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## **FIGIS – FIRMS**

### **Developing standards : the FIGIS experience**

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#### **Abstract**

In this session, we will have a look at the requirements and issues regarding the development of standards for FIGIS.

Part of FAO's mandate is to collect and disseminate information.

Since FIGIS is about integrating and sharing data, it requires the definition of standards. Those standards are of two types : Reference data (like standard codes and classifications) and data structure (how information should be structured for input and output).

A brief history of the process will be presented, starting from in-house data collection and case-studies. The process was then extended to a number of early partners.

Hands-on training was also provided to selected partners, in order to "get real-life" feedback.

A review of benefits and constraints related to using common shared standards will also be done.