

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

**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"**

## **CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting**

*(Back-to-back with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of AFCAS)*

**Casablanca, Morocco 01 – 03 December 2013**

# **FINAL REPORT**



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## I. Introduction

Under the projects MTF/GLO/345/BMG “CountrySTAT for Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) – Phase II”, UTF/UEM/002/UEM "Support for the implementation and development of CountrySTAT system in Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Togo and UEMOA Commission Headquarters" and GTFS/RAF/465/ITA "Strengthening capacity of selected member countries of the East African Community in agricultural statistics for food" the CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting was held in Casablanca, Morocco from 01 – 03 December 2013.

The meeting brought together representatives from 24 African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville, Cote-d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Conakry, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Zambia), and regional and international organizations (East African Community EAC, Southern African Development Community SADC, Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest-Africaine UEMOA, United Nations of Economic Commission for Africa UNECA, AfricaFertilizer and FAO). Annex 2 contains the list of participants.

The CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting immediately precedes the 23rd Session of the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics (AFCAS) that is scheduled to take place in Rabat, Morocco, from 4 to 7 December 2013. The objectives of the CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting are:

- (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) Vision for the future of CountrySTAT: 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.

## II. Key Activities

The activities of the CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting began with the election of officers (Bureau) and the drafting team:

- Abner INGOSI (Kenya): President ;
- Marie Jeanine ATANGA NKODO (Cameroon) : Vice-President ;
- Sylvie DASYLVA (Senegal) : Rapporteur ;
- Camilo AMADE (Mozambique): Rapporteur.

During the opening ceremony of the meeting, Mr. Michael PAGE, FAO Representative, delivered his speech and proceed with the launch of the meeting. Mr. Josef SCHMIDHUBER, Deputy Director, Statistics Division, FAO HQ, conducted the closing ceremony of the meeting. The various presentations were done by national experts (Abner INGOSI, Kenya; Marie Jeanine ATANGA NKODO, Cameroon; and Lassina PARE, Burkina), AfricaFertilizer (Patrice ANNEQUIN) and staff working in the FAO Statistics Division, FAO HQ (Paul N’GOMA-KIMBATSA, Fabio GRITA, Julia STONE, Azzeddine AZZABI).

Presentations were made in plenary on the following items:

- Meeting objectives
- Online presentation of FAOSTAT, CountrySTAT, AMIS, New Prototype of CountrySTAT and RegionSTAT
- Status of Recommendations from the Last CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting
- Presentation of the main achievements of CountrySTAT Projects and lessons learned
- Countries Experiences: Ownership and sustainability (Cameroon), Increased data availability/accessibility through the national One-Stop-Centre on food and agriculture statistics (Burkina), and Implementing the CountrySTAT Institutional Framework and strengthening collaboration with the Key National Structures (Kenya)
- Positive Impact made in countries through the CountrySTAT - AfricaFertilizer.org Partnership
- Innovations in the CountrySTAT system using the FENIX platform as well as future technological developments
- Limitations and Vision for the future of CountrySTAT (New Project)

The different presentations and documents of the CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting are available directly through the following link:

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

#### **Setting-up of three Working Groups:**

Participants will be divided into three groups to work on the following issues:

- Communication, Institutional framework, Partnerships and Building Capacity Component (Moderateur: STONE)
- Statistical Component (Moderateur: AZZABI)
- IT Component (Moderateur: GRITA)

Each Working Group drew up their conclusions and recommendations, which were discussed in plenary session for the adoption by the meeting. Finally, the main conclusions and recommendations of the CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting were submitted at the 23rd Session of the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics (AFCAS) for their endorsement.

Mr. Josef SCHMIDHUBER, Deputy Director, Statistics Division, FAO HQ, in his closing remarks at the closing of the meeting insisted on follow-up actions below:

- Preparation of a concept note on the future vision of CountrySTAT;
- Preparation of a new project in accordance with the future vision of CountrySTAT;
- Advocacy towards the partners resources for financing the new project;
- Put the new project in the dynamic of the National Strategy of Development of Statistics (NSDS) implementation and strengthening collaboration with partners.

### **III. Recommendations**

From the presentations made by stakeholders, fruitful discussions and the work of three working groups, the meeting provided relevant conclusions and recommendations under the three following components: Statistics; Information Technologies; Communication, Institutional framework, Partnerships and Building Capacity.

