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Twenty-Eighth Session

Johannesburg, South Africa, 4 – 8 December 2023

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 4 December 2023

8h00-8h30 **Registration**

09h00-10h00 **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING CEREMONY**

1. Opening Remarks by **Mrs Sylvie Dasylyva 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

Group Photo 28th Session of AFCAS

10h00-10h30 **Coffee break**

10h30-11h00 **AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

1. Election of Officers
2. Word by the President of the 28th AFCAS
3. Adoption of Agenda

11h00-12h30 **AGENDA ITEM 3: FAO'S ACTIVITIES IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS RELEVANT TO AFRICA REGION SINCE THE LAST 27TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

11:00-11:30 Overview of FAO's statistical activities in Africa and achievements of key recommendations of the 27th AFCAS Session (Dramane Bako, FAO-ESS).

11:30-12:00 Response rate to FAO questionnaires and data collection plans for 2024 (Valerie Bizier, FAO-OCS)

12:00-12:30 Discussions

12h30-14h00 **Lunch Break**

14h00-17:00 **AGENDA ITEM 4: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 50X2030 INITIATIVE IN AFRICA REGION** (*chair: Jose Rosero Moncayo, FAO-ESS*)

14h00-14h05 Opening and objectives of the session (chair: Jose Rosero Moncayo, FAO-ESS)

14h05-14h20 Introduction of the 50x2030 Initiative (Abul Kalam Azad, 50x2030 PMT)

14h20-14h45 Implementation of the 50x2030 Initiative in Africa and lessons learned (Audrier Sanou, FAO-ESS)

Partner country experiences in developing national agricultural survey programmes

14h45-15h00 The Enquete Annuelle Agricole in Senegal – achievements and perspectives (Sylvie Da Silva)

15h00-15h15 The Annual Agricultural Sample Survey in Tanzania – achievements and perspectives (Titus Mwisomba)

15h15-15h30 National Agriculture Sample Survey in Sierra Leone - achievements and perspectives (Edward Kargbo)

15h30-16h00 Q&A

16h00-16h20 Coffee break

16h20-17h00 Roundtable: discussion and recommendations on key issues for national agricultural surveys and the 50x2030 Initiative

17h00 **Adjournment of session**

18h30 **FAO Cocktail to Welcome Participants**

TUESDAY, 5 December 2023

9:00-12:00 **AGENDA ITEM 5: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL STATISTICS (PHASE II) AND STATISTICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT** (*chair: Oliver Chinganya, UNECA*)

09:00-09:10 Introduction of GSARS session (chair)

09:10-09:30 Progress on the implementation and future plans of the Global Strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics (Lassina Pare, FAO-ESS)

09:30-09:50 Country experience - Zambia (Patrick Chuni)

09:50-10:10 Country experience – Guinea (Moussa Doumbouya)

10:10-10:20 coffee break

10:20-10:40 Country experience – Madagascar (Joceline Solonitompoinony)

10:20-12:00 Roundtable: discussion and recommendations on key issues for the future GSARS phase

12h00-13h30 **Lunch Break**

13h30-15h30 **AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRESS IN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN AFRICA** (*chair: Valerie Bizier, FAO-OCS*)

13h30-13h45 AfDB Agricultural Statistics Capacity Building Program – Key Achievements since the 27th AFCAS Session (Vincent Ngendakumana, AfDB)

13h45-14h00 Overview of a diverse and very useful collaboration with FAO (Madior Fall, AFRISTAT)

14h00-14h15 The African Centre for Statistics initiatives: Supporting member States in navigating the dynamic data ecosystem and landscape (Oliver Chinganya, UNECA)

14h15-14h30 Using data for agricultural and rural policies and decision-making process: what needs to be done? (Aliou Mballo, IFAD)

14h30-14h45 CAADP biennial review process and progress (Godfrey Bahigwa, AUC).

14h45-15h30 Discussions

15h30-15h45 **Coffee break**

15h45-17h00 **AGENDA ITEM 7: AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDICATORS** *(chair: Jose Rosero Moncayo, FAO-ESS)*

15h45-15h55 Introduction (Jose Rosero Moncayo, FAO-ESS)

15h55-16h15 Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators: Institutionalization and new national data collection approach (Hernán Daniel Muñoz, FAO-ESS)

16h15-16h30 Shared experiences: Lessons learned from intergovernmental dialogues (David Babalola, NBS-Nigeria)

16h30-17h00 Roundtable: discussions and recommendations on key issues for ASTI's institutionalisation roadmap

17h00 **Adjournment of session**

WEDNESDAY, 6 December 2023

9h00-12h00 **AGENDA ITEM 8: PROGRESS IN THE WORLD PROGRAMME OF THE CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE WCA 2020 AND VISION ON WCA 2030**

9h00-9h20 Progress in the implementation of the WCA 2020 in Africa and the world (Eloi Ouedraogo, FAO-ESS)

Country experiences in the preparation and implementation of censuses of agriculture in the WCA 2020 round

9h20-9h35 Country experience in the WCA 2020 round - Lesotho (Nthathi Tsoaeli)

9h35-9h50 Country experience in the WCA 2020 round - Angola (Carlos Pedro)

