



Global Strategy
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High Level Stakeholders Meeting on the Global Strategy *From Plan to Action*

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Background Note



Background

The *Action Plan to implement the Global Strategy* was adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission in February 2012. Prior to its adoption, a *Meeting of Resource Partners* organized in October 2011, confirmed the high support from all stakeholders for the implementation of the Strategy. Since then, a Global Trust Fund has been created at FAO and initial funds have been received by partners. Governance Structures at Global level (Global Steering Committee and Global Executive Board) have been put in place and are functional. The regions have prepared or initiated the preparation of their Regional Action Plans and set-up their regional governance structures. Initial funds have been disbursed to technical partners in order to start implementing technical activities. And resource mobilization efforts are being pursued.

Purpose of the meeting

The aim of the meeting is to officially launch the Implementation of the Global Strategy for a renewed coalition of partners to support the Strategy. The meeting will provide an opportunity to update the stake holders with the status of the activities carried out so far under the umbrella of the *Global Strategy to Improve Agriculture and Rural Statistics*.

The preparatory work done by the partners to support and operationalise the Strategy, since the *Meeting of Resource Partners* in October 2011, will be presented. As side events, the meetings of the Global Steering Committee and Global Executive Board of the Strategy will also be organized. The three-day event will include High Level Expert Meetings on policy monitoring and selected methodological issues of the Global Strategy.

The themes will include:

- 1) Assessing Country Capacity to Produce Agricultural and Rural Statistics;
- 2) Developing Sector Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics and Integration into the National Strategies for Development of Statistics (NSDS);
- 3) Master Sampling Frames (MSF) for Agricultural and Rural Statistics;
- 4) New Metrics to Measure and Monitor Performance in Agriculture and Food Security.

The Experts Meetings will act as Scientific Committee to advise the Global Office on technical content and best modalities of harnessing the methodological developments on the above technical topics.

Expected outcomes

The conclusions of the expert meetings will guide the research agenda and other technical activities of the Global and Regional Action Plans. The methodological work on Country Assessment will be finalized and adopted as a tool for obtaining baseline information and for periodic monitoring of country capacities. The meeting will also increase the visibility of the Global Strategy among stakeholders.

Participants

Resource Partners, Participating Partners, Leading experts, Premier research institutions and selected countries representatives will be invited.

