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## **AGENDA ITEM 4**

# **GLOBAL INITIATIVES OF STATISTICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SDG INDICATORS**

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# I. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON INDICATOR METHODOLOGIES

Since November 2017, FAO has successfully managed to reclassify all nine remaining indicators under the “Tier III” category:

- 2.3.1 /2.3.2 (productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers)
- 2.4.1 (sustainable agriculture)
- 5.a.2 (equal rights in access to land under the law)
- 6.4.1 (water use efficiency)
- 12.3.1.a (food losses)
- 14.6.1 and 14.b.1 (international instruments to combat IUU fishing and promote small-scale fisheries)
- 14.7.1 (sustainable fisheries as a percentage of GDP).







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## II. FAO SUPPORT TO GLOBAL REPORTING

The ability to report new data on the reclassified indicators also allowed FAO to publish its own first digital report on SDG progress relevant to the food and agriculture-related SDG targets.

The digital report paints a grim picture of progress in the food and agriculture domain. The most recent evidence available suggests that the world is **not on track** to meeting the majority of SDG targets related to sustainable agriculture and food security



<http://www.fao.org/sdg-progress-report/en/>



## III. ONGOING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – e-Learning Courses

| E-learning course | English | French | Spanish |
|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| 2.1.1             | ✓       | UD     | UD      |
| 2.1.2             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       |
| 2.3.1/2.3.2       | ✓       |        |         |
| 2.4.1             | UD      |        |         |
| 2.5.1/2.5.2       | ✓       | UD     | ✓       |
| 2.a.1             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       |
| 2.c.1             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       |
| 5.a.1             | ✓       | UD     | UD      |
| 5.a.2             | ✓       | UD     | UD      |
| 6.4.1             | ✓       |        |         |
| 6.4.2             | ✓       | UD     | UD      |
| 12.3.1            | UD      |        |         |
| 14.4.1            | ✓       |        |         |
| 14.b.1            | ✓       | ✓      | ✓       |
| 15.1.1/15.2.1     | ✓       | UD     | UD      |



### III. ONGOING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – Training Workshops

| SDG indicator | Capacity development activity   | Period        |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| 2.1.1/2.1.2   | National training workshops in 12 countries   | 2018 - 2019   |
|               | Subregional workshop, South Africa  | February 2019 |
| 2.3.1/2.3.2   | Joint Regional training workshop, Cairo   | October 2019  |
| 2.4.1         | Mainstreaming Sustainable Food and Agriculture (SFA) workshop (10 countries), Addis Ababa | May 2019      |
|               | Joint Regional training workshop, Cairo   | October 2019  |
| 2.a.1         | Regional training workshop, Cairo   | April 2019    |
| 5.a.1         | National Training workshop, Côte d'Ivoire   | November 2018 |
|               | Joint Regional training workshop, Cairo   | October 2019  |





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|---|---|------------------|
| 6.4.1/6.4.2   | National training workshop, Cote D'Ivoire                               | November 2018    |
|   | Regional training workshop (9 countries), Botswana                      | April 2019       |
|   | Sub-regional training workshop (9 countries), Addis Ababa               | October 2019     |
| 12.3.1.a  | National Training workshop, Côte d'Ivoire                               | June 2018        |
| 15.1.1/15.2.1   | Two regional FRA Remote Sensing Survey workshops in Tanzania and Maputo | July/August 2019 |
| 2.1.1/2.1.2/2.3.1/<br>2.3.2/2.a.1/2.4.1/<br>2.5.1.a/2.5.1.b/2.5.2<br>12.3.1 | Sub-regional training workshop (9 countries), Addis Ababa               | June 2019        |
| All 21  | National training workshop, Algeria                                     | December 2018    |



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### **III. ONGOING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – Projects**

- **Strengthening Agricultural Statistics and Food Security Information in CARD Countries through South-South Cooperation - 2013-18**
- **Supporting Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2.1 Monitoring by Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition Information in Africa - 2019-22**



## **IV. GLOBAL INITIATIVES OF STATISTICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SDG INDICATORS AND REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION**

- Umbrella Programme on *Measuring the SDGs*
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## IV. GLOBAL INITIATIVES – Measuring the SDGs

MODULE 1: Data disaggregation techniques are established for all SDG indicators under FAO custodianship

MODULE 2: SDG data gaps and statistical capacities of partner countries assessed and strategic plans developed that align national monitoring frameworks with the Global Indicator Framework

MODULE 3: Innovative and cost-effective methods, such as the use of earth observation data, are adopted in partner countries for producing relevant SDG indicators in a sustainable way;

MODULE 4: The 21 FAO-relevant SDG indicators are regularly monitored in partner countries;

MODULE 5: SDG data made is openly accessible and SDG progress reports are produced and widely disseminated in partner countries.



## IV. GLOBAL INITIATIVES – The 50 by 2030 Initiative

- Aims to empower and support fifty low and lower-middle income countries (L/LMICs) to build strong national data systems that produce and use high-quality and timely agricultural data through survey programs
- Will support countries to build and implement either an **Agricultural Survey Program** or an **Integrated Agricultural and Rural Survey Program** – depending on the country's needs, wishes, capacity, and potential for technical and financial take-over by the respective governments



## IV. GLOBAL INITIATIVES – Data4Now

Aims to:

- ✓ Provide innovative methods for data production and analysis accessible to data producers and data users to support progress towards the SDGs.
- ✓ Build technical coalitions and capacity to build skills and knowledge and increase the standardization and uptake of new methods at scale.
- ✓ Catalyze national data innovation partnerships, scaling up new data partnerships in selected countries.

FAO is participating in the proof-of-concept phase and will support remotely the initiative in Rwanda, 13-14 November 2019



## IV. GLOBAL INITIATIVES – Global Data Financing Facility

- A fully demand-driven funding channel based on country priorities, focused on statistical infrastructure and cross cutting data sources
- Complementing sectoral funding mechanisms supporting the production of specific SDG indicators.
- Two windows: **Window 1** would provide multi-year match-funding response for the most urgent data capacity gaps; **Window 2** would provide seeding and blend-financing for transformative, leapfrogging data architecture and service delivery applications
- Steering Committee will mainly consist of members of the UN Statistical Commission, whereas the Secretariat will likely be housed in the WB
- To be launched at the third UN World Data Forum (WDF), 18-21 October 2020, in Bern, Switzerland
- The “Bern Network”, of which FAO is a member, is advancing relevant preparations for the launch of the Facility at the third WDF



## DISCUSSIONS

AFCAS members are invited to express their views and recommendations to FAO on the following:

- FAO's efforts for improving the capacity of countries in the Region to produce, disseminate and use the 21 SDG indicators under FAO custodianship and to monitor the implementation of SDGs more generally;
- The relevance of the Umbrella programme on *Measuring the SDGs* to address the SDG monitoring capacity development needs of the countries in the Region.





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