

Linkages between the Global Strategy and NSDS

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The overall NSDS process (National Strategy for the Development of Statistics)

1. Nationally-owned, participatory dynamic process integrated into the development policy process covering the **whole National Statistical System (NSS)**
2. Aiming at **building statistical capacity for meeting the demand of data** necessary to conduct national development policies and answering international requirements
3. Providing **a vision for where NSS should be in 5-10 years time**
4. **Coherence framework and prioritized action plan** for capacity building and a framework for coordination arrangements: across NSS and between government and donors

NSDS and agricultural statistics: the issues

1. Among the various issues of NSDS process, **integration of sectors** is an important one (**and particularly agriculture**)
2. According to PARIS21 estimates **less than 15 % of existing NSDS** have correctly **covered agricultural statistics**
 - **Legal environment** sometimes missing
 - First generation of NSDSs has been **NSO-centric**
 - Sometimes **absence of ownership** of the process
 - **Lack of human resources** and **inappropriate funding**
 - **Influence of donors and international institutions** on “their” sector with little interest in coordination

Starting joint PARIS21-FAO initiatives for solving the problem

Specific **guidelines** on the agricultural sector: *soon finalized*

Three **pilot projects** in countries: Lao PDR, Mozambique and Peru

- **Lao PDR:** *objective to prepare a strategy to be fully integrated during the mid-term review of overall NSDS in 2015, establishment of a DOS-MAF reflection group, but process slow due to on-going MAF restructuring*
- **Mozambique:** *Agricultural Statistics master Plan in process of finalization, will be aligned with overall NSDS and National Agricultural development Plan, question of funding and donor coordination still to be solved*
- **Peru:** *Statistical coordination group officially created and co-chaired by IADB and UNFPA, local consultants identified for designing the sector strategy, and as a side-effect decision to run a Census of agriculture in 2012 (after 18 years)*

Potential benefits of the global strategy for the NSDS process

- It will provide a **reference framework, a catalytic environment** offering adapted methodologies, tools, as well as training and research opportunities:
 - *The existence of the global strategy will facilitate the design of the SPARS and will allow better its inclusion into the NSDS.*
- It will help also in terms of **advocating**, particularly for **mobilizing the specific financial resources at national level** which will be required for the full SPARS implementation:
 - *A national process, aiming at answering first the needs of the national policies, should be even more considered by partners if referring also to such an international initiative .*

Potential role of PARIS21 in the Global Strategy

- Partner on the overall **implementation of the pillars**:
 - 1: helping in archiving and use of existing data through ADP activity
 - 2: contributing to developing SPARS
 - 3: providing support on national governance
 - Partner on **overall advocacy**:
 - promoting the importance of agricultural statistics
 - its better inclusion into NSDS
 - contributing to mobilize resources at global level
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- **mobilizing resources at national level through the creation of national partnerships**

