



**Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics  
Regional Steering Committee for Asia and the Pacific  
First Meeting: 9-10 April 2013  
Venue: FAO RAP Conference Room**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Tuesday, 9 April 2013**

09:00-09:30 **Registration**

09:30-10:00 **Opening Ceremony**

Welcome Address

- [Venue Host] Mr Hiroyuki Konuma, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
- Mr Christophe Duhamel, Global Coordinator for the Global Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Statistics
- Mr Romeo Recide, Former chair of SGAS

10:00-10:20 **Agenda Item 1 - Election of a chair and deputy chair**

Chair: Mr Allan Nicholls [Regional Coordinator]

10:20-11:00 *Group Photo/ Coffee break*

11:00-11:40 **Agenda Item 2 – Overview of the Regional Action Plan (RAP)**

Presentation: Mr Romeo Recide [Former chair of SGAS]

- Overview of RAP objectives and outputs
- Approvals and endorsements
- Establishment of Regional Steering Committee (RSC)

*Objectives:* To provide an overview of the Regional Action Plan as background for the work of the committee.

11:40-12:15 **Agenda Item 3 - Governance structure & Role of the Steering Committee**

Presentation: Mr Jairo Castano [FAO RAP] and Ms Rikke Munk Hansen [UNESCAP]

- GSC-GEB-GO-RSC-RO-PP-National coordination mechanism
- Intergovernmental bodies (ESCAP Committee on Statistics, APCAS, Governing board of ADB)

12:15-13:45 *Lunch break*

13:45-14:30 **Agenda Item 4 – Activity Report from the Regional Office (RO)**

Presentation: Mr Allan Nicholls [Regional Coordinator]

- The Regional Office Set-up
- Activities to date
- Immediate Future Plans

*Objectives:* To advise the RSC of the structure and activities of the RO, and to obtain RSC approval of the 2012 narrative and financial report.

14:30-15:15 **Agenda Item 5a – Annual Work plan for 2013**

**– Regional Office and Technical Assistance components**

Presentation: Mr Allan Nicholls [Regional Coordinator]

- Approval process for the annual workplan
- overview of annual workplan for Regional Office and Technical Assistance components
- approval of Regional Office and Technical Assistance components

*Objectives:* To present the Regional Office and Technical Assistance components of the annual workplan for 2013 and obtain approval from the RSC.

15:15-15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30-16:15 **Agenda Item 5b – Annual Work plan for 2013 – Training component**

Presentation: Ms Margarita Guerrero [SIAP]

- overview of annual workplan for the Training component
- approval of the Training component

*Objectives:* To present the Training component of the annual workplan for 2013 and obtain approval from the RSC.

16:15-17:00 **Agenda Item 5c – Annual Work plan for 2013 – Research component**

Presentation: Ms Dalisay Maligalig [Asian Development Bank]

- overview of annual workplan for the Research component
- approval of the Research component

*Objectives:* To present the Research component of the annual workplan for 2013 and obtain approval from the RSC.

17:30-20:30 *Dinner*

**Wednesday, 10 April 2013**

09:30-10:15 **Agenda Item 6 – Related activities in the Region**

Presentation: Mr Allan Nicholls [Regional Coordinator]

- MTF/GLO/372/BMG: “Strengthening Agricultural Statistics in Anchor Countries - Phase 1: Assessment of Anchor Country Agricultural Statistics”
- MTF/GLO/359/BMG : “Strengthening Agriculture Market Information Systems (AMIS) using innovative methods and digital technology”
- “Feed the Future” program – US work in Bangladesh and India
- World Bank project on “Improving Statistical Capacity in Myanmar”
- AMIS, FSIN and IPC

*Objectives:* To advise the RSC of related work being undertaken in the region

10:15-10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30-12:00 **Agenda Item 7 – Identification of Pilot countries for 2013**

Presentation: Mr Anthony Burgard [FAO RAP]

- Proposed process for identification of countries
- *Discussion:* Methodology and confirmation of pilot countries for 2013

*Objectives:* To obtain confirmation of pilot countries for 2013

12:00-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30-14:15 **Agenda Item 8 - Activities by national statistical systems**

Presentation: Mr Wei Zhou [China]

- Introduction to the remote sensing application in crop acreage estimation in China

*Discussion:* Role of the RSC in supporting national activities

14:15-14:30 *Coffee break*

14:30-14:45 **Agenda Item 9 – Any Other Business**

Chair: RSC Chair

- Next meeting
  - Timing
  - Topics for discussion

14:45-15:15 **Agenda Item 10 – Way forward and Conclusions**

Speakers: RSC Chair and Venue Host

- Summary and recommendations.
- Evaluation of the meeting

*Objectives:* To summarize the meeting and the way forward