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& Rural Development - An Action Plan for Africa (2011-2012)***

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1. Background Information

■ TA to Statistics by Main Regional Organizations:

- 1. African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)**
- 2. United Nations Economic Commission (UNECA)**
- 3. African Development Bank (AfDB)**
- 4. African Union Commission (AUC)**

Since 2007, the 4 institutions have formed the ASCC (African Statistical Coordination Committee)



1. Background Information (Ctd)

■ **TA to Statistics by Sub-Regional Organizations:**

1. Ex.: Afristat



1. Background Information (Ctd)

■ TA to Statistics by Bilateral and Multilateral donors:

- 1. Main Donors: Canada, France, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, the Department for International Development (United Kingdom), and the United States Agency for International Development**
- 2. Multilateral Donors: World Bank, IMF, EU and PARIS21**



1. Background Information (Ctd)

■ TA to Statistics by UN Family:

1. UNFPA, UNICEF and UNSD

2. FAO: UN lead agency in agricultural statistics which gives TA to countries to build capacity to undertake decennial agricultural censuses and annual agricultural surveys using recommended international standards



1. Background Information (Ctd)

■ **How has TA been delivered (Ctd)?**

- The state of statistics has improved over the years, thanks to TA.
- However, this improvement has not been commensurate with the quantum of the assistance the countries have received over the years.
- In many ways, the TA was donor conceived, rather than targeting to meet national needs and longer-term development of sustainable capacity for statistics.
- It was not part of an overall strategic framework and work program for national statistical development.



1. Background Information (Ctd)

- **Justification of further TA and another way of delivery?**
 - 1. Country needs and demand for further TA**
 - 2. TA should be delivered in a way consistent with the UN Guiding Principles on Technical Cooperation and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness with its key 5 principles for improving quality and impact of aid (ownership, alignment, harmonization, managing for results, mutual accountability).**
 - 3. The Global Strategy is a gold opportunity.**



2. Project framework

■ Elements of the TA Component:

- 1. Design Sector Strategic Plans for Agricultural Statistics**
- 2. Development of institutional and organizational capacities**
- 3. Development and harmonization of data sources, and**
- 4. Data harmonization and management**



2. Project framework (Ctd)

■ Element 1: Design Sector Strategic Plan for Agricultural Statistics in context of NSDS

■ The importance of the NSDS cannot be overemphasized

- ❑ Framework to strengthen statistical capacity **across the entire National Statistical System**
- ❑ A medium to long-term vision for **Statistical Capacity Building** responding to key user needs
- ❑ A robust, comprehensive and coherent framework to:
 - ✓ address data limitations
 - ✓ mobilize & prioritise the use of resources
 - ✓ integrate statistics within national policy & development processes
 - ✓ manage change
 - ✓ integrate sectors

