

# ***Launching Ceremony of the Global Strategy***

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***Improving Statistics for Food Security, Sustainable  
Agriculture & Rural Development***

***An Action Plan for Africa (2011-2012)***

## **Implementation progress report**

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# ***1. Background***

## ***1.1. Development process and implementation agencies***

- **Development process:**

- Developed since 2010 (by AfDB, ECA, FAO & AUC) and published in May 2011.
- Shared and discussed with key stakeholders at several foras
- Co-signed by the Executive Chiefs of FAO, AfDB, ECA, AUC.
- **Africa is the first region to develop and implement an AP of the Global Strategy.**

- **Implementing agencies:**

- AfDB: TA, including Governance mechanism
- ECA: Training
- FAO: Research (=Global good).



## 1.2. Key stakeholders

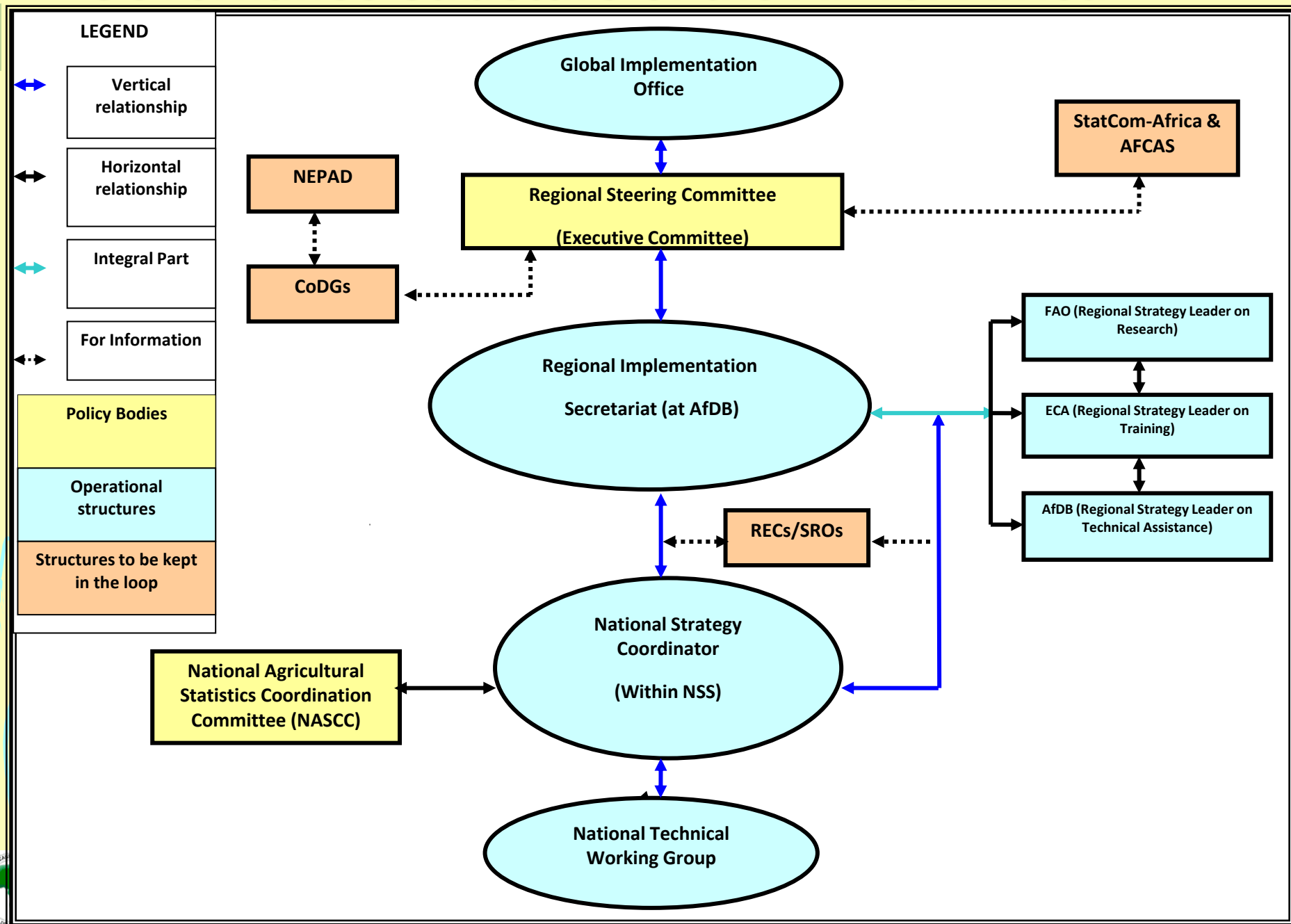
- ❑ **Main beneficiaries:** African countries.
- ❑ **Leading Implementation agencies:** AfDB, ECA and FAO.
- ❑ **Other African Institutions:** AU, RECs and SROs mainly (AFRISTAT, Regional Statistical Training Centres), etc.
- ❑ **Existing structures:** StatCom-Africa CoDGs, ASCC, AFCAS, NEPAD, NASCCs, etc.
- ❑ **Development partners:** Contributing donors
- ❑ **Others:** UN system, etc.

