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### **AGENDA ITEM 3**

**Overview of FAO activities in food and agriculture statistics and development on SDG Indicators relevant to African Countries since the 25th AFCAS Session**

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# I. INTRODUCTION

- the 155th session of the FAO Council held in December 2016 approved the **creation of a new Office of the Chief Statistician (OCS)**.
- **FAO has a decentralized statistical system, with several technical units operating under the broad oversight of OCS** to collect, process, analyze and disseminate data and statistics related to food, agriculture, fisheries, forestry and natural resources.
- The Office of Chief Statistician (OCS) is **responsible for the overall coordination and governance of the FAO's statistical work**, both at headquarters and in FAO's Regional and Country Offices. The Chief Statistician is supported by the **Interdepartmental Working Group on Statistics (IDWG)**.



# I. INTRODUCTION

- Under the governance of the Office of the Chief Statistician (OCS), the FAO Statistical Division (ESS) and the FAO Regional Office for Africa (RAF), as well as other FAO statistical units, have **collaborated closely to strengthen the capacity of Member States in the collection, processing, analysis, publication and dissemination of food, agricultural and rural statistical data**. Aspects relating to the establishment of **standards, norms and methodologies** have also been covered in order to ensure international comparability, harmonization and the use of modern technological tools for better statistical collection and production.
- This paper presents an overview of **FAO's activities in food and agricultural statistics relevant** to Africa region since the last 25th Session of the commission on:
  - ❖ (i) World Programme of the Census Agriculture **WCA 2020**;
  - ❖ (ii) Monitoring and Development of the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (**SDG Indicators**);
  - ❖ (iii) Support to Member States on **statistical development projects**
  - ❖ (iv) **Other activities**.



## II. WORLD PROGRAMME OF THE CENSUS AGRICULTURE WCA 2020

- The FAO World Programme for the Census of Agriculture provides **support and guidance to countries to carry out national agricultural censuses**. FAO has worked towards the **finalization and publication of the Guide to the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 for the period 2016 - 2025**.
- **This guide is divided into two volumes**, and should be used by countries for the implementation of their censuses for the period 2016-2025.
  - ❖ **The first volume deals with concepts and definitions.**
  - ❖ **The second volume will deal with methodological and operational issues** related to the implementation of the census.



## II. WORLD PROGRAMME OF THE CENSUS AGRICULTURE WCA 2020

- In December 2017, the FAO Statistics Division organized a **Global Consultation on the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 (WCA 2020), Volume 2 Operational Guidelines.**
- A **Regional Workshop on the Volume II “Operational Guidelines”** of the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 (WCA 2020) was organized from **17 to 21 June 2019 in Bujumbura, Burundi, for French-speaking African countries.** Another Regional Workshop for English-speaking African countries is planned for the year 2020.
- The documents of World Programme are available on the FAO website:

<http://www.fao.org/world-census-agriculture/en/>



### III. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS (SDG INDICATORS)

- Under the coordination and governance of the Office of the Chief Statistician (OCS), **FAO is proposed as ‘custodian’ UN agency for 21 indicators**, for SDGs :
  - ❖ 2 (Zero Hunger)
  - ❖ 5 (Gender Equality)
  - ❖ 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)
  - ❖ 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)
  - ❖ 14 (Life below Water)
  - ❖ and 15 (Life on Land)
  
- **FAO is a contributing agency for a further six:**
  - ❖ 1 (No Poverty)
  - ❖ 14 (Life below Water)
  - ❖ and 15 (Life on Land)
  
- **In this capacity, FAO is supporting countries’ efforts in monitoring the 2030 Agenda.**



### III. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS (SDG INDICATORS)

- The **highlights of the Indicators of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Indicators)** since the 25th Session of AFCAS are:
  - Workshop on **Open Agriculture (Statistics) Data**, 26 Feb - 01 Mar 2018, Nairobi, Kenya.
  - Training session on **Indicators 2.3.1** “Volume of production per labour unit by classes of farming/pastoral/forestry enterprise size” and **2.3.2** “Average income of small-scale food producers, by sex and indigenous status”, 20-21 March 2018, Turin, Italy.
  - **Training-of-trainers workshop** on sustainable development goal (SDG) **Indicator 2.a.1** “Agriculture Orientation Index (AOI) for Government Expenditures”, 27-28 March 2018, Turin, Italy.<sub>8</sub>