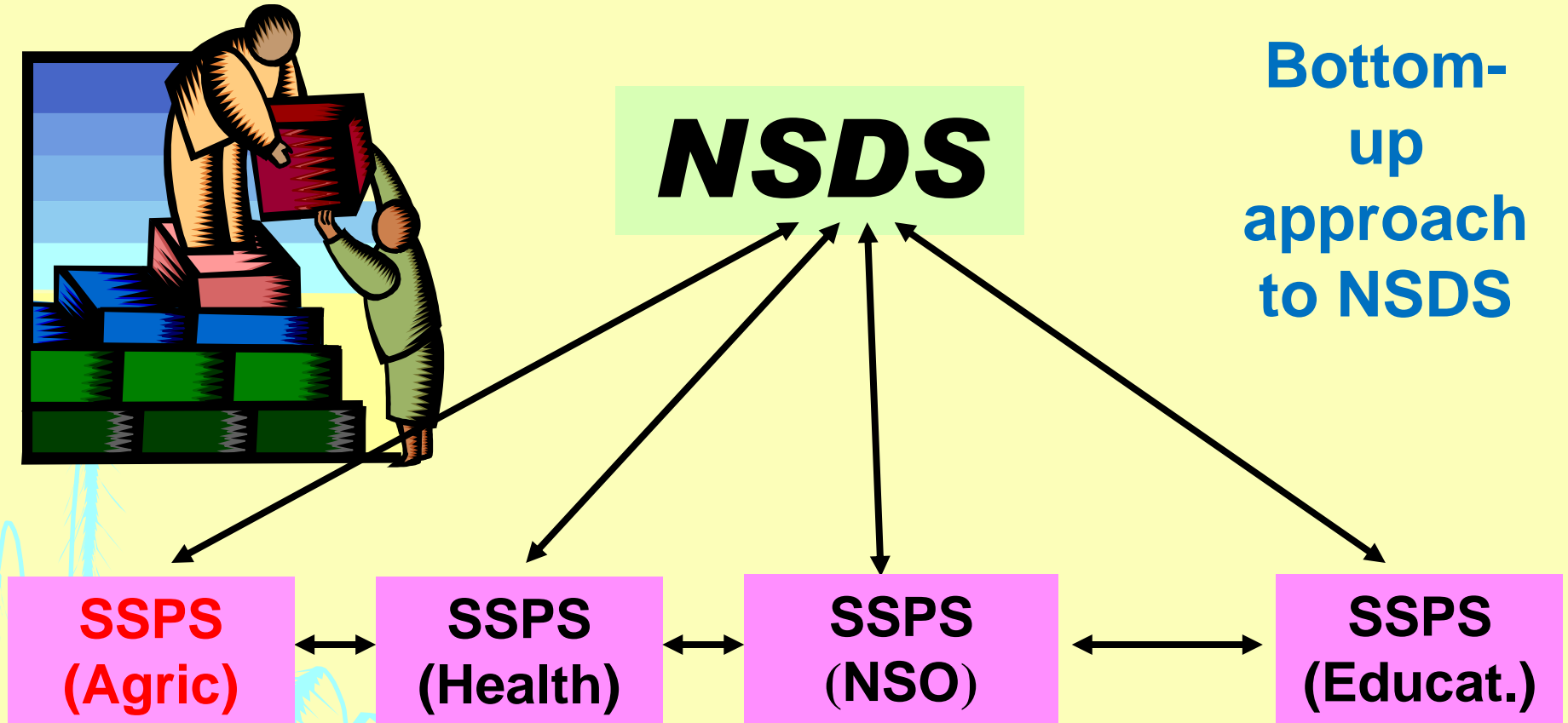


2. Project framework (Ctd)

- **Importance of integrating sectors through NSDS**
 - A lot of data are collected/compiled by sectors (Agriculture, Health, Education, Labor, etc)
 - Sectoral issues and concerns not been given sufficient attention in national statistics
 - Statisticians from line ministries been largely isolated & inadequately involved in discussion on capacity building
 - Sectoral component of NSS tended to be under-resourced & is in need of more advocacy