# *1.3. Governance mechanism for AP-Africa*

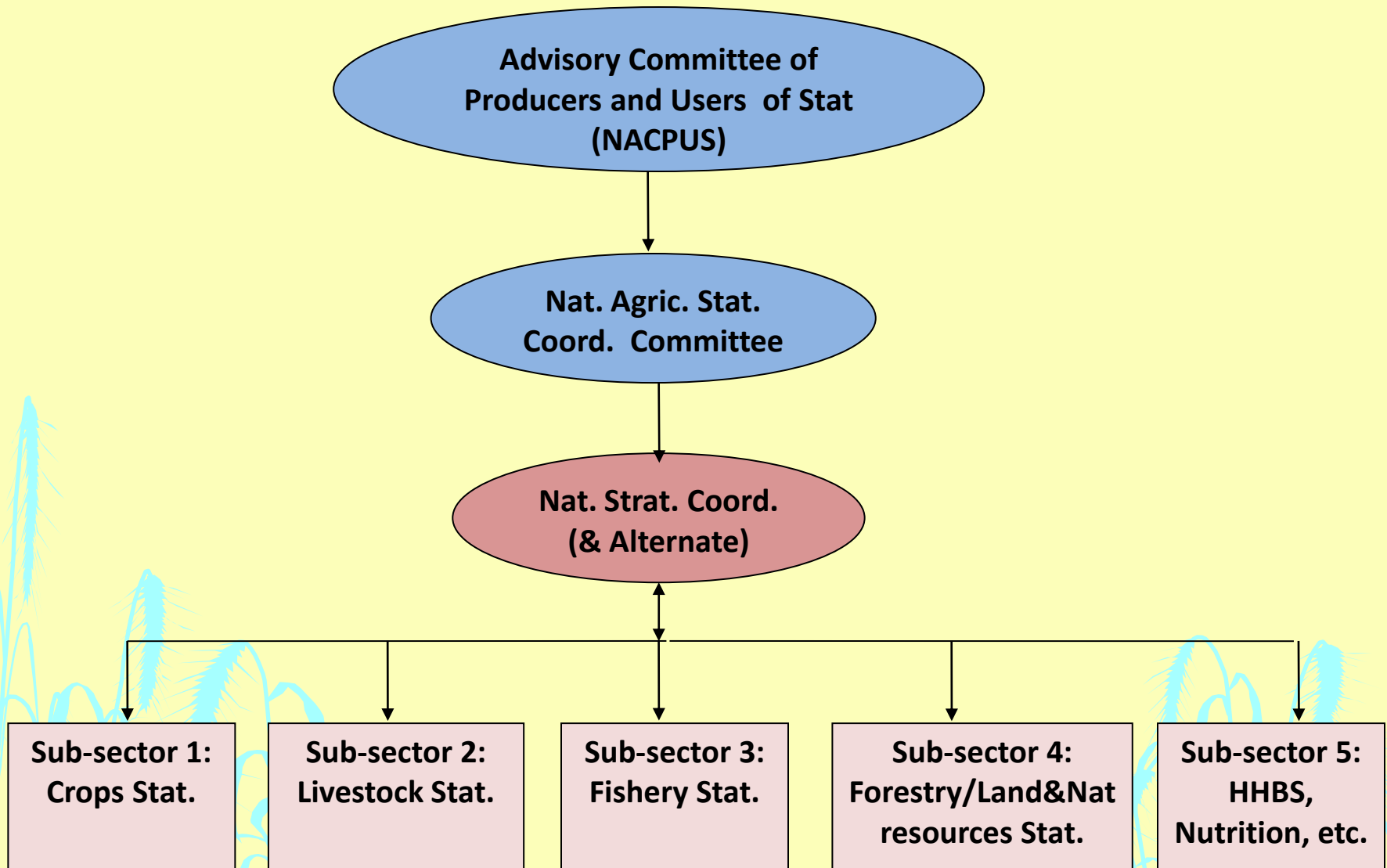
## **Goal**

**To establish institutional framework and coordination