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Questionnaire on the evaluation of the system of agricultural and rural statistics of the country (1/2)



CIS-STAT has prepared and submitted to the statistical services of the CIS countries a Questionnaire on the evaluation of agricultural and rural statistics of the country.

The Questionnaire was developed in accordance with the Recommendations of FAO on the development of indicators of the country's potential.

The Questionnaire has been adapted with the account of features of the normative documents regulating statistical activity of the selected states of the CIS.

In evaluating the countries evaluation criteria recommended by FAO Standard Questionnaire were used.



In the CIS-STAT's Questionnaire 147 questions were included on which statistical offices of the CIS countries gave the answers corresponding to their practice.

Section IY of the Questionnaire «Existence of statistical information» included 81 questions on the quality of statistical data by selected fields of statistics (agriculture, national accounts, prices, labor resources and other).

All 11 states of the CIS have participated in filling up the Questionnaire (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine).

Summarizing the information provided by statistical services, has allowed to carry out the analysis of the system of agricultural statistics in the Commonwealth countries.



On the basis of the results of the Questionnaire a draft concept of the implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in the CIS region was developed.

The main components of the draft Concept are:

1. Analysis of the status and development of agricultural and rural statistics;
2. Technical assistance;
3. Program of professional training;
4. Program of task-oriented scientific research.

In the future, a lot of work with the participation of FAO to prepare a draft Plan for the Global Strategy in the CIS region will have to be done.



After summarizing the results of the Questionnaire and development of the draft concept a meeting of experts of the CIS statistical services was held in Moscow from 26 to 27 September 2012 to discuss the materials prepared by CIS-STAT.

As the main result of the work on the Strategy implementation in the CIS region experts of the CIS countries considered the formation on the basis of the international standards of:

- agreed methodological recommendations on agricultural and rural statistics for CIS;
- harmonized system of indicators of agricultural and rural statistics of the CIS countries;
- common database of agricultural and rural statistics.



In the Resume adopted by the meeting, the experts of the CIS Statistical Services noted that the implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in the CIS region is considered **as the basis for coordinated development of agricultural and rural statistics of all the CIS countries** the implementation activities of which involve national statistical services of the region.



Certain issues have been changed or not included in the Questionnaire for the reason of the specifics of statistical activities in the CIS countries. Thus, for example, the question on the agency responsible for the population census was not included. According to the legislation and practice of the CIS countries statistical services of the countries are responsible for the population census.

The list of indicators of agricultural and rural statistics (Section IV of the Questionnaire) was optimized.

The main problem when filling up the Questionnaire by statistical services was filling of chapter "Quality" of the section IY «Availability of statistical information».

Changes were made and adjustments to filling of the following sections of the Questionnaire are required:

Section II, subsection 2.1. "Financial resources";



Problems in the development and completion of the Questionnaire to on the evaluation of the system of agricultural statistics (2/2)



On the basis of information collected with the use of the Questionnaire, work continues on deeper analysis of a level of development of agricultural and rural statistics in the CIS region.

Implementation of the Strategy will require a wide range of conditions, including not only a successful improvement of existing agricultural and rural statistics, but also appropriate financial and human resources in statistics.



Thank you for your attention