2. Project framework (Ctd)



SSPS – Sector Strategic Plan for Statistics

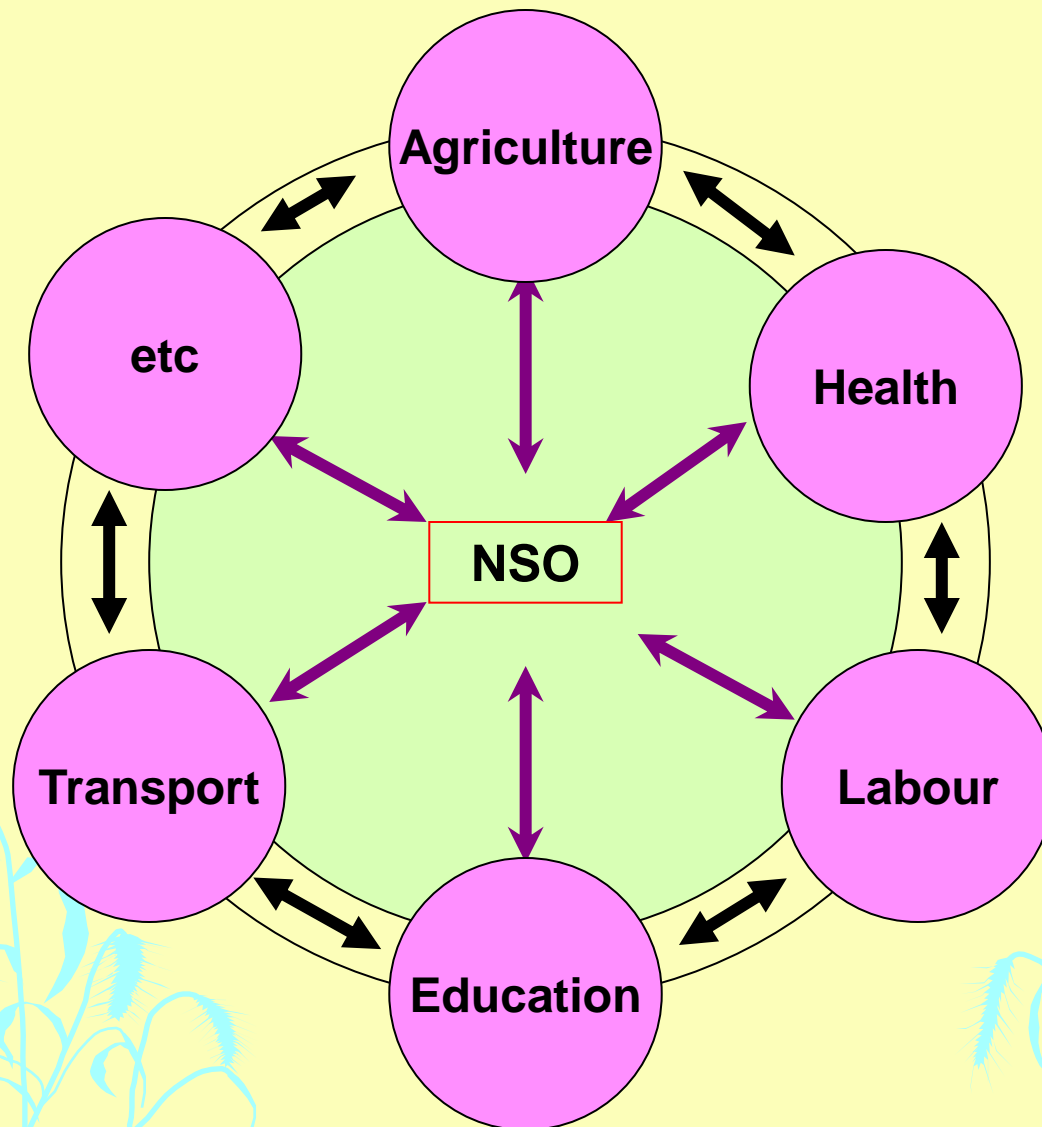
2. Project framework (Ctd)

**Partially
coordinated
National
Statistical
System**



2. Project framework (Ctd)

Fully
coordinated
National
Statistical
System



2. Project framework (Ctd)

■ Element 2: Development of institutional & organizational capabilities

□ Institutional weaknesses

- ✓ Low level of appreciation of the value and importance of statistics across society
- ✓ Inadequate political support/will (lack of independency)
- ✓ Low priority and inadequate funding
- ✓ Inadequate institutional capacity (bureaucracy, performance management, etc.)