arrangements aimed at defining linkages between processes and structures**

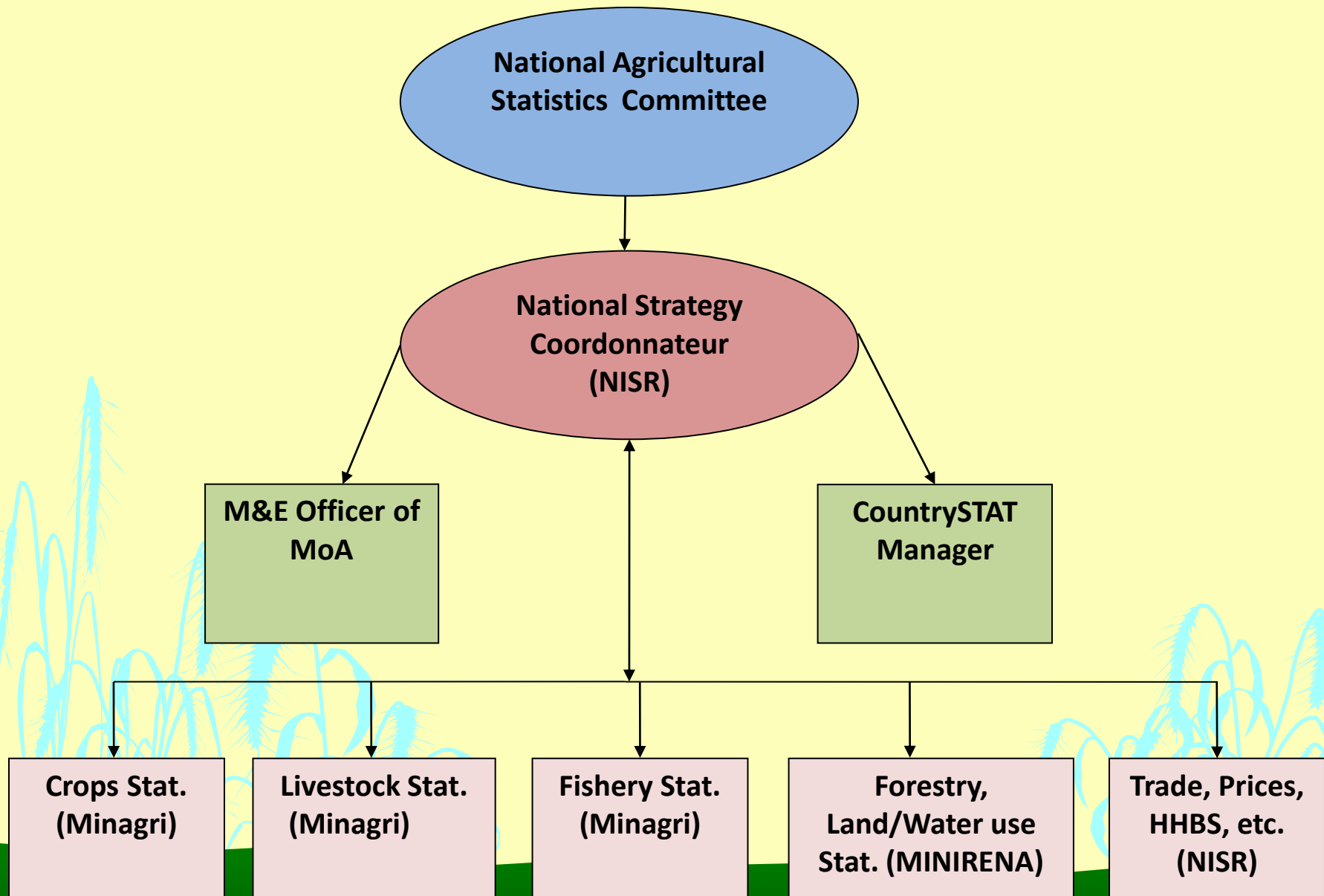
# Governance structure of the AP for Africa



