



WORKSHOP

New metrics to measure and monitor performance in agriculture and food security

5 December 2012

Venue: World Food Programme, Room 0R00 (Red Room)

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The context

With agriculture, food and nutrition security taking centre stage in the international development agenda, a need has emerged to both systematize and harmonize the way progress can be measured and monitored. This need is being driven by resource allocations, interventions and policies that are increasingly premised and prioritized on comprehensive, timely and objective evidence. The heightened emphasis on evidence-based decision-making requires rising to the collective information demands of countries, resource partners and international organizations in their pursuit of development goals.

In meeting emergent needs, FAO is widening the evidence base, compiling novel metrics on food and nutrition security as well as developing new suites of indicators that assess the performance of agriculture. In order to be more 'client-orientated', a scorecard framework has been designated that will enable comparisons across countries and over time. But scorecards can potentially offer much more.

To assess this potential, a side event at the recent Committee on World Food Security (CFS) was convened. Participants comprised development partners including those that have already leveraged the use of scorecards and other metrics in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) frameworks for evidence-based learning. This event sought to shed light on (i) how complex phenomena, such as agricultural development and food security can be monitored and measured, thus facilitating policy formulation and resource allocation; (ii) identifying country needs, capacity and commitments, and mapping them into programmes of work thereby informing decision-making; (iii) how country scorecards can inform a corporate scorecard; (iv) how scorecards can be used to better coordinate the development efforts of resource partners and development agencies; and (v) how can scorecard initiatives be aligned to facilitate synergies among stakeholders.

Objectives

This one-day workshop will continue to build on the findings of the CFS side event, with an aim to clarify pathways that could implement an all-encompassing performance measurement and monitoring framework for agriculture, food and nutrition security. The workshop will focus on the perspectives of users, concrete applications of the scorecard approach, and identify and agree on ways forward. With the participation of a broad array of stakeholders, the workshop will focus on three objectives:

- 1) Stocktaking:** *What are current initiatives to measure, monitor and evaluate performance at national and global levels? How can scorecards best reflect the views of users and address their needs? What are the linkages between policy, targeting, aid strategies, resources and accountability?*
- 2) Application:** *Have initiatives in the agricultural sector affirmed the role of scorecards and the need for new systems to measure and monitor? What are the concrete applications that can help us move forward?*
- 3) Ways forward:** *What are the lessons learned and what information gaps exist? What resources are needed? How can development partners share results of current M&E efforts and how can they do more to support each other? How can we harmonize approaches? Can frameworks be linked to donor accountability, especially the five Rome principles?*



Agenda

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09:00	Opening: Welcome, Purpose, Agenda	Facilitators ¹
09:15	Introducing the Scorecard Framework	Pietro Gennari
09:30	Scorecards from users' perspective	Mary Bohman Prabhu Pingali Minà Dowlatchahi
10:15	Session 1: Stocktaking - Q/A	Facilitators
10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00	Concrete Applications (1)	Alessandra Garbero Federica Saliola Joyce Luma Carlo Cafiero
12:00	Session 2: Application – Q/A	Facilitators
12:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:30	Concrete Applications (1)	Dolf te Lintelo José Valls-Bedeau Mary Bohman
14:15	Session 2 – Applications, Q/A continued	Facilitators
14:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:00	Session 3 – Ways Forward	Facilitators
16:00	Review Closing Remarks	Facilitators Pietro Gennari

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