IMPROVING DATA QUALITY USING A GENDER SENSITIVE PERSPECTIVE OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS: "HOW TO" LESSONS LEARNED FROM AFRICA

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The presentation will illustrate how data quality of agricultural censuses will improve when a close link is maintained during the data collection stage between the demographic data of all active members of the agricultural holding and measurement of their access to land, other productive resources and assets, and agricultural practices. Such data allows for more in-depth analysis, illustrating socio-economic relations of all men and women active in agriculture. Presenting data at sub-holder level, in addition to the holding level, brings out the participation of the majority of African women farmers working in holdings headed by their husbands, which would remain invisible when data is aggregated to the holding level. The presenter will introduce a “How to” toolkit, containing examples from agricultural censuses implemented in Africa over the past decade and a half that make data presentation at sub-holding level possible.