



CONCEPT NOTE

Regional Workshop on

Linking Population Censuses with Agricultural Censuses

Amman, Jordan, 24-28 June, 2012

Background and Rationale

The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) <<http://www.escwa.un.org/>> and the Arab Institute of Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) <<http://www.aitrs.org/>> is organizing a Regional Workshop on Linking Population Censuses with Agricultural Censuses. This workshop is second in the global series of workshops on the same theme. The first workshop was held in Noumea, New Caledonia (28 May - 1 June, 2012).

Objectives of the workshop

The workshop will focus on training participants on Linking Population and Housing Censuses with Agricultural Censuses based on FAO/UNFPA guidelines and discuss regional issues relevant to integrating agriculture into Population and Housing Censuses in the Near East region. At the workshop, participants will exchange country experiences on the subject and how the two censuses would benefit from each other technically and financially. and. The specific objectives of the workshop include:

1. To share technical knowledge, principles and concepts of linking population to agricultural census;
2. Participants will discuss emerging issues related to both population and agricultural censuses
3. To enhance the capacity of the member countries
4. To demonstrate the gains from linkage and how to carry out this integration of censuses.
5. To encourage population and housing census decision makers about the feasibility of an integrated census and open channels for further coordination.

Output

A comprehensive and detailed workshop report with recommendations will be produced. On existing policies, investments, and support for global and regional initiatives in improving agricultural and rural development statistics for food security in the region will be produced.

Resource Staff

Experienced statisticians from FAO HQ and RNE Regional office, and from ESCWA will provide the training, and moderate discussions.

Participants

Participants from 20 countries – namely Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, UAE and Yemen – are invited to the workshop, and hence expected to attend the workshop. The workshop will bring together the professional statisticians working in the areas of agricultural censuses and surveys and population and housing censuses.

Participants are expected to prepare and bring with them a brief (10-15 minutes) PowerPoint presentation about their practices of conducting agricultural censuses and population and housing censuses, as well as examples of their integration (if available). The presentation should ideally be prepared jointly by staff involved in Agricultural, and Population and Housing censuses. Wherever possible, the participants are encouraged to prepare this presentation in English. Presentations in Arabic will also be accepted.