



Task force on Statistics and Projections

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON TEA



Background

- Increase transparency and the quality of data collected for the analysis of the tea market.
- Enhance the participation on Member Countries in the Generation of Medium-term Outlook for tea.
- Capacity building: short-term and medium-term analysis
- Policy analysis



Task force at work



- The Secretariat held a capacity building workshop on statistics and projections **13-14 November 2013**, which was attended by focal points from Kenya, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania.
- The activities of the Workshop were divided into three main areas.
 1. Review of the methodology and concepts underlying the structure of the FAO Tea model was discussed.
 2. Review of the FAO Tea Database, its main features, application, and how it feeds into the FAO Tea Model. training on how to use the Tea Viewer.
 3. An introduction was delivered on the practice of commodity projections. A second presentation covered the topic of domestic prices, which enter the model on the demand side component, with a demonstration on how to make use of the web-based FAO Food price analysis tool.



Task force at work

- The Task force met again on **6 May 2014**, to agree on a specific plan of action for 2014, leading to the meeting in Bandung. The Task force agreed to:
 1. Consolidate the collaboration between the focal points and the Secretariat for the generation of medium-term. Some Member Countries are still to nominate new Focal points.
 2. Focal points to provide/update projection numbers for production, consumption, trade, and macroeconomic data, if available. Also updated S&U numbers for 2013 should be provided. These should be prepared and sent to the Secretariat no later than 16 June 2014.
 3. The focal points to invite other producing and consuming countries to participate in the projections.





Tea Viewer

Two major challenges



- First, there are instances where focal points are still to be selected and their names communicated to the Secretariat.
- Second, resources should be allocated to support the activities of focal points, namely to attend workshops, intersession, and main sessions of the IGG. Resource availability remains a major constraint to the work of the Task force.





The way forward

- Designate Focal points to work with the Secretariat for matters of statistics, analysis, and projections. Each institution or Ministry to allocate budget for participation of focal points in the capacity building workshops, Intersessions, and main Sessions of the IGGs.
- To the extent possible, the focal points will need to be part of the official delegation attending the IGG meetings.
- Focal points should be more active in providing data and input to the Secretariat, as agreed at the 20th Session of the IGG.
- The secretariat is ready to host focal points during the period when the medium-term outlook for tea is developed, provided the cost is covered by the respective Member countries.





Thank You