Bamako, Mali
Bamako Badalabougou - est Rue 25,
Porte 80
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Phone: (+223) 222 2123
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Details: Ambassador: Mr Mohamed Rchouk



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Embassy of Morocco in Niamey, Niger
Avenue du President Lubke
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B.P. 12403
Niamey
City: Niamey
Phone: (+227) 73 40 84
Fax: (+227) 73 80 27
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Details: Ambassador: Mr Ali Bojji

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Asokoro, Abuja
City: Abuja
Phone: +234 1 2611682
Fax: +234 1 2612269

Moroccan Embassy in Dakar, Senegal

Embassy of Morocco in Dakar, Senegal
73, Avenue Cheikh Anta Diop
B.P. 490
Dakar
City: Dakar
Phone: (+221) 824.69.27, (+221) 824.38.36
Fax: (+221) 825.70.21
Email: ambmadk@sentoo.sn, sifamadk@sentoo.sn
Details: Ambassador: Mr Moha Ouali Tagma

Moroccan Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa

Embassy of Morocco in Pretoria, South Africa
799 Schoeman Street
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Arcadia, 0083
P O Box 12382, Hatfield, 0028
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City: Pretoria
Phone: (+27) 12 343 0230 / 49
Fax: (+27) 12 343 0613
Email: sifmapre@mwebbiz.co.za
Details: Chargé d'Affaires a.i.: Mr El Hassan Lasri