

Workshop on
**Methodology for the Compilation of Supply Utilization Accounts and Food Balance Sheets:
Challenges and Proposals for Improvement**

Lebanon room (D209), Tuesday, 13 July 2010, FAO Statistics Division

The purpose of this Workshop is to review the uses of SUA/ FBS, identify strengths and weaknesses of the current compilation system, discuss alternative approaches and procedures to improve the current methodology, and reach a consensus on how to move forward.	
9:00 - 9:10	Opening: Objectives of the Workshop, Pietro Gennari (Director, ESS)
9:10 - 10:00	Session 1: The Current System - Strengths and Weaknesses
This Session will introduce the current system of the SUA/FBS and assess its strengths and weaknesses.	
Chair	David Marshall (Deputy Director, ESS)
9:10 - 9:30	Gladys Moreno Garcia (Statistician, ESS), "Strengths and Weaknesses in the Compilation of the SUA for the Preparation of FBS"
9:30 - 9:40	Gabriella Laurenti (Statistical Assistant, FIPS), "Compilation of FBS for Fish and Fishery Products: Current System and Future Improvements"
9:40 - 10:00	Q&A on Session 1
10:00 - 11:30	Session 2: The Current System from a User's Perspective
This Session will assess the extent to which the current system meets users' requirements in terms of timeliness, scope, and reliability through a review of the applications and uses of SUA/FBS in different domains as well as identifying problems and challenges encountered by users.	
Chair	Hiek Som (Deputy Director, ESS)
10:00 - 10:15	Panagiotis Karfakis (Economist, ESA)/ Piero Conforti (Economist, ESA) "Using FBS/SUA in the Analysis of Agricultural Development and Food Security"
10:15 - 10:30	Merritt Cluff (Senior Economist, EST) "Using the FBS/SUA in the Analysis of Market and Trade Issues: EST's Experience".
10:30 - 10:45	Barbara Burlingame (Senior Officer, AGN) "How We Use FAOSTAT in Nutrition?"
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 - 11:30	Q&A on Session 2
11:30 - 15:00	Session 3: What are the Alternatives?
This Session is to discuss the alternative approaches and procedures proposed to improve the current SUA/FBS working system.	
Chair	Barbara Burlingame (Senior Officer, AGN)
11:30 - 12:00	Jorge Mernies (Consultant, ESS), "Review of The SUA Exercise: Strengthening Methods/Procedures for Improving the Quality of the System Outputs"
12:00 - 12:30	Ricardo Sibrian (Senior Statistician, ESS), "Streamlining the Current System of Compiling SUA/FBS"
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 - 14:30	Pratap Narain (Consultant, ESS), "Satellite Accounts for Food Balances"
14:30 - 15:00	Mark Elward (Consultant, ESS), "A Robust Measure of Global Food Availability"
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:15 - 16:45	Session 4: Structured discussion
Through the open floor group discussion, the objective of this Session is to reach a consensus on the way forward for the improvement of the current system of the SUA/FBS.	
Chair	Pietro Gennari (Director, ESS)
	Open floor group discussion
16:45 - 17:00	Closing: Conclusions and summary of the workshop, Pietro Gennari (Director, ESS)