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 INITIATIVES 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.
- 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
CLOSING SESSION

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

AGENDA ITEM 15: ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 16: CLOSING CEREMONY