## **STATISTICS**

1. Enter CountrySTAT in the dynamics of implementation of national development strategies of Statistics (NSDS) as a space for dialogue and consultation specific to the statistics of agricultural sector and rural areas.
2. Improve data quality through:
  - Implementing tools to check the validity and consistency of data when uploading and updating CountrySTAT.
  - Increase training and information sharing with the different national structures involved in CountrySTAT.
  - Involvement of appropriate people representing data producers in CountrySTAT structures.
  - Making tools available to countries to assist in the improvement of time series data and estimation of missing data.
3. Identification and implementation of **synthetic indicators** from the Core Module (National Statistics) of CountrySTAT for national and regional levels.
4. CountrySTAT should cover national accounts, particularly the account of agriculture and its satellites, and other data related to agriculture and rural areas.
5. Prepare and disseminate national, international and FAO classifications and correspondence tables with details, descriptions and characteristics taking into account the regional dimension.
6. Take into account current information, particularly those relating to prices, crop forecasting and food security using links to access data or to feed the database CountrySTAT.
7. Provide maps in CountrySTAT related to agriculture and rural areas, and provide user friendly functionality to enable the easy use of the maps to enhance the meaning of the statistical data.
8. Cover specific methodological aspects in accordance with the data available in the country, the reference methods of FAO and the use of innovative information technologies for data collection (tablet, mobile phone, etc.).
9. Implement computerized tools to share and/or generate maps, graphs and statistical tables and to facilitate **the management of change of classifications and administrative divisions.**

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

### ***ISSUES:***

- Several systems and tools implemented and used in countries and regions. Each requiring maintenance and updating in terms of software and data.
- Usage of tools/systems depends on :
  - the procedures of data processing and the tools offered by each national system
  - funding sources that may promote certain tools instead of others
  - preferences of the agencies' management
  - type of data to be dealt with (e.g. macro or micro level data)

- CountrySTAT not able to satisfy all the data management and processing needs. No good reasons to choose CountrySTAT instead of other tools (no comparative advantage).
- Poor interoperability between systems, which makes inefficient and resource-intensive to transfer data from one system to another (e.g. CSPRO is used for data compilation and SPSS or STATA for analysis. Data transfer between these systems is done manually).
- Data is scattered in different systems, locations and formats. Not a single entry point of access for all relevant data.
- The current CountrySTAT version does not assist countries in data management.

### ***RECOMMENDATIONS:***

10. CountrySTAT should include data management tools:
  - facilitating data conversion between different formats
  - CountrySTAT should provide tools to track the preparatory process of the data
  - CountrySTAT should make available data from different sources (e.g. production data from 2 institutions) and the processing history. Both source and processing history should be indicated in the metadata. History should be automatically kept in CountrySTAT
11. Be able to use CountrySTAT tools selectively, depending on specific user requirements in any step of the data flow from data collection to publication.
12. CountrySTAT should help giving access to data at all levels including census data and other raw information.
13. CountrySTAT should provide aggregation functions for different geographic areas (e.g. ecological zones) and not only on administrative units. Look into possibilities to provide aggregation functions for user-specific zones.
14. Harmonization tools to combine and match different classification systems.
15. A measurement unit converter should be inbuilt in CountrySTAT.
16. Improve on the current data upload and template management.
17. Metadata should be entered while uploading data.
18. Create tools that provide indications on data quality: it should both compare values of different datasets and within the same dataset (important differences should be flagged).
19. Build usage report tools to monitor visits and user preferences; provide access of this tool to the CountrySTAT focal points.
20. Build a dataset rating system that allows users to express appreciation or concern with regard to the data quality, availability, timeliness, etc.
21. Work together with the focal points to define rules to avoid data duplication and inconsistencies in CountrySTAT.
22. Improve data download functions in CountrySTAT.

23. For comparing indicators (one vs. another) and provide analysis of different variables (like cost of production).
24. To compute indicators based on a given methodology.
25. To combine CountrySTAT data (from the CountrySTAT database) with user-data.
26. Expose GIS functionalities in CS for both display and analysis.
27. Include and /or improve tools to manipulate data for analysis (e.g. pivoting, aggregation, querying).
28. Provide tools to facilitate data collection through crowd sourcing approach.
29. Help compliment existing data with the use of satellite images and geo-spatial analysis.

