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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON FOOD SECURITY, AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL STATISTICS (UN-CEAG)

Update on the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2030 and the Agriculture Science and Technology Indicators

Virtual Meeting (Open Meeting)

Tuesday, February 18th, 2024 - 9.00 AM – 10.30 AM (New York/EST time)

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Introduction

The [UN Committee of Experts on food security, agricultural and rural statistics](#) aims to develop and document good practices and guidelines on concepts, methods and statistical standards for food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development statistics. As such, the Committee also has the mandate to provide overall vision, coordination, prioritization and direction for the development of this statistical field and ensure its complementarity and integration in other relevant economic, social and environmental statistical framework.

The UNCEAG's **Programme of Work (2024-27)** comprises three areas of work a) the **World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2030**, b) the **Agriculture Science and Technology Indicators (ASTI)** and c) the use of **EO data for agricultural statistics and disaster impact monitoring and reduction**.

It is worth noting that the UN-CEAG's will discontinue work on the fourth stream on **Food Security and Nutrition Statistics (FSN)**, which will henceforth be the preserve of a new UN Expert Group on Food Security and Nutrition data and statistics (UN EG-FSN), expected to be established by the forthcoming 56th of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC).

The focus of this side event is to discuss the progress, achievement and future plans of two workstreams i) **World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2030** and ii) the **Agriculture Science and Technology Indicators (ASTI)**. The third work stream on the of EO data was discussed in a separate, dedicated UNSC side event on February 3rd, 2025 (see [here](#) for the meeting recording and more).

Objectives of the meeting

This meeting aims to:

- discuss the UN-CEAG's Programme of work (2024-27): Its revised mandate, implementation of workstreams, achievements and next steps;
- present in detail the workstream *on Programme for World Census of Agriculture*; in particular the focus will be on the update of the current 2020 round and the development of revised guidelines for the 2030 round;
- present in more detail the workstream on Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators (ASTI) – Development of guidelines, objectives, progress update and next steps.

Targeted Audience

All UNSC Members are invited to participate to this meeting and provide their views on the topics discussed. They might be represented by their 2025 UNSC official delegations and/or technical staff involved in the production of food security, nutrition, agriculture and rural statistics.

Meeting resources

1. Meeting documents are available [here](#)
2. For information on the work of the UN-CEAG is available [here](#)
3. UNSC 2024 Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on agricultural and rural statistics available in [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [Español](#) [Français](#) [Russian](#)

Logistics

The meeting will be held virtually through Zoom. Participants must register through the link below to receive meeting credentials.

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Meeting Agenda

Chair UN-CEAG: Mr **José Luis Hernández Rodríguez**, National Institute of Statistics and Geography, Mexico.

9:00-9:10 (EST time)	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming remarks• Objective of the meeting <p><u>Speaker:</u> Mr José Luis Hernández Rodríguez, National Institute of Statistics and Geography, Mexico.</p>
9:10-9:15	Update on the revised mandate of UN-CEAG <p><u>Presenter:</u> Mr Arbab Asfandiyar Khan, Economist Statistician, Statistics Division (FAO)</p>
SESSION 1a. 9:15-9:25	<i>Workstream on Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators (ASTI) – Objectives, progress update and next steps</i> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Mr Hernan Munoz, Statistician, Project Manager, Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators, (ASTI), Statistics Division, (ESS), Economic and Social Department (ES), FAO HQ.</p>
Session 1b. 9:25-9:45	Country experience: Piloting ASTI new approach in Nigeria <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr Musa Musa, Agriculture Research Council of Nigeria and ASTI Focal point</p> <p><i>Questions/Discussions</i></p>
SESSION 2 09:45-10:25	<i>Workstream on World Programme for the Census of Agriculture: Development of FAO Guidelines for the WCA 2030 – Objectives, progress update and next steps</i> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Mr Jairo Castano, Senior Statistician, Leader Agriculture Censuses Team, Statistics Division, (ESS), Economic and Social Department (ES), FAO HQ.</p> <p><i>Questions/Discussions</i></p>
10:25-10:30	Concluding remarks <p><u>Speaker:</u> Mr José Luis Hernández Rodríguez, National Institute of Statistics and Geography, Mexico.</p>
