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# Coordination of FAO's work in support of information systems for food & nutrition security

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# New FAO initiatives related to the GS

- Food Security Information Network - FSIN
- Joint FAO/WFP Strategy for ISFNS
  - Improving Food Security Statistics
- Agricultural Market Information System - AMIS

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# Coordinating framework

- Joint ISFNS = Coordination of Rome-based Agencies
- FAO Strategic Framework = Joint URs under SO H & I
- PILLAR 1: Capacity development to support ISFNS of member countries (**ESS led**)
- PILLAR 2: Standards, methods, and tools for ISFNS (**ESS led**)
- PILLAR 3: Monitoring and in-country food security and nutrition assessments (**TC led**)
- PILLAR 4: Statistics, information and analysis on food and nutrition security -global public goods (**ESA led**)

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# Food Security Information Network- FSIN

- FSIN consultative conference in Nairobi, 8-9 September 2011
- **Network** of international, regional and national organizations (community of practices)
- **Improved coordination** to strengthen food crisis prevention capabilities through capacity development in vulnerable countries
- **3 main activities:**
  - strengthen country and regional food security information through capacity development (Pillar 1)
  - propose food security information standards/methods, share best practices (Pillar 2)
  - advocate for the need of a multi-level global food security information
- **Institutional set-up** (Advisory Board, Secretariat - FAO, technical working groups)
- Funded from the EC Food Security Thematic Programme

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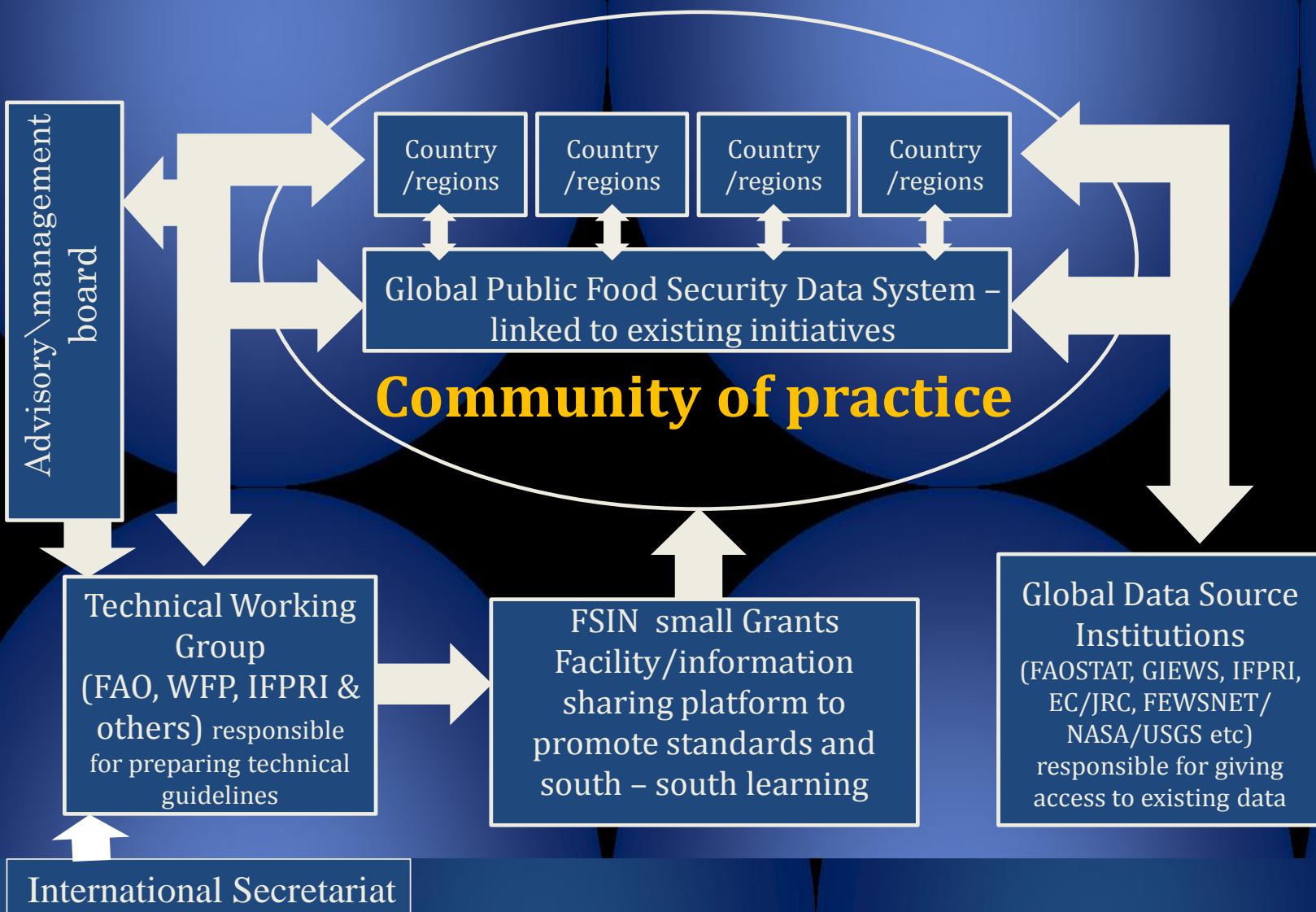
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# Food Security Information Network- FSIN