## **COMMUNICATION, INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK, PARTNERSHIPS AND BUILDING CAPACITY**

### ***COMMUNICATIONS :***

30. Communication on the availability of data on CountrySTAT must be increased at the national level through:
  - Poster, brochures and a computer available at National Trade Fairs for those in attendance to use CountrySTAT. This targets users from private and public sectors.
  - Develop a common publication to be made available in all countries to raise the visibility of CountrySTAT activities and data available.
  - Add Sensitization Seminar for media, just as there is a sensitization seminar for high level officials.
  - Sensitize chiefs of service on CountrySTAT.
  - Have a Communications Officer from the focal institution engaged in the Secretariat and responsible to cover all activities.
  - Engage a group of media specialists who are trained about CountrySTAT, statistical issues at the national level, and can consistently cover activities and provide news stories that can be understood and appreciated by the average citizen.

### ***STRENGTHENING THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK:***

31. The National Secretariat should lead the effort to collect more specific indicators that support the NSDS.
32. The TWG/GTT should include and prioritize the primary data required to prepare the national Food Balance Sheet.
33. Motivation and support for members of the National Secretariat and TWG/GTT should be included in yearly budgets, and should conform to national guidelines for participation in national committees (Participation Allowances, etc.). This should ideally be included in the Government budget.
34. APIs to highlight data on CountrySTAT from the various ministries involved in TWG/GTT. Increases ownership.
35. TWG/GTT should include in their mandate to ensure clarity on data issues (i.e. increased cotton production which could appear as an outlier).

36. A budget line for Agriculture Statistics (Ag Stats) should be included in the national Agriculture Investment Programme budget, and under the Ag Stats there would be provision to support CountrySTAT.
37. Provide more tools for data analysis.
- 38.** CountrySTAT is included in the work plan for individual TWG/GTT members.

***IMPROVING PARTNERSHIP:***

39. Hold a forum where all data needs are identified by various stakeholders at the beginning of the new project.
40. Sub-regional consultation of all needs to be able to harmonize and meet needs of those from various institutions. (ECOAGRIS, UEMOA, Countries).
41. Private sector should be included in forum to express their data needs.
42. Investment from Regional Organizations to support national data collection.
43. Increase partnerships to broaden the scope of data collection through data sharing.
44. Partnerships to improve data collection at the local/sub-national level to target indicators where it has been difficult to collect data of good quality/quantity.

***IMPROVING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT:***

45. Activities to help increase the understanding of data from the perspective of potential data users (such as nutrient content of fertilizers and pesticides).
46. Develop online communities of practice so that a existing members of the CountrySTAT family can help others on managing TWG/GTT issues, technical issues, data analysis issues, etc.
47. Sharing experiences through study tours, and include members of the TWG.
48. Partnerships that can help supplement training on:
  - Methodologies to improve data collection
  - Improving data analysis
  - Technological innovation (GIS, Spatial Data Analysis)
49. Panorama Reports should be updated regularly.
50. Refresher trainings should have an increased budget to allow for training a broader group of national users.

### ***MAIN FEATURES OF NEW VISION:***

51. National Secretariat should lead the effort to collect more specific indicators that support the NSDS.
52. TWG/GTT should include and prioritize the primary data required to prepare the national Food Balance Sheet.
53. Automatic generation of value added reports and analyses, such as Food Balance Sheets aligned with other information sources related to Agriculture Statistics.
54. Regional organizations should take a larger role in providing national technical assistance.

### **GENERAL**

55. Preparation of a concept note on the future vision of CountrySTAT.
56. Preparation of a new project proposal in accordance with the new vision for CountrySTAT.
57. Engage in advocacy towards the existing and new resource partners for financing the new project.
58. Put the new project in the dynamics of the National Strategy of Development of Statistics (NSDS) implementation processes and strengthen the collaboration with partners.
59. Endorsement by the 23rd session of AFCAS of the conclusions and recommendations of the CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting.



## 60. ANNEX 1: AGENDA

	منظمة الأغذية والزراعة للأمم المتحدة	联合国 粮食及 农业组织	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture	Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### Sunday, 01 December 2013

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration  |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introduction of Participants</li><li>- Welcome Remarks from Morocco</li><li>- Speech by FAO Representative Morocco</li><li>- Introduction, background, and objectives of the meeting (<i>Presentation by Josef SCHMIDHUBER, Deputy Director, Statistics Division FAO-Rome</i>)</li></ul> |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <b>Coffee Break and Photo Souvenir</b>  |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Bureau of Meeting and Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Election of Officers and the Drafting Team</li><li>- Adoption of the Agenda</li></ul>  |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Online presentation of FAOSTAT, CountrySTAT, AMIS, New Prototype of CountrySTAT and RegionSTAT<br>( <i>Presentation by Fabio GRITA, CountrySTAT IT Officer, and Paul N'GOMA-KIMBATSA, Statistician and CountrySTAT Team Leader, Statistics Division FAO-Rome</i> )  |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Status of Recommendations from the Last CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting<br>( <i>Presentation by Julia STONE, CountrySTAT Country Project Officer, Statistics Division FAO-Rome</i> )   |

