



**Workshop on
Strategic Planning for Agricultural and Rural Statistics**
*17-19 March 2015
Bangkok, Thailand*

Provisional Timetable

Day 1: 17 March 2015	
08:30 hrs.	Registration
09:00 hrs	Opening Session <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening address by Mr Hiroyuki Konuma, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative of the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific 2. Remarks by Mr Anis Chowdhury, Director ESCAP Statistics Division 3. Remarks by Ms Dalisay S. Maligalig, Principal Statistician, Asian Development Bank 4. Overview of the Workshop and adoption of the Timetable
10:00 hrs	<i>Photo Session and Coffee Break</i>
10:30-12:30 hrs.	Session 1: Review of Global Strategy activities in Asia-Pacific <p>This session will review the progress of Global Strategy activities in the region and take stock of experience of In-depth Country Assessments carried out in the implementing countries for the Regional Action Plan of the Global Strategy for Asia and the Pacific. Together with the experience of in-country activities of partner agencies, the session will identify the key issues and challenges faced in improving agricultural statistics in the region, which will set the stage for discussion during the subsequent sessions on various aspects of preparing SPARS in the implementing countries.</p> <p>Chair: Ms Dalisay Maligalig</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the progress of training activities (Ms Margarita Guerrero, ESCAP/SIAP) 2. Implementation status of the Global Action Plan (Ms Carola Fabi, FAO, Rome) 3. Issues in undertaking methodological research in agricultural and rural statistics Asia Pacific (Ms Dalisay Maligalig, ADB) 4. Common problems and challenges in the agricultural and rural statistics systems in Asia-Pacific (Mr Mark Miller, USDA,NASS)
12:30 hrs.	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00-15.00 hrs.	Session 1: Review of Global Strategy Activities in Asia Pacific (Continued) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Review of the progress of Technical Assistance activities in the implementing countries (Mr Allan Nicholls, FAORAP) 6. Interventions by selected countries and discussion
15:00 hrs.	<i>Coffee Break</i>

15:30- 17:00 hrs.	<p>Session 2: Strategic Planning for Improvement of Agricultural and Rural Statistics: Issues, Approaches and Best practices (continued to Day 2)</p> <p>This session will focus on key elements and processes of strategic planning for long term sustainable improvement in the capacities of agricultural statistics systems. Draft guidelines on Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS) will be presented and expert feedback and experience in developing SPARS in diverse country situations will be shared.</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Ben Kiregyera</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead Presentation (Prof. Ben Kiregyera) 2. Update on NSDS activities in Asia-Pacific: Lessons learnt and opportunities for integration with SPARS (Ms Gay Tejada, PARIS 21) 2. Experience of development of SPARS in Tanzania (Mr Mwisomba Titus, NSO, Tanzania) 4. Experience of ADB in preparing Country Action Plans (Prof. Isidoro David)
18:15 hrs.	Departure for dinner

Day 2: 18 March 2015

08:30-10:00 hrs.	Session 2: Strategic Planning for Improvement of Agricultural and Rural Statistics: Issues, Approaches and Best practices (Continued from Day 1) 5. SPARS: Launch, Assessment and Planning (Ms Carola Fabi, FAO, Rome) Roundtable discussion on SPARS preparation process and its contents in diverse country situations
10:00-10:30 hrs.	Coffee Break
10:30-12:30 hrs.	Session 3: Arrangements for Effective Institutional Coordination for Agricultural and Rural Statistics Institutional arrangements for coordinating statistical activities and sharing responsibility between NSOs and line ministries have a big impact on the development of agricultural statistics in the countries. The session will focus on gathering country experiences on legal and administrative provisions for a well-coordinated agricultural and rural statistics system which allows partnerships and clear understanding of roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders. The session will also attempt to gather experience on the processes followed by advanced countries for their statistical development, with particular reference to agriculture and rural statistics. Chair: Ms Sarah Hoffman 1. The scope of coordination in agricultural and rural statistics (Mr Mukesh Srivastava, FAORAP) 2. Country Presentations : Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Canada, China
12:30 hrs.	Lunch Break
14:00 hrs.	3. Country presentations: India, Japan, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand Discussions
15:30	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30 hrs.	Session 4: Newly Developed Methods for Agricultural Statistics In this session participants will be briefed on some of the newly developed methods which may be suitable for use in countries in the Asia Pacific region. The session will also receive feedback from GS implementing countries on their research needs and interest in specific methodologies. Chair: Prof. Isidoro David 1. Recent developments in the research component (Mr Dalip Singh and Ms Carola Fabi, FAO, Rome) 2. Experience of ADB in methodological research in selected countries (Ms Dalisay Maligalig, ADB) 3. Newly developed guidelines for fisheries and aquaculture statistics (Ms Sachiko Tsuji, FAO, Rome) Discussion

Day 3 : 19 March 2015

08:30-10.30 hrs.	<p>Session 5: Issues to consider when developing SPARS</p> <p>This session will focus on the various strategic issues which need to be taken into consideration while developing SPARS. Integration of agricultural and rural statistics in the national statistics system is a pillar of the Global Strategy. Integration will have many facets, including integrated framework for censuses and surveys, Master Sampling Frame, integration of data captured through different technologies (RS, GIS, GPS, and personal interview), maintenance of integrated data bases on social, economic and environmental dimensions of human activities. The session will seek contributions on these issues as relevant to SPARS.</p> <p>Chair: Mr Mark Miller</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strategic vision for an integrated statistical system (Mr Mukesh Srivastava, FAORAP)2. Experience of the Philippines in establishing a Master Sampling Frame (Prof. Isidoro David)3. Planning for Survey Success (Ms Sarah Hoffman, USDA)4. SPARS: Implementation and Funding (Ms Carola Fabi, FAO, Rome)
10:30hrs.	Coffee Break
11:00-12.00 hrs	<p>Session 6: Closing Session</p> <p>Chair Person: To be decided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Presentation of conclusions (Mr Allan Nicholls, FAO)2. Concluding remarks (Mr Mukesh Srivastava, FAO)
12:00 hrs.	Lunch