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# Joint FAO/WFP ISFNS Strategy

- Improve the existing systems, harmonize approaches and consistently organize the work of the two agencies
  - reduce duplications within and between agencies
  - prioritize resources where most needed.
- 4 pillars:
  - Capacity development;
  - Standards, methods, and tools development;
  - In-country food security and nutrition assessments;
  - Dissemination of information/statistics (as global public goods).
- **FAO's comparative advantages:** setting statistical standards, dissemination of global public goods, statistical capacity development
- **Complementarities between the FSIN and the ISFNS:** FSIN provides the global platform for the implementation of the individual and joint institutional ISFNS strategies.



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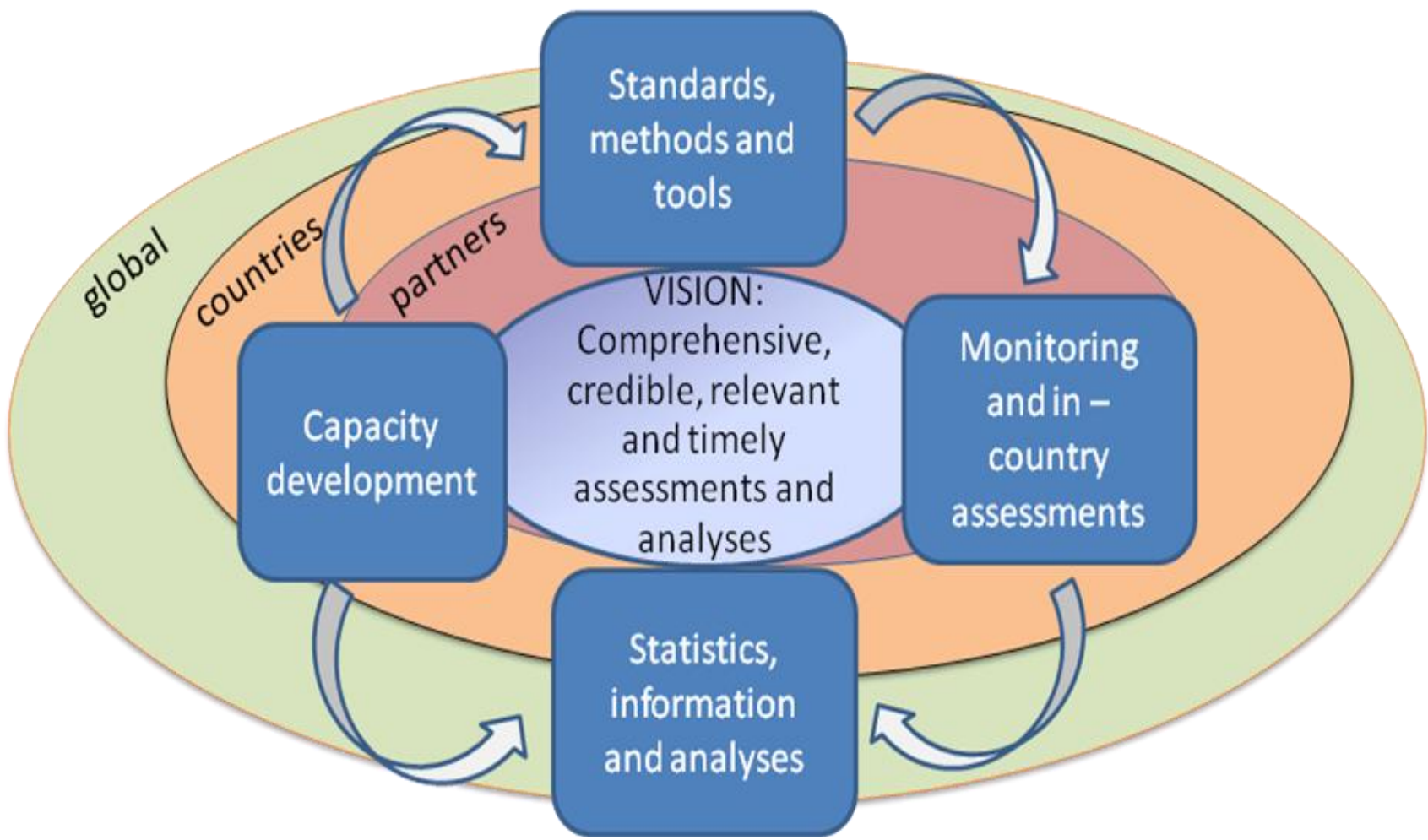
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# Pillars of the Joint FAO/WFP ISFSN Strategy