11:45 – 12:15	Presentation of the main achievements of CountrySTAT Projects and lessons learned ( <i>Presentation by Paul N'GOMA-KIMBATSA, Statistician and CountrySTAT Team Leader, Statistics Division FAO-Rome</i> )
12:15 – 12:45	Discussion
12:45 – 14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30 – 14:45	Ownership and sustainability of the CountrySTAT System in Cameroon
14:45 – 15:00	Increased data availability/accessibility through the national One-Stop-Centre on food and agriculture statistics - CountrySTAT Burkina Faso
15:00 – 15:15	Implementing the CountrySTAT Institutional Framework and strengthening collaboration with the Key National Structures in Kenya
15:15 – 15:30	Discussion
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:45 – 16:15	Positive Impact made in countries through the CountrySTAT - AfricaFertilizer.org Partnership ( <i>Presentation by Patrice ANNEQUIN, Senior Market Information Specialist / AfricaFertilizer.org Coordinator, IFDC North &amp; West Africa Division</i> )
16:15 – 17:00	Presentation of 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) ( <i>Presentation by Fabio GRITA, CountrySTAT IT Officer, Statistics Division FAO-Rome</i> )
17:00 – 17:30	Discussion and feedback

### **Monday, 02 December 2013**

09:00 – 09:30	Limitations and Vision for the future of CountrySTAT: 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. ( <i>Presentation by Azzeddine AZZABI, Senior Statistician CountrySTAT, Statistics Division FAO-Rome</i> )
09:30 – 10:00	Discussion and feedback
10:00 – 10:15	Setting-up of three Working Groups

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10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 – 12:30	Working Group Sessions
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Working Group Sessions Continued
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30 – 17:30	Drafting of the main conclusions and recommendations by each Working Group

### **Tuesday, 03 December 2013**

09:00 – 10:30	Presentation of the main conclusions and recommendations by each Working Group
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Drafting of the main conclusions and recommendations of the meeting
12:00 – 12:15	Presentation and adoption of the main conclusions and recommendations
12:15 – 12:30	Closing Ceremony


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<b>CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting</b> (Back-to-back with the 23 <sup>rd</sup> AFCAS)					
MTF/GLO/345/BMG "CountrySTAT for Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) – Phase II"					
UTF/UEM/002/UEM "Support for the implementation and development of CountrySTAT system in Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Togo and UEMOA Commission Headquarters"					
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					
<b>Allocution du Représentant de la FAO au Maroc lors de la cérémonie d'ouverture</b>					

- **Monsieur les Représentants du Ministère de l'agriculture et de la pêche maritime et de l'Institut National de la Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée (INSEA),**
- **Mesdames et Messieurs les Représentants des Organisations régionales et internationales,**
- **Mesdames et Messieurs les Coordonnateurs nationaux de CountrySTAT,**
- **Chers Collègues de la FAO,**
- **Mesdames et Messieurs,**

C'est un réel plaisir pour moi de m'adresser à vous ce matin, au nom du Directeur Général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture, Monsieur José Graziano Da Silva, à l'occasion de la cérémonie d'ouverture de la Réunion Consultative de CountrySTAT.

Permettez-moi tout d'abord d'adresser mes sincères remerciements au Gouvernement du Royaume du Maroc d'avoir accepté que les travaux de cet atelier puissent se dérouler à Casablanca (Maroc). J'aimerais également souhaiter la bienvenue à l'équipe technique CountrySTAT des sièges de la FAO, de l'UEMOA, de la Communauté de l'Afrique de l'Est (EAC), aux délégués nationaux représentant 27 pays africains, ainsi que les partenaires ressources et techniques (notamment Fondation Bill et Melinda Gates, Programme Alimentaire Mondiale, Africa Fertilizer). Qu'ils trouvent ici l'expression de ma profonde gratitude.

**Mesdames et Messieurs,**

La FAO accorde une grande importance à l'information statistique et au renforcement des capacités des pays membres dans ce domaine. L'Article I de sa Constitution indique clairement que "L'Organisation réunit, analyse, interprète et diffuse tous renseignements relatifs à la nutrition, l'alimentation et l'agriculture". De nos jours, l'information est synonyme de connaissance et de pouvoir d'action. En

effet, dans un environnement mondial de plus en plus complexe et compétitif, l'information revêt une importance capitale en vue de moderniser et de rendre performant le secteur agricole.

