



Global Strategy
IMPROVING AG-STATISTICS



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GLOBAL ACTION PLAN:
*Overview of the Plan,
Main Achievements and
Priorities for 2013*



Outline

1. Overview of the Global Action Plan

- Mandate and Preparation
- Goal, purpose, outputs (logframe)
- Key Components
- Country Assessment
- Technical components
- Governance mechanisms: Global, Regional and National
- Funding mechanisms

2. Main Achievements

- Preparation of Regional Plans
- Resource Mobilization
- Methodological Work
- Country Work

3. Priorities for 2013





OVERVIEW OF THE PLAN

Mandate and Preparation

- The 41st Session of the UN Statistical Commission in February 2010 endorsed the technical content and the strategic directions of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural & Rural Statistics
- At its 41st Session, the UNSC also mandated FAO to prepare an Action Plan to implement the Global Strategy
- As for the Strategy, inclusive process with wide consultation for its preparation (FAO, World Bank, Friends of Chair Working Group on Agriculture Statistics, a large number of national and international stakeholders)
- The plan has been endorsed by the UNSC at its 43rd session in February 2012



OVERVIEW OF THE PLAN

Impact, Outcome, Outputs (I)

IMPACT:

- Improved evidence based decision-making for poverty reduction, increased food security and sustainable agriculture and rural development
 - ✓ Indicator 1: *Average score on the use of statistics in food security and sustainable agriculture policy making (based on PARIS21 score)*

OUTCOME:

- Enable target countries to develop sustainable statistical systems for the production and dissemination of accurate and timely agricultural and rural statistics, comparable over time and across countries
 - ✓ Indicator 2: *Agricultural statistics capacity (score from country assessment)*
 - ✓ Indicator 3: *Number of target countries that have agreed a minimum set of core data to be produced (country assessment)*

OVERVIEW OF THE PLAN

Impact, Outcome, Outputs (II)

GLOBAL OUTPUT 1: Effective governing bodies set-up and functioning at global and regional level

- ✓ Indicator 4: *Regional action plans developed*
- ✓ Indicator 5: *Consolidated financial and narrative reports regularly submitted to Global Steering Committee and Resource Partners by Fund Administrator*

GLOBAL OUTPUT 2: Coordinating bodies of national statistical system, legal framework and strategic plans established in target countries to enable the integration of agriculture into the national statistical system

- ✓ Indicator 6: *Proportion of target countries that have integrated agricultural and rural statistics into their NSDSs (country assessment)*
 - ✓ Indicator 7: *Proportion of national budget for agricultural statistics*
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Impact, Outcome, Outputs (III)

GLOBAL OUTPUT 3: New cost-effective methods for data collection, analysis and dissemination developed and disseminated

- ✓ Indicator 8: *Number of guidelines and technical reports produced by the Global Strategy Programme on funded research topics*
- ✓ Indicator 9: *Number of publications in peer reviewed international scientific journals or meetings produced by the Global Strategy Programme on funded research topics*

GLOBAL OUTPUT 4: Increased capacity of agricultural statistics staff in training centers (trainers) and target countries

- ✓ Indicator 10: *Regional training centers have permanent qualified trainers/staff in advanced agricultural statistics*
- ✓ Indicator 11: *Number of target countries with statistical staff having core skills and advanced skills in agricultural statistics*

REGIONAL OUTPUTS: to fit under these 4 GOs



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Content

- Country Assessment to identify priority needs for TA and training
- Three technical components:
 - ✓ Research
 - ✓ Training
 - ✓ Technical assistance
- Governance mechanism
- Funding mechanism





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Country Assessment

- **Stage 1: Standard Country Assessment Questionnaire**
Assessment of national statistical development and grouping of countries according SD level

- **Stage 2: In-depth assessment through country visits**
 - ✓ Assessment of national statistical development and grouping of countries according SD level
 - ✓ Inventory of ongoing capacity building
 - ✓ Gap analysis
 - ✓ Priority setting with all stakeholders
 - ✓ Preparation of a national plan



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Technical components (I)

	Global level	Regional level	Country level
TA	Developing cross-regional standards and guidelines	Providing TA and coordinating regional technical assistance	Implementing technical assistance
Training	Developing cross-regional training materials	Adapt to regional specificities, organize training in regional training centers and support countries training activities	Implementing training activities through, on-job, e-learning, training in regional centers
Research	Organizing research on new cost-effective methods in agricultural statistics	Collaborate with Global level to ensure that special research needs of the region are taken into account and organizing region-specific research	Validate methods at local level, contribute to field test, adopt and implement methods



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Technical components (II): RESEARCH

Reference framework: mainstreaming agriculture into the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS); Integrated Survey Framework.