□ Organizational weaknesses

- ✓ Inadequate coordination, collaboration, networking, etc.
- ✓ Lack of capacity to get cooperation with stakeholders
- ✓ Lack of capacity and skills to design, implement, analyze and report agricultural statistics

2. Project framework (Ctd)

■ Element 3: Development and harmonization of data sources

- Coordination of population and agricultural censuses**
- Implement 2010 WCA using modular approach**
 - Core Census Module (complete enumeration basis)
 - Census Supplementary Module
 - Community level data collection
- Implement a programme of inter-censal agricultural surveys**
- Assist countries with:**
 - infrastructure development (integrated survey framework, master sample frame, integrated database, etc.)
 - development and/or adoption of methodologies
- Administrative data:**
 - review methodologies & instruments

2. Project framework (Ctd)

■ Element 4: Data Harmonization & Management

- ☐ **Assemble, review, analyse, document & disseminate existing data**
- ☐ **Verify the accuracy, reliability and consistency of agricultural production data series**
- ☐ **Maintain/extend CountryStat and establish AfricaStat**

2. Project framework (Ctd)

- **TA elements translated into SOW (outputs and activities/tasks) terms and aligned to the goal and outcomes of the GS (the 3 pillars).**

- **Outcomes/GS pillars**

- (i) Improvements in the coverage and quality of the minimum core data set, focusing on both national and regional priority data needs;**
- (ii) Greater integration of agricultural statistics with national statistical systems; and**
- (iii) Increased and sustained capacity of the systems to meet the needs of users in the future**

2. Project framework (Ctd)

Output 1

TA component appropriately managed

Activities

- 1.1. Establishment of TA operational structures**
- 1.2. Development/formulation of national action plans**
- 1.3. Implementation of the national APs**
- 1.4. Compilation/reporting on the minimum core data set.**
- 1.5. Establishment of the Monitoring & Evaluation system**

2. Project framework (Ctd)

Output 2

National capacity development programs established

Activities

- 2.1 Establishment of baseline information through a detailed assessment of specific country needs: questionnaire design, data collection, data processing, data analysis and reporting.**
- 2.2 Development and establishment of capacity programs.**

2. Project framework (Ctd)

Output 3

Sector Strategic Plans for Agricultural Statistics designed

Activities

3.1 Adapting the “*Mainstreaming sectoral statistical system: a guide to planning a coordinated national statistical system*” to the agricultural sector.

3.2. Capacity building/training in using bottom-up approach to the SSPS on agriculture as part of the NSDS process (undertaking needs assessment, visioning, strategizing, action planning, M&E, etc.).

2. Project framework (Ctd)

Output 4

**Institutional and organizational capacities
developed/reinforced**

Activities

- 4.1 Advocacy for agricultural statistics and statistical development in sectors.**
- 4.2 Support legal frameworks for agricultural statistics by establishing national statistical legislations (where they do not exist yet) and/or ensuring their alignment to other legal provisions (where they exist).**
- 4.3 Advocacy and policy dialogue between government and development partners.**
- 4.4 Promoting and enhancing coordination for agricultural data production and use.**
- 4.5 Assist countries build and sustain statistical capacity.**

2. Project framework (Ctd)

Output 5

Agricultural data sources developed and harmonized

Activities

- 5.1 Assist countries to better plan and manage their agricultural censuses.**
- 5.2 Assist countries to design integrated survey frameworks and integrated databases.**
- 5.3 Assist countries to review and audit methodologies and instruments in use for the production of agricultural administrative data.**