# ***National Governance framework on Agric Stat in Ghana***



# ***Rwanda National Technical Working Group on Agricultural Statistics***





## 1.4. Technical components

### ➤ **Research (=Global Good)**

Frameworks for Ag statistics

Master frame/integrated surveys

Data collection methods

Food security indicators and methods

Market information indicators and methods

Data analysis

Administrative data

# Training (Specific to Africa)

- **Improve/develop curricula**
  - Specialized courses (e.g. use of remote sensing)
  - Develop a broad package of training courses (initial/advanced, general/specialized, long/short duration; formal/on the job)
- **Strengthen existing training institutions**
  - Establish regional centers of excellence for advanced training
  - Enable National Institutions for initial training
- **Promote self-learning** by developing new training tools: e-learning, distance learning
- **Strengthen real demand for training**/Develop a training market

# ***Technical Assistance (Specific to Africa)***

## ■ **Elements**

1. **Design Sector Strategic Plans for Agricultural Statistics (SSPAS) in the context of NSDS**
2. **Development of institutional and organizational capacities**
3. **Development and harmonization of data sources, and**
4. **Data harmonization and management**



# ***Country Assessment (Specific to Africa)***

1. To determine the appropriate level of agricultural statistical development of the countries through:
  - Complete assessment of the statistical needs and capabilities
  - Minimum set of core data (of required quality) compiled timely and on a regular basis
2. Development of National Action Plans
3. Establishment of baseline information and M&E system



## ***1.5. Implementation strategy***

**Assessment of the level of agricultural statistical development of the countries: Quick and in-depth**

- ❑ *Country profiles and Grouping countries*** according to their level of development of agricultural statistics
- ❑ *National Action Plans***: after an in-depth CA
- ❑ *Prioritization of activities***: To be built based on the results obtained from the assessment of country needs and capacity
- ❑ *Implementation scenarios***: based on different levels of resources that will be made available
- ❑ *Phased approach*** = Doing by learning

# ***Grouping countries and phased approach - Preliminary work***

## **Group A**

Liberia, Congo Rep.,  
Comoros, Sao Tome  
and Principe, Central  
African Republic,  
Sierra Leone,  
Zimbabwe, Guinea  
Bissau, Somalia,  
Djibouti, Eq. Guinea  
and Libya