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# Improving Food Security Statistics

- Within the FAO ISFNS strategy, **3 main work streams** at ESS:
  - Development of a suite of indicators
  - Revision of the methodology of the FAO indicator (PoU)
  - International recommendations for the collection of (food) consumption data through HH surveys
- **Partnership with other Int. Org.** (WFP, WB, UNICSF, etc)
  - to evaluate the suitability of existing household surveys for food security assessment
  - to develop guidelines on the collection of food consumption data at the household level
- **International Scientific Consultations** (CFS Round Table on food security measurement, FAO Headquarters, 12-13 September, International Symposium on Food and Nutrition Security Information, FAO Headquarters, January 2012)
- **Governance** at the global (UN Statistical Commission) and national levels (NSDS)



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# Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS)

- Background: G20 Ministerial Declaration: “Action Plan on Food Price Volatility and Agriculture” (Paris, June 2011)

## 3 Pillars

### 1. Global Food Market Information Group

- a) International market monitoring
- b) Policy monitoring
- c) Indicators (abnormal market conditions) and analysis

### 2. Rapid Response Forum

- a) Informed by the data groups
- b) Chair of RRF in consultation with CFS secretariat recommendation for a Rapid Response/policy coordination

### 3. Capacity development to improve countries' market intelligence and short-term outlook capabilities

# Global Strategy & Food Security Network

- **Objective**

- FSIN= Improve coordination in Food Security Monitoring&Analysis
- GS = Improving Statistics for Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development (Emphasis on data compilation, management and dissemination – not data analysis)

- **Country Coverage**

- FSIN= Food insecure/vulnerable countries
- GS = All developing countries

- **Scope**

- FSIN = Food security indicators
- GS= Economic, social and environmental indicators

- **Complementarities**

- Subset of the minimum set of core data and products
- Methodological development and capacity building activities will be integrated in the GS under the responsibility of Statistics Div.

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# Global Strategy & AMIS

- **Objective**

- AMIS= Improve statistics, analysis and policy response for increased Market Transparency
- GS = Improving Statistics for Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development

- **Country Coverage**

- AMIS= G20 + 8 big developing countries
- GS = all developing countries

- **Scope**

- AMIS = 4 variables (Production forecasts; stocks; trade; prices); 4 crops (wheat, maize, rice and soybeans)
- GS= All key variables and all key products (agriculture, fishery and forestry)

- **Complementarities**

- Subset of the minimum set of core data and products
- Methodological development and capacity building activities will be integrated in the GS under the responsibility of Statistics Div.

	ISFNS	FSIN	GLOBAL STRATEGY	AMIS
OBJECTIVES	Greater coordination and focus of ISFNS work within FAO and with WFP	Greater coordination of all key FSI Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving Statistics for Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture &amp; Rural Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve statistics, analysis and policy response for increased Market Transparency</li> </ul>
OUTPUTS	Food security indicators, data, analysis, generation of standards, tools, methods, capacity building, global databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Network of FSI professionals and institutions</li> <li>Promotion of harmonized FSI standards, methods and tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New cost-effective statistical methods &amp; tools</li> <li>Capacity development</li> <li>Dissemination of minimum set of core data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Food Market Information Group</li> <li>Rapid Response Forum</li> <li>Capacity development improve countries' own market intelligence and short-term outlook</li> </ul>

	ISFNS	FSIN	GLOBAL STRATEGY	AMIS
<b>USERS</b>	FAO & WFP Countries	International, Regional and National FSI Partners	Food Security Information Systems Programme, policy planning, monitoring, evaluation, tracking results and impact	G20 + 8 countries, International Community and National Governments
<b>PARTNERS</b>	WFP and FAO	all key FSI Partners	All major national, international & regional statistical agencies	G20+8 countries
<b>PILLARS of ISFNS</b>	1, 2 ,3 and 4	1 and 2	1, 2 and 4	1, 2 and 4

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