Master frame for integrated survey: Use of technology such as GPS/remote sensing, linking area frames with list frames.

Data collection methods: Estimation of crop area, yield and production; cost of production; enumerating nomadic livestock; adoption of new technologies; forestry and deforestation; Inland fishery/aquaculture; crop forecasting;

Food security: estimation of supply utilization account, food balance sheets, food stocks and edible forest products, nutrition indicators, use of households surveys/LSMS for food security indicators.

Market information: estimation of farm gate prices, collecting rural and border market prices.

Data analysis: reconciliation of census and survey data, use of small area estimation methods for improving agricultural statistics.

Administrative data: improvement and use of administrative data



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Technical components (III): **TRAINING & T.A.**

TRAINING

- Staff of National Statistical Agencies – on the job & formal training
- Strengthen Capacity of regional training centres

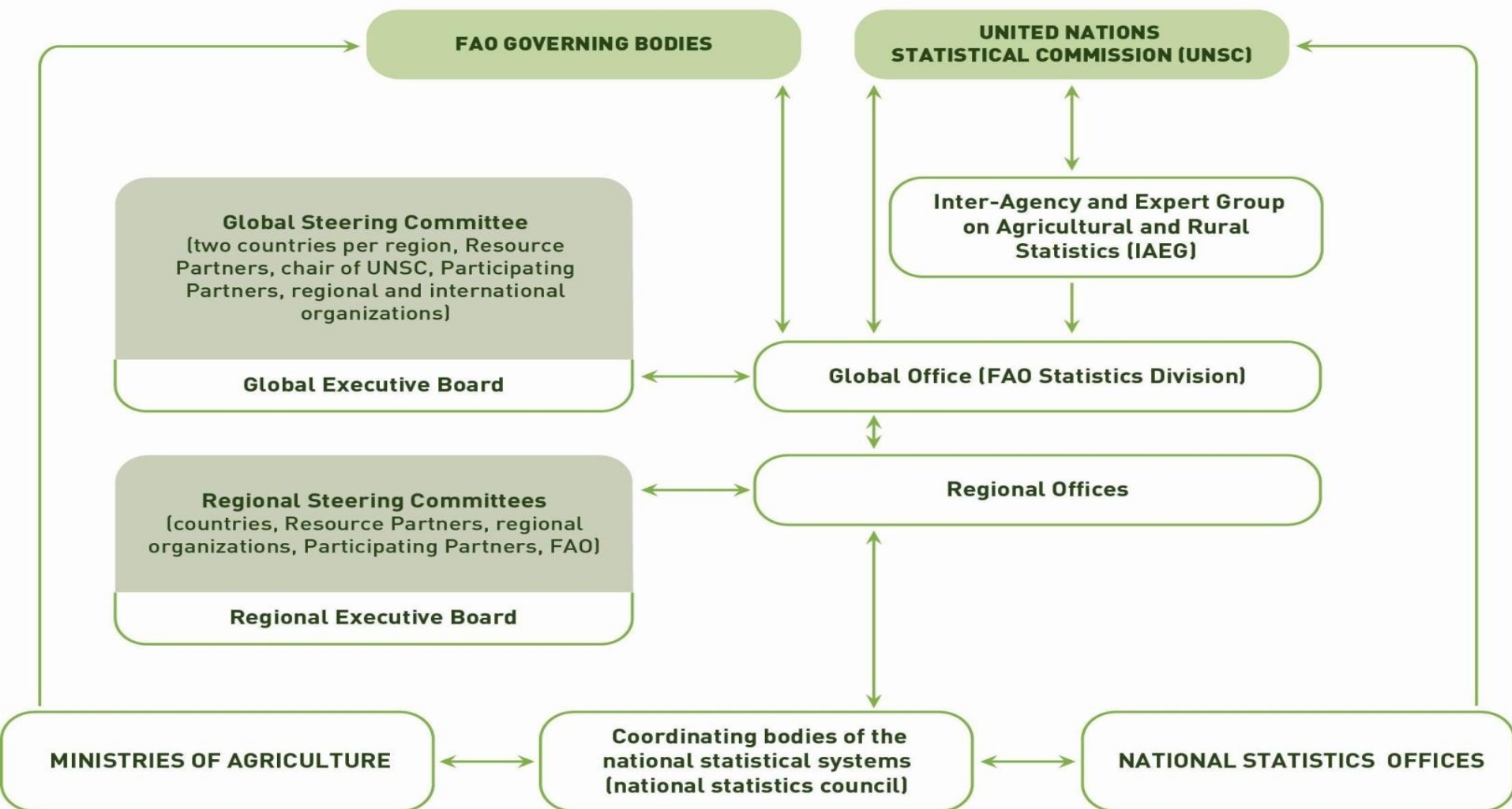
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Institutional and organizational strengthening
 - ✓ Legal framework
 - ✓ Coordination among statistical producers
 - Mainstreaming agriculture into NSDS
 - Advocacy
 - Agriculture Census &
 - Capacity Development on NEW methods for collection of Minimum Core Data (Use of PDA/CAPI/GPS, Development and use of master sample frame etc).
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Governance Mechanism (I)