9h50-10h05 Country experience in the WCA 2020 round – South Africa (Tshepo Pekane)

10h05-10h30 Discussion

10h30-10h40 Coffee break

10h40-11h10 Lessons from the WCA 2020, emerging issues and proposed outline and strategy for the WCA 2030 guidelines (Eloi Ouedraogo, FAO-ESS)

11h10-12h00 Roundtable: discussion and recommendations on key issues for the WCA 2030

12h00-13h30 **Lunch Break**

13h30-15h15 **AGENDA ITEM 9: IMPROVING FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DATA DISSEMINATION**

13h30-13h45 Modernizing data dissemination model in the context of agricultural survey programs (Amsata Niang, FAO-ESS)

13h45-14h00 Country experience - Senegal (Data dissemination model and microdata dissemination) (Sylvie Da Silva)

14h00-14h15 Country experience – Tanzania (Titus Mwisomba)

14h15-14h30 FAO Food and Agriculture Microdata Catalogue: Unlocking the power of microdata (Clara Aida Khalil, FAO-OCS)

14h30-14h45 New FAO Data dissemination platform - Beta Version: the FAODATA Explorer (Valerie Bizier, FAO-OCS)

14h45-15h15 Discussions

15h15-15h30 **Coffee break**

15h30-17h00 **AGENDA ITEM 10: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE DATA SOURCES FOR AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS**

15h30-15h45 Earth Observations for official Statistics in Africa: experience from pilot projects in countries in Africa. (Lorenzo DeSimone, FAO-OCS)

15h45-16h00 Development of the Farmer Registry in Zimbabwe and the role of geospatial data and technology. (Thomas Nyikayaramba)

16h00-16h15 Innovate Africa: The African Development Bank, Data Innovation Lab's Approach and Actions. (Rafik Mahjoubi, African Development Bank)

16h15-16h30 Data-Driven Strategies: FAO's Data Lab Tools for Filling Data Gaps and Obtaining Timely Insights. (Christian Mongeau, FAO-ESS)

16h30-16h45 Development of the Farmer Registry in South Africa (Ellen Matsei)

16h45-17h00 Discussions

17h00 **Adjournment of session**

THURSDAY, 7 December 2023

8h30-10h00 AGENDA ITEM 11: MEASURING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION STATISTICS

8h30-8h50 The Food & Diet Domain (Talent Manyani, FAO-ESS)

8h50-9h10 The use of the FIES to inform the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC)/ Cadre Harmonisé (CH) assessments (Talent Manyani, FAO-ESS)

9h10-9h30 Experience of the VAC in using the FIES to inform IPC in Malawi (Innocent Zulu, VAC)

9h30-10h00 Discussions

10h00-10h30 SPECIAL EVENT: LAUNCH OF THE AFRICA REGIONAL OVERVIEW OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

10h30-10h45 **Coffee break**

10h45-13h00 AGENDA ITEM 12: PROGRESS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON MEASURING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS (SDG INDICATORS)

10h45-11h00 Progress in SDG indicator reporting (Valerie Bizier, FAO-OCS)

11h00-11h15 Innovative Methods for Data Disaggregation of SDG Indicators with use cases from RAF and other Regions. (Clara Aida Khalil, FAO-OCS)

11h15-11h30 Enhanced Tools and Methods for SDG Progress Assessment at the National, Regional and Global Level. (Clara Aida Khalil, FAO-OCS)

11h30-11h50 Discussions

11h50-12h05 Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Programme on SDG Indicators 2.3.1 and 2.3.2: The experience of Burkina Faso. (Eric Kaboré)

12h05-12h20 Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Programme on SDG Indicator 2.4.1 : The experience of Burundi (Ambroise Nikwibitanga)

12h20-12h35 Food Losses Measurement in Ethiopia (Mohammed Jemal)

12h35-12h45 Overview of AQUASTAT and SDG 6.4 indicators (Patricia Moreno)

12h45-13h00 Discussions

13h00-14h30 **Lunch Break**

14h30-16h00 **AGENDA ITEM 13: OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE DATA WITH FOCUS ON SDG 14: LIFE UNDER WATER**

14h30-14h45 Enhance fishery and aquaculture data in support to Blue Transformation: Main challenges and possible enhancements (Stefania Vannuccini, FAO, NFISS)

14h45-15h00 SDG 14 indicators: overview, reporting progress with focus on SDG 14.4.1 and bottlenecks (Anne-Elise Nieblas, FAO, NFISI)

15h00-15h15 Shared experiences - Testimony from invited African focal points: Regional/FCWC (Hafsat Ochuwa Abdullah; Akanbi Bamikole Williams)

15h15-15h30 Shared experiences - Testimony from invited African focal points: South Africa (Tracey Pamela Fairweather)

15h30-16h00 Discussions

16h00 **Adjournment of session**

18h30 **Government Dinner to Participants**

FRIDAY, 8 December 2023

9h00-9h30 **AGENDA ITEM 14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS (VENUE, DATE, TOPICS FOR NEXT AFCAS SESSION)**

9h30-11h00 **AGENDA ITEM 15: ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT**

11h00-11h15 **Coffee break**

11h15-12h30 **AGENDA ITEM 16: CLOSING CEREMONY**

12h30-14h00 **Lunch Break**