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**New guidelines on the collection of cost of production data:
work progress and next steps in the framework of the Global
Strategy**



Objective of the Project

- Provide developing countries with **guidelines** for the collection of data on Costs of Production (CoP) in agriculture
- Provide **technical assistance** to countries in the development of their CoP programs
- Produce scientifically sound and internationally comparable CoP estimates and related **indicators**



There will be a **New FAOSTAT domain on CoP**

Summary of past activities

- Country **case-studies** (in Africa) on data collection practices
- Global **scoping survey** on country practices
- First outline of a **Handbook** on best practices
- **2 expert group meetings**: in Africa (AFCAS –2011) and Asia (APCAS – 2012)

Outputs for 2013-2014

- Finalize the **Handbook** on best practices: outcome of a collaborative process between the FAO and national experts
- Review of the **scientific literature** on CoP: focusing on the challenges encountered by developing countries
- In-country **field tests**: the methodological options proposed will be tested within existing or ad-hoc country surveys

Methodological challenges

- Implementation of sound **survey designs** and processes to ensure consistency, representativeness and comparability
 - ➔ Integrated vs. stand-alone surveys ?
 - ➔ Budget/technical constraints vs. precision/accuracy
- Determination of appropriate farm typologies for the compilation of the CoP estimates (by farm size, type of activity,...)
- Estimation of **opportunity costs**: unpaid family work, etc.
- Estimation of **depreciation costs** for machinery, buildings and other capital assets.
- **Time consistency** and discounting: pre-productive costs, etc.
- Allocation of **joint costs**
- Etc.



THANK YOU

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