## **Group B**

Angola, Guinea,  
Burundi, Togo,  
Gambia, DRC,  
Eritrea, Chad,  
Sudan, Cote  
d'Ivoire,  
Cameroon and  
Seychelles

## **Group C**

Swaziland, Gabon,  
Madagascar,  
Namibia, Zambia,  
Ghana, Botswana,  
Mauritania, Cape  
Verde, Tanzania,  
Rwanda and  
Kenya

## **Group D**

Nigeria, Malawi,  
Niger, Morocco,  
Mozambique,  
Burkina Faso,  
Mauritius, South  
Africa, Senegal,  
Benin, Uganda,  
Ethiopia, Mali,  
Algeria, Egypt,  
Lesotho and  
Tunisia

# ***Models for delivering***

- ❑ **Leveraging existing structures:** Using existing structures at regional and sub-regional levels + National level
- ❑ **Harnessing regional capacities**
- ❑ **Using international experts:** Re South-South Cooperation, Twinning agricultural Statistics agencies, etc.
- ❑ **Partnership in the implementation**
- ❑ **M&E, and Risk management systems (Quid LogFrame)**



## ***2. Implementation status of the GS in Africa***

### **2.1. Development of the Action Plan**

- **AP: a product of a joint collaboration with stakeholders**
- **Includes Research, Training, TA&CA, Gov. mechanism**
- **Widely distributed and available in En&Fr, hard copy, soft copy ([www.afdb.org/documents/publications/](http://www.afdb.org/documents/publications/)), CD ROM and eBook**
- **It is a main reference document for developing and strengthening statistics for food security, sustainable agriculture, and rural development over the next five years**
- **Africa: the 1<sup>st</sup> Region to develop and implement the GS**





## ***2. Implementation status of the GS in Africa– Ct'd***

### **2.2. Presentation of the AP at different forums**

- **42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC), New York, February 2011: The AP endorsed by the UNSC**
- **Meeting of resource partners, Rome, September 2011: Donor coalition and establishment of the GTF**
- **22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the African Commission for Agricultural Statistics (AFCAS), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 30 – December 3, 2011: AP endorsed and owned**
- **StatCom-Africa III, Cape Town, South Africa, January 17–24, 2012: AP endorsed, owned and supported**
- **Training/launching workshops on the AP/CA instruments, Kigali (June 2012) and Addis Ababa (August 2012): instruments adopted and agreement on the implementation roadmap and operational arrangements**



## ***2. Implementation status of the GS in Africa– Ct'd***

### **2.3. Work plan and budget revisions**

- Involved the three key regional implementing agencies (AfDB, ECA, and FAO)
- Purpose: better alignment to global criteria and format, integration into the global budget, and fund availability
- RSTC and GEB approval of first GTF disbursement (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of 2012)
- Agreement: the Research to be taken care of by the Global Office (GO)



## ***2. Implementation status of the GS in Africa– Ct'd***

### **2.4. Establishment of operational governance structures**

#### **Regional governance structures**

- RSTC and EC: Fully operational (regular meetings)
- Coordination Unit: be progressively strengthened to take full responsibility for a Regional Secretariat and for the technical coordination of the implementation of the AP

#### **National governance structures**

- Required three levels of structures: *National Agricultural Statistical Coordination Committee (NASCC), National Strategy Coordinator (NSC), and Technical Working Group*
- 33 countries have already nominated their NSCs and alternates
- CA follow-up missions



## ***2. Implementation status of the GS in Africa– Ct'd***

### **2.5. Africa's contribution to global governance activities**

- **PPs (AfDB and ECA): active members of the GSC**
- **The Chair of StatCom-Africa: member of the GSC**
- **AfDB: Active member of the Global Executive Board (GEB)**
- **Ethiopia: Chair of the GEB**