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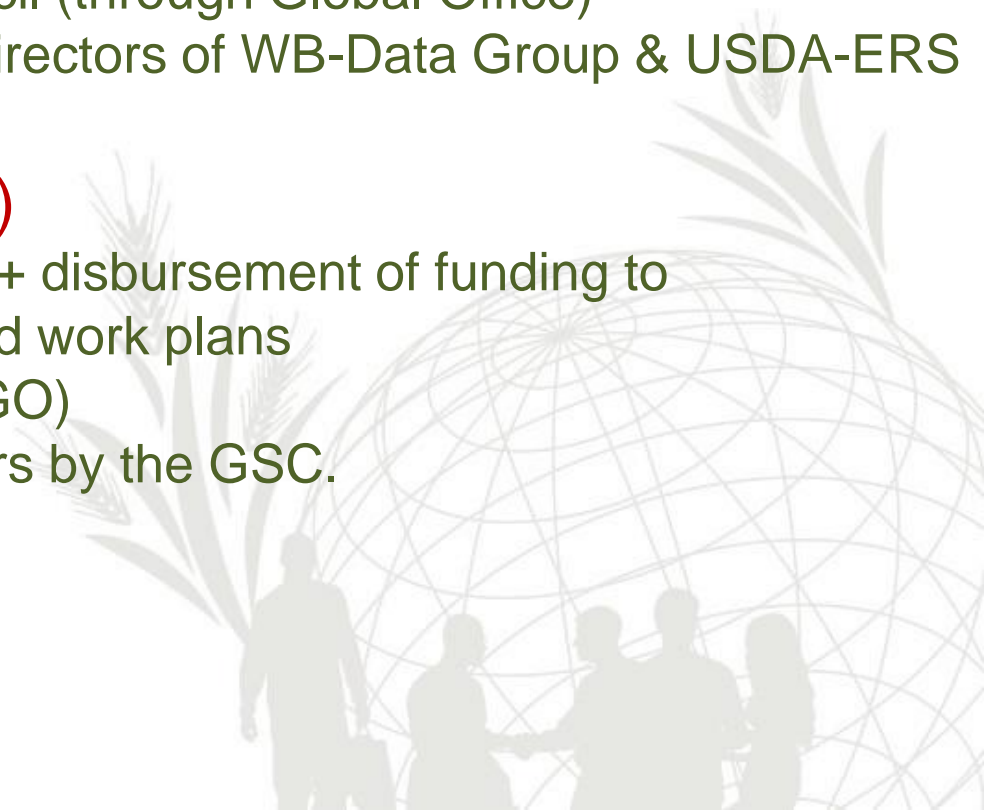
Governance Mechanism (II)

Global Steering Committee (GSC)

- Strategic guidance and oversight + decision making body for the strategic allocation of Global Trust Fund resources
- Reports to UNSC and FAO Council (through Global Office)
- 2 co-chairs elected for 2 years: Directors of WB-Data Group & USDA-ERS

Global Executive Board (GEB)

- Executive committee of the GSC + disbursement of funding to participating partners for approved work plans
- Supported by the Global Office (GO)
- Chair (Ethiopia) elected for 2 years by the GSC.





