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AFRICAN COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Twenty-Eighth Session

Johannesburg, South Africa, 4 – 8 December 2023

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

AFCAS MAIN EVENT: INAUGURAL SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING CEREMONY

1. Opening Remarks by **Mrs Sylvie Dasylva Fall**, Head of the Division of Statistics, Ministry in charge of agriculture, Senegal, AFCAS Chairperson

2. Address by **Dr José Rosero Moncayo, Director of FAO Statistics Division**, FAO Headquarters, Rome

3. Address by **Dr Babagana Ahmadu,** FAO Representative for South Africa

4. Address by **Joe de Beer**, Deputy Director General Economics Statistics, Statistics South Africa

5. Opening Speech by **Mooketsa Ramasodi**, Director General, Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa

AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Election of Officers
- Word by the President of the 28th AFCAS
- Adoption of Agenda

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

AGENDA ITEM 3: FAO'S ACTIVITIES IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS RELEVANT TO AFRICA REGION SINCE THE LAST 27TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

- Overview of FAO's statistical activities in Africa and achievements of key recommendations of the 27th AFCAS Session
- Response rate to FAO questionnaires and data collection plans for 2024

AGENDA ITEM 4: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 50X2030 INITIATIVE IN AFRICA REGION

- Introduction of the 50x2030 Initiative
- Implementation of the 50x2030 Initiative in Africa and lessons learned.
- Partner country experiences in developing national agricultural survey programmes
  - The Enquete Annuelle Agricole in Senegal – achievements and perspectives
  - The Annual Agricultural Sample Survey in Tanzania – achievements and perspectives
  - National Agriculture Sample Survey in Sierra Leone - achievements and perspectives
- Roundtable: discussion and recommendations on key issues for national agricultural surveys and the 50x2030 Initiative

AGENDA ITEM 5: **GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL STATISTICS (PHASE II) AND STATISTICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**

- Progress on the implementation and future plans of the Global Strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics
- Country experience - Zambia
- Country experience – Guinea
- Country experience – Madagascar
- Roundtable: discussion and recommendations on key issues for the future GSARS phase

AGENDA ITEM 6: **PROGRESS IN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITITATIVES IN AFRICA**

- AfDB Agricultural Statistics Capacity Building Program – Key Achievements since the 27th AFCAS (AfDB)
- Overview of a diverse and very useful collaboration with FAO (AFRISTAT)
- The African Centre for Statistics initiatives: Supporting member States in navigating the dynamic data ecosystem and landscape (UNECA)
- Using data for agricultural and rural policies and decision-making process: what needs to be done? (IFAD)
- CAADP biennial review process and progress (AUC).

AGENDA ITEM 7: **SPECIAL SESSION ON THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDICATORS (ASTI) PROGRAM**

- Introduction
- Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators: Institutionalization and new national data collection approach
- Lessons from intergovernmental dialogues: Towards a roadmap for the institutionalisation of ASTI

AGENDA ITEM 8: PROGRESS IN THE WORLD PROGRAMME OF THE CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE WCA 2020 AND VISION ON WCA 2030

- Progress in the implementation of the WCA 2020 in Africa and the world
- Country experiences in the preparation and implementation of censuses of agriculture in the WCA 2020 round
  - Country experience in the WCA 2020 round - Lesotho
  - Country experience in the WCA 2020 round - Angola
  - Country experience in the WCA 2020 round – South Africa
- Lessons from the WCA 2020, emerging issues and proposed outline and strategy for the WCA 2030 guidelines
- Roundtable: discussion and recommendations on key issues for the WCA 2030

AGENDA ITEM 9: IMPROVING FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DATA DISSEMINATION

- Modernizing data dissemination model in the context of agricultural survey programs
- Country experience - Senegal (Data dissemination model and microdata dissemination)
- Country experience - Tanzania
- FAO Food and Agriculture Microdata Catalogue: Unlocking the power of microdata
- New FAO Data dissemination platform - Beta Version: the FAODATA Explorer

AGENDA ITEM 10: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE DATA SOURCES FOR AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

- Earth Observations for official Statistics in Africa: experience from pilot projects in countries in Africa.
- Development of the Farmer Registry in Zimbabwe and the role of geospatial data and technology.
- Innovate Africa: The African Development Bank, Data Innovation Lab's Approach and Actions.
- Data-Driven Strategies: FAO's Data Lab Tools for Filling Data Gaps and Obtaining Timely Insights.
- Development of the Farmer Registry in South Africa

AGENDA ITEM 11:   **MEASURING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION STATISTICS**

- The Food & Diet Domain
- The use of the FIES to inform the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC)/ Cadre Harmonisé (CH) assessments
- Experience of the VAC in using the FIES to inform IPC in Malawi

SPECIAL EVENT: **LAUNCH OF THE AFRICA REGIONAL OVERVIEW OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

AGENDA ITEM 12: PROGRESS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON MEASURING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS (SDG INDICATORS)

- Progress in SDG indicators reporting
- Innovative Methods for Data Disaggregation of SDG Indicators with use cases from RAF and other Regions.
- Enhanced Tools and Methods for SDG Progress Assessment at the National, Regional and Global Level.
- Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Programme on SDG Indicators 2.3.1 and 2.3.2: The experience of Burkina Faso.
- Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Programme on SDG Indicator 2.4.1 : The experience of Burundi
- Food Losses Measurement in Ethiopia
- Overview of AQUASTAT and SDG 6.4 indicators

AGENDA ITEM 13: OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE DATA WITH FOCUS ON SDG 14: LIFE UNDER WATER

- Enhance fishery and aquaculture data in support to Blue Transformation: Main challenges and possible enhancements
- SDG 14 indicators: overview, reporting progress with focus on SDG 14.4.1 and bottlenecks
- Shared experiences: Testimony from invited African focal points: Regional/FCWC
- Shared experiences: Testimony from invited African focal points: South Africa

<ins>CLOSING SESSION</ins>

<ins>AGENDA ITEM 14:</ins> ANY OTHER BUSINESS (VENUE, DATE, TOPICS FOR NEXT AFCAS SESSION)

<ins>AGENDA ITEM 15:</ins> ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT

<ins>AGENDA ITEM 16:</ins> CLOSING CEREMONY