## ***2. Implementation status of the GS in Africa– Ct'd***

### **2.6. Resource mobilization**

- **AfDB/FAO/World Bank joint missions to consult with potential donors**
- **Global Multidonor Trust Fund for Agricultural Statistics has been set up and hosted by FAO**
- **An MoU between the FAO and AfDB/ECA has been negotiated. It is a reference/template for other Participating Partners (PPs)**
- **AfDB contributions to the project**



## ***2. Implementation status of the GS in Africa– Ct'd***

### **2.7. Country Assessment operations**

#### **Preparatory work – CN and Framework:**

- **Concept note – Discussed and approved by the working team**
- **Framework – Based on the concept note direction**





## ***2.7. Country Assessment operations (Ct'd)***

### **Preparatory work - Instrument development**

#### **■ CA questionnaire/templates**

- **Designed jointly by AfDB and FAO, and customized to Africa's specificities**
- **Field-tested in 3 countries and translated into French**
- **Covered modules: (i) Overview of NSS, (ii) Ongoing statistical activities and constraints, (iii) Info on sub-sectors of Agriculture**
- **Guidelines integrated into the questionnaire**
- **Templates for data availability/quality assessment**

#### **■ Web Application for data compilation**



## ***2.7. Country Assessment operations (Ct'd)***

### **Preparatory work - Training/launching workshops**

#### **■ Participation record**

- 89 persons from 48 countries well briefed on the AP and trained on the CA instruments and process
- 41 countries were represented by two participants (NSO&MOA)
- 7 countries sent one representative (5 NSO's or 2 MOA's)
- 6 still need to be brought on board: Angola, Central African Republic, Eritrea, Libya, Namibia, and South Africa

#### **■ Outcome**

- Adoption of the CA instruments by country users
- Commitment to implement the roadmap on the way forward: (i) expand acquired knowledge to other nat. stakeholders, (ii) set up national governance structures, and (iii) compile/report CA information
- Building a strong foundation for following activities





## 2.7. Country Assessment operations (Ct'd)



### Achievements

- **Setting up national governance structures**
  - 33 countries have already nominated at least NSC's
- **Data collection/compilation**
  - Started in Nov 2012
  - The results to be reported country by country as they are recorded
- **CA follow-up missions to countries**
  - Planned from Nov 2012 – March 2013 (6 countries already done)
  - **Purpose:** ensure that (i) structures are in place and operational, (ii) CA data are effectively compiled, (iii) minimum core data sets are reported and their respective quality evaluated, and (iv) issues (challenges and constraints faced by countries) and concrete solutions are identified and implemented
  - 6 resource-persons appointed for this purpose
  - **Issues:** Country support (how?), other ongoing initiatives (Ex. EcoAgris, ARIS2 of AU), emerging areas (ex. environment, growing snails, etc.)

## ***2.8. Achievements of Training component***

### **Few preparatory work due to limited resources:**

- **Participation/contribution to the CA workshop training and launching**
- **Preparation of TORs of resources persons to be recruited**
- **Participation to the Global and Regional Steering Committees meeting**
- **MoU with the GTF being negotiated**
- **Agricultural Statistics Modules being drafted and adopted and in collaboration with ISI**
- **These modules from ISI to be piloted with EASTC on Agricultural Statistics**



## ***2. Implementation status of the GS in Africa– Ct'd***

### **2.8. Others**

- **Issuing the bulletins on the implementation status of the AP – Shared with stakeholders**



### ***3. Short-term next steps***

- Continuous resources mobilization (to cover the fund gap)
- Staffing the RO and Training Offices, and establishment of implementation structures at national level
- Complete the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of CA and issue the report
- In-depth assessment, and
  - Development of national action plans
  - Establishment of M&E baseline information
- Design Sector Strategic Plans for Agricultural Statistics (SSPAS) in the context of NSDS: Using a Bottom-up approach in developing NSDS
- Expanding CountrySTAT to countries/regional institutions not yet covered
- Key activities of the Training component

***Thank you for your kind attention***