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Governance Mechanism (III)

Global Office (GO)

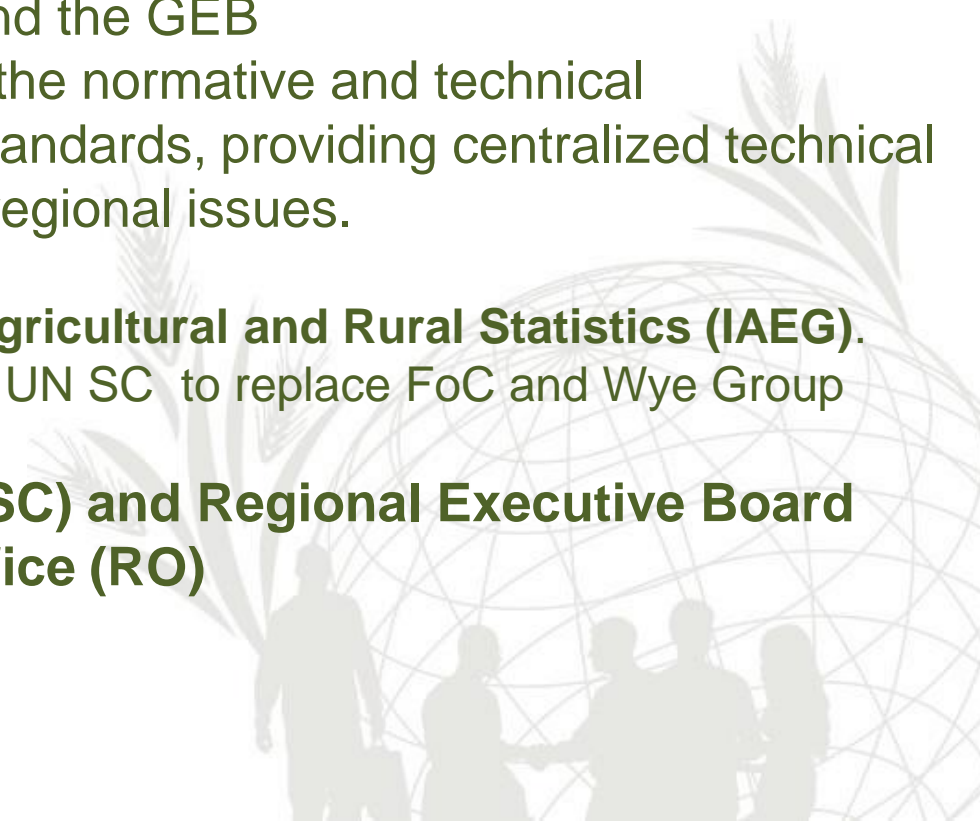
- Hosted by FAO Statistics Division of FAO and **ensures overall technical coordination of the implementation of the Global Strategy**
- Acts as Secretariat of the GSC and the GEB
- Participating Partner tasked with the normative and technical coordination work, establishing standards, providing centralized technical and practical guidance on cross-regional issues.

Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Agricultural and Rural Statistics (IAEG).

Established by The 43rd session of the UN SC to replace FoC and Wye Group

Regional Steering Committee (RSC) and Regional Executive Board (REB)-if needed- and Regional Office (RO)

National Governance





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Funding modalities

Flexible approach

- Voluntary contributions to the Global Trust Fund (Funds Administrator at FAO TC Dept) for implementation of activities in integrated budget adopted by UNSC and GSC
 - Other modalities (but alignment of activities with Global Strategy)
 - Bilateral agreement: Resource Partner – Technical Partner (FAO or Regional Organization)
 - Bilateral agreement: Resource Partner - Country
 - Agreements between developing countries (South -South cooperation agreements)
 - FAO or Regional Organisation own resources (example of FAO TCP projects and technical assistance from assessed contributions)
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MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Regional Partnerships & Regional Action Plans