2. Project framework (Ctd)

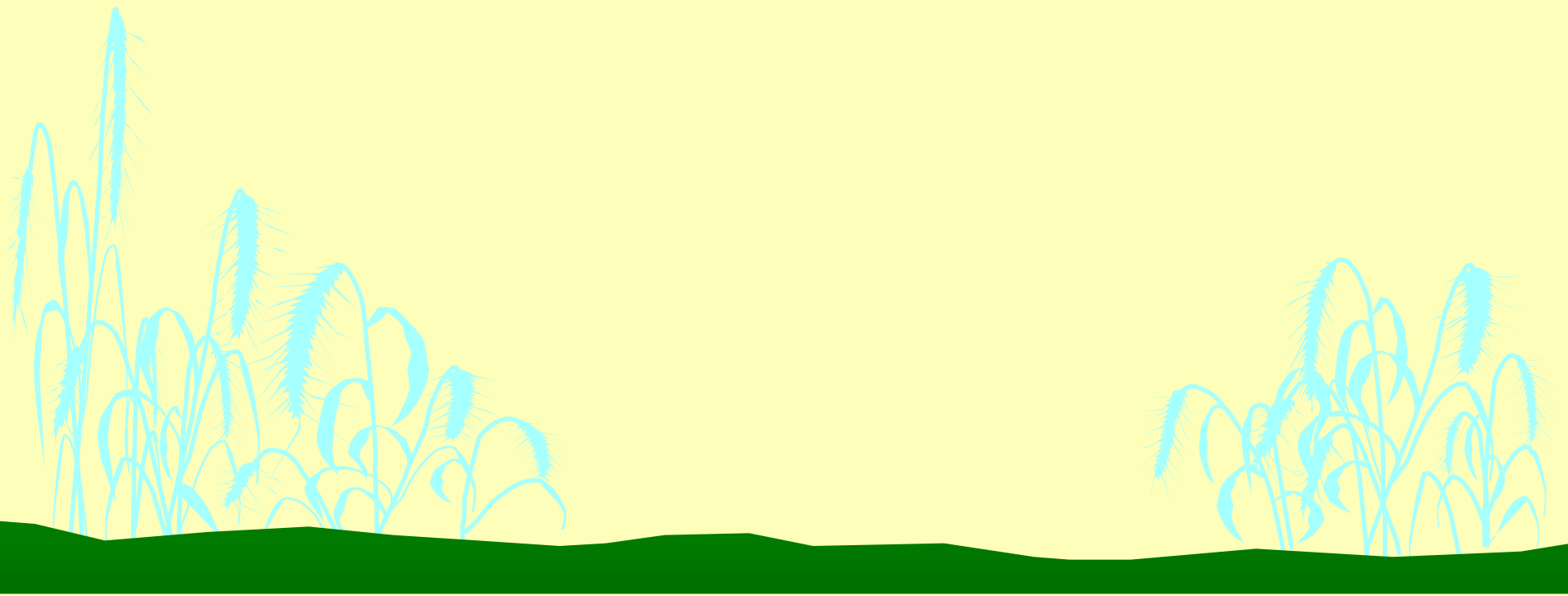
Output 6

Required agricultural data harmonized, managed, produced, analyzed and disseminated

Activities

- 6.1 Assist countries to assemble, review, analyze and document good practices as well as existing agricultural datasets.**
- 6.2 Assist countries to verify the accuracy and reliability of the agricultural production data series.**
- 6.3 Statistical support to data analysis on Research and Development.**
- 6.4 Assist countries to establish and/or strengthen national data portal/ CountrySTAT as for national agricultural data dissemination.**
- 6.5 Establish RegionSTAT (AfricaSTAT) at AfDB level.**
- 6.6 Assist countries for the compilation reporting/dissemination of the minimum core data set.**

3. Strategy implementation and management arrangements



Models for delivering TA

Assessment of the level of agricultural statistical development of the countries

- Grouping countries according to their level of development of agricultural statistics**
- *Prioritization of activities*: To be built based on the results obtained from the assessment of country needs and capacity**
- Phased approach = Doing by learning**



Grouping countries and phased approach - Preliminary work

Group A

Liberia, Congo Rep.,
Comoros, Sao Tome
and Principe, Central
African Republic,
Sierra Leone,
Zimbabwe, Guinea
Bissau, Somalia,
Djibouti, Eq. Guinea
and Libya

Group B

Angola, Guinea,
Burundi, Togo,
Gambia, DRC,
Eritrea, Chad,
Sudan, Cote
d'Ivoire,
Cameroon and
Seychelles