La FAO est engagée dans le développement et la mise en œuvre de systèmes intégrés de production des données et métadonnées sur l'alimentation et l'agriculture aux niveaux :

- Mondial avec FAOSTAT, la plus grande base de données mondiales sur l'alimentation et l'agriculture, couvrant plus de 200 pays et territoires, et qui constitue aujourd'hui une référence pour tous les utilisateurs dans le monde.
- Des pays membres avec le système CountrySTAT, qui applique les principes de FAOSTAT au niveau pays.

CountrySTAT, qui fait partie de la famille FAOSTAT, a été restructuré pour bénéficier de la même technologie récemment mise en place pour le nouveau système FAOSTAT. Le système CountrySTAT est conçu comme un guichet unique d'informations sur l'alimentation et l'agriculture, facilement accessible en ligne, qui :

- Permet de centraliser, harmoniser, uniformiser et valider des données aux niveaux national et sous-national provenant de multiples sources, et les intégrer dans une plate-forme commune;
- Fournit une aide à la décision basée sur les faits et facilite une formulation appropriée de politiques de développement ;
- Met l'accent sur le renforcement des capacités et l'appropriation du système par les cadres nationaux afin d'assurer la pérennisation des résultats à long terme;
- Vise à promouvoir et renforcer le partenariat entre différentes institutions statistiques au niveau du pays, notamment les Instituts Nationaux de la Statistique, le Ministère de l'Agriculture, et d'autres institutions concernées;
- Favorise l'échange de données au sein des pays, entre les pays et les organisations régionales, et entre la FAO et les pays;
- Contribue à l'amélioration de la qualité des données basées sur des normes internationales afin d'assurer leur comparabilité et l'accès facile;
- Permet de simplifier le processus allant de la collecte à la diffusion des données et de réduire le temps de publication.

### **Mesdames et Messieurs,**

C'est pourquoi je salue l'organisation conjointe de cette Réunion Consultative de tous les CountrySTATs en Afrique par les projets CountrySTAT, en particulier :

- MTF/GLO/345/BMG "CountrySTAT pour l'Afrique sub-saharienne – 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"

Comme vous le savez, l'objectif de la Réunion Consultative de CountrySTAT porte sur les quatre points suivants :



- (i) Principales réalisations des différents projets CountrySTAT et les leçons tirées ;
- (ii) Innovations dans le système CountrySTAT utilisant la plate-forme FENIX ainsi que les développements technologiques futurs ;
- (iii) Meilleures pratiques du système CountrySTAT : Appropriation et pérennisation, Amélioration de la disponibilité/accessibilité des données à travers le Guichet Unique national sur les statistiques de l'alimentation et de l'agriculture, Mise en œuvre du cadre institutionnel de CountrySTAT et renforcement de la collaboration avec les structures nationales clés, Impact positif réalisé dans les pays à travers CountrySTAT/Partenariat ;
- (iv) Vision future: Renforcement du développement durable de l'information statistique agricole et rural visant une meilleure intégration des nouvelles technologies évolutives de l'information, pour un appui à la sécurité alimentaire et la prise de décisions basées sur les faits.

### **Mesdames et Messieurs,**

Le réseau CountrySTAT est en pleine croissance dans le monde tant en nombre qu'en capacité. Les équipes CountrySTAT de la Division Statistique de la FAO et des organisations régionales impliquées (UEMOA, EAC,) continuent à déployer des efforts considérables pour fournir un soutien technique aux pays sur le plan des méthodologies, concepts, définitions et classifications utilisés par les pays membres de la FAO pour assurer la comparabilité et l'échange de données entre les pays et les institutions régionales d'une part et entre les pays et la FAO d'autre part.

Je voudrais à présent profiter de l'occasion pour remercier la Fondation Bill et Melinda Gates, l'Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine (UEMOA), la Coopération Italienne, l'Agence de Coopération Internationale Flandres, le Gouvernement du Congo-Brazzaville, la FAO à travers son Programme de Coopération Technique, pour le financement du système CountrySTAT dans 24 pays africains et de RegionSTAT au sièges de l'UEMOA, de EAC et SADC.

Enfin, je tiens à féliciter une fois de plus le gouvernement du Royaume du Maroc, pour avoir accepté d'accueillir cette importante rencontre, qui devrait donner une vision future du développement et de la consolidation du système CountrySTAT en Afrique et dans le monde.

Je souhaite plein succès à vos travaux et vous remercie pour votre aimable attention.