- **Africa:** Regional plan completed (AfDB, UNECA with support of FAO); Country Assessment on-going.
- **Asia-Pacific:** Draft Regional plan prepared (ESCAP, ADB, FAO); First phase Country Assessment conducted.
- **Latin America-Caribbean:** Mandate from Statistical Committee; Working group (led by Brazil) and preparation of the plan started (with UNECLAC and FAO); Country Assessment started.
- **CIS:** Mandate from CISSTAT; Working group formed (with support of CISSTAT and FAO) and preparation of the plan started.
- **Near East:** First expert group meeting organized; Proposal to be submitted to Statistics Committee in December (FAO-UNESCWA).



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Governance & Resource Mobilization

- Global Governance mechanisms established (GSC, GEB, GO)
- Global Trust Fund established at FAO
- FAO, manual of procedures, monitoring & reporting system in place
- Meeting of resource partners 28 Oct 2011
- Agreement signed with DfID (25M\$)
- Agreement signed with BMGF (15M\$)
- Agreement approved by Italian Cooperation (200000 \$);
- Contributions of AfDB and ADB to regional plans and activities at regional level;
- Discussions on-going with I-ADB, IsDB, EC, other resource partners
- Partnership with other on-going initiatives for synergy: WB-LSMS, BMGF-Livestock Statistics project; GEOGLAM etc..



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Methodological Work

- **Standard Country Assessment Questionnaire**, and Capacity Indicators: meeting in December;
 - **FAO/UNFPA Guidelines** on linking Population and Housing Census with Agricultural Census: published and workshops on-going;
 - **Guidelines on Cost of Production**: Expert meetings and preparation of guidelines started;
 - **Guidelines on Sector Strategy for Agricultural Statistics** and mainstreaming into NSDS: Upcoming expert meeting in December;
 - **Development of Master Sampling Frame** for integrated surveys: first expert meeting in December;
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Country Work

- **First phase country assessment** in all countries in Asia and Africa. Started in LAC
- Joint FAO/PARIS21 work on **agricultural sector statistics strategic plans** in Laos, Mozambique, Peru.
- **CountrySTAT**: upgrading (open source) and expansion of the platform for on-line data dissemination and addition of a module on availability of Global Strategy **Minimum set of core data** (<http://www.countrystat.org/home.aspx?c=MLI&tr=36>)
- Joint FAO/USDA missions in Tanzania to **pilot testing the implementation of Global Strategy and prepare a country programme**

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Tanzania country programme

COMPONENTS (with cost and timeline)	Lead National Agency	Proposed Lead Partner	Source of funding
1. Preparation of the Sector Strategic Plan for Agriculture & Rural Statistics	NBS with line ministries	FAO & AfDB	Global Strategy & others (TBD)
2. Assessment & refocus of ARDS	MAFC with NBS & other line ministries	JICA	JICA
3.1 Annual Agricultural Sample Survey: <i>Development of sampling frames & sample designs</i>	NBS & line ministries with EASTC	USDA	USAID
3.2 Annual Agricultural Sample Survey (<i>design, pilot testing in 2 regions</i>)	NBS with MAFC & MLFD	USDA	USAID & others
4. Capacity Development <i>study effective agricultural statistics systems in other countries, training of staff</i>	NBS & line ministries with EASTC	FAO/AfDB/UNE CA/USDA	Global Strategy & others (TBD)



PRIORITIES FOR 2013

- Complete the establishment of the Global Office
 - Support to Global Governance (GSC, GEB, scientific advisory committee, Inter Agency Expert Group)
 - Support to Regional Partners to finalize their Regional Plans (with focus on LAC, Near East, CIS)
 - Pilot Country level activities
 - Advocacy and communication
 - Resource Mobilization: closing the funding gap, particularly for 3 regions: NER, LAC and CIS
 - Priority topics for methodological work in 2013
 - Development of standard guidelines
 - Development of training materials +training curricula
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Stakeholders and Expert Meetings 3-5 December 2012 in Rome:

<http://www.fao.org/economic/ess/ess-events/global-strategy-2012/en/>



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