Group C

Swaziland, Gabon,
Madagascar,
Namibia, Zambia,
Ghana, Botswana,
Mauritania, Cape
Verde, Tanzania,
Rwanda and
Kenya

Group D

Nigeria, Malawi,
Niger, Morocco,
Mozambique,
Burkina Faso,
Mauritius, South
Africa, Senegal,
Benin, Uganda,
Ethiopia, Mali,
Algeria, Egypt,
Lesotho and
Tunisia

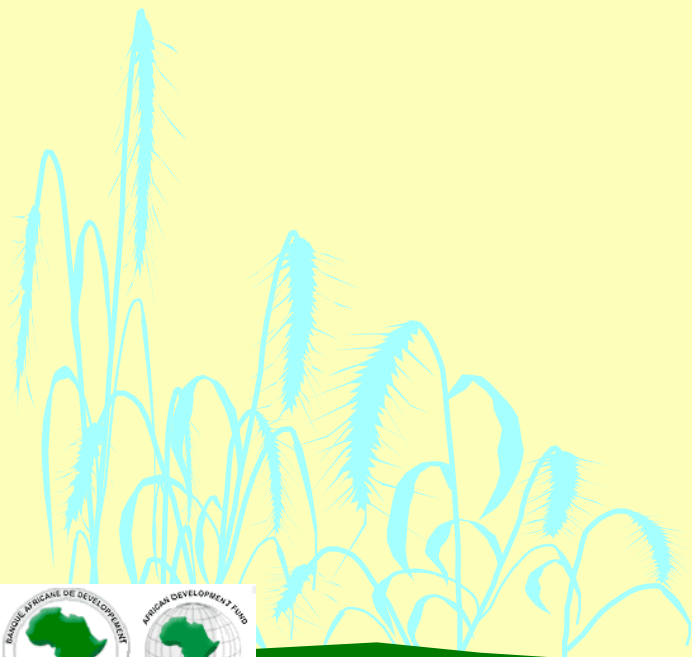
Models for delivering TA (Ctd)

- ☐ **Leveraging existing structures**: Using existing structures at regional and sub-regional levels + National level
- ☐ **Harnessing regional capacities (Re South-South Cooperation)**
- ☐ **Partnership in the implementation**
- ☐ **Using international experts**



4. Operational support management

- ☐ **Management of the TA:** By a core team at regional level
- ☐ **Risk management:** Risk drivers identification and description + mitigating measures
- ☐ **Operational M&E system** of the TA component



4. Operational support management (Ctd)

Result-Based Logframe of the TA component

- TA elements translated into SOW (outputs and activities/tasks) terms and aligned to the goal and outcomes of the GS (the 3 pillars).

- Result-based Logframe (RLF):

- (i) Results chain: Purpose, impact, outcomes, outputs and activities;
- (ii) Performance indicators: Indicators, baseline information and targets;
- (iii) Means of verification
- (iv) Risks and their mitigating measures

4. Implementation status of the AP-Africa

- ❑ **AP document:** Consolidated, printed and translated (French)
- ❑ **AP document** widely distribution (+CD&Ebook)
- ❑ **1st RSTC meeting: July 2011**
- ❑ **Resources mobilization:** initial discussions with donors+Resource partners meeting in Rome (Oct 2011)
- ❑ **Country Assessment:** Instrument field testing, Questionnaire, Web-based application, training and launching workshop
- ❑ **January 2011:** Launch of Quarterly Action Plan Bulletins
- ❑ **On-going work:** Tabulation/analysis plans, database management system, etc.
- ❑ **Next step/planned activities:**
 - 1st stage of Country Assessment: Data collection, processing and analysis; Development of country profiles; Establishment of M&E baseline information.
 - 2nd Stage: In-depth CA and national action plans development.
 - Integration of the Agric. Stats in the NSDS; etc.

Thank you for your kind attention

