



Expert Meeting 2

Developing Sector Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics and Integration into the National Strategies for Development of Statistics

04 DECEMBER 2012, 14:00 – 17:30

RED ROOM, WFP HEADQUARTERS

Background

One of the major activities for the Action Plan of the Global Strategy is the development of Sector Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SSPARS) which begin the process of improving agricultural and rural statistics. These form part of National Strategies for Development of Statistics (NSDS) which provides countries with a vision and strategic plan across the entire national statistical system. The development of the NSDS based on sector plans is now seen as the cornerstone of NSDS development.

However, the inclusion of agriculture into NSDSs has remained low and, in addition, agricultural statistics faces the unique challenge of coordination among multiple producers and users which cut across a variety of sectors. Specific guidelines on the development of agricultural sector strategic plans for statistics therefore need to be developed to address these challenges.

Objectives

1. An annotated outline for the *Guidelines on Sector Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics* (including content of sector plans) agreed by the expert group.
2. Identify key challenges in development and implementation of sector strategic plans.
3. Identify best practice examples from country experiences addressing the key challenges.

Provisional Timetable

CHAIR: Ms. Anna Sarotte, Paris21	
14:00 – 14:05	Overview of the current situation in developing SSPARS and link to the Global Strategy (Mr. Naman Keita, FAO)
14:05 - 14:25	Presentation of country experiences: Laos and Tanzania
14:25 - 14:35	Discussion of country experiences
14:35 - 14:45	Presentation of concept note on key challenges (Ms. Nancy Chin, FAO)
14:45 - 15:30	Discussion of concept note
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee-break
16:00 – 16:10	Presentation of country experiences: Mozambique
16:10 - 16:25	Presentation of annotated outline of the proposed guidelines on sector strategic plans for agricultural and rural statistics (SSPARS) (Mr. Christophe Duhamel, FAO)
16:25 - 16:40	Presentation of case study of Peru on agricultural sector plan design and implementation following the annotated outline (Mr. Miguel Galmes, consultant to Peru)
16:40 - 17:20	Discussion - annotated outline of the proposed guidelines on sector strategic plans for agricultural and rural statistics (SSPARS)
17:20 - 17:30	Conclusion