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- Training session on **Indicator 12.3.1** “Global food loss index”, 26-27 April 2018, Turin, Italy.
- Technical Consultation -cum- **Capacity Building Workshop** on **SDG Indicator 2.a.1**: Agriculture Orientation Index (AOI) for Government Expenditures, 5 - 8 Nov 2018, Rome, Italy.
- **National training workshops** on monitoring undernourishment (2.1.1) and food insecurity (2.1.2) in Angola, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Morocco, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia (2018-2019).
- **Sub-regional training workshops** on monitoring undernourishment (2.1.1) and food insecurity (2.1.2) in Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe



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- **National training workshops** on indicators **5.a.1** (women's access to land), **6.4.1/6.4.2** (water use efficiency and sustainability) and **12.3.1.a** (Food Loss Index).
- **Regional Capacity Building Workshop** on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) **Indicator 2.a.1** - Agriculture Orientation Index for Government Expenditures, Cairo, Egypt, 15-17 April 2019.
- **Sub-regional technical workshop on monitoring SDG target 6.4** on sustainable water use, Gaborone, Botswana, 2-4 April 2019.
- **FAO ILRI Regional Capacity Building Workshop on Monitoring SDG Indicators** in Eastern Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 10 - 14 June 2019.



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- **Training workshops** on indicators **5.a.1** (women's access to land) and **6.4.1/6.4.2** (water use efficiency and sustainability), 19-23 November 2018, and **12.3.1.a** (Food Loss Index), 11-13 June 2019, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- **Regional Capacity Development Workshop RNE/RAF on Farm Survey Based SDG Indicators (2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 5.a.1, 12.3.1):** Cairo, Egypt from 7 to 10 October 2019.
- **Workshop on SDG indicators 6.4.1** “Change in water use efficiency over time” and **6.4.2** “Level of water stress: freshwater withdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater resources” for Eastern Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 15-18 October 2019.
- **Four sub-regional Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) Remote Sensing Survey workshops** in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (18-20 September 2018 and 29 July – 03 August 2019), Libreville, Gabon (3-6 September 2018) and Maputo, Mozambique (8-13 July 2019).



### III. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS (SDG INDICATORS)

- **E-learning courses on SDG indicators** for digital learning to meet the needs of professionals in agriculture and food security.
- **SDG DATA Portal** (<http://www.fao.org/sustainable-development-goals/indicators/en/>) : One-stop shop with official statistics, methodological documents, capacity development initiatives and other key resources for monitoring Sustainable Development Goals.
- Availability of the **Report on the Sustainable Development Goals 2019**.



#### IV. SUPPORT TO MEMBER STATES ON STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Under the coordination and governance of the Office of the Chief Statistician (OCS), the FAO Statistics Division (ESS), Regional Office for Africa (RAF) and Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNE) give **technical support to member countries in Africa on the field program.**
- The **main areas** benefiting from such support are **agricultural censuses** and the **establishment of integrated national systems for the collection and production of agricultural statistics**, including the **strengthening of technical, operational and institutional capacities.**



#### IV. SUPPORT TO MEMBER STATES ON STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Since the 25th Session of AFCAS, the **most recently undertaken activities** are:
  - ❖ **Operational projects** (preparatory phase of the census of agriculture and the permanent system of agricultural statistics) for the following countries: **Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique and Chad.**
  - ❖ **Operational projects** (main phase of implementation of the agricultural census and the permanent system of agricultural statistics) for the following countries: **Angola, Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon and Ghana.**



#### **IV. SUPPORT TO MEMBER STATES ON STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

- Since the 25th Session of AFCAS, the **most recently undertaken activities** are:
  - ❖ **Projects with preparatory phases completed and awaiting the mobilization of funds: Benin, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Guinea, Mali, Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal and Chad.**
  - ❖ **Completed projects** (main phase of implementation of the agricultural census) for the following countries: **Congo-Brazzaville, Equatorial Guinea, Morocco and Tunisia.**
  - ❖ **Requests for new projects and formulation of agricultural census projects** for the following countries: **Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Gambia, Equatorial Guinea, South Africa, Lesotho, Niger, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zambia.**



## V. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Since the 25th Session of AFCAS, **other FAO activities in food and agricultural statistics** cover the following points:
  - ❖ **Progress in implementing the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in Africa** (see AfDB paper RAF-AFCAS-19-32).
  - ❖ Continued implementation of the **Integrated Agricultural Survey System (AGRIS)** in three pilot countries: **Ghana, Senegal and Uganda**.
  - ❖ **National Workshop on Compilation and Application of Input-Output Tables Extended to the Environment (IOT-EE)** on forestry in Dakar, Senegal, from 19 to 22 August 2019. (ECA-UN/FAO/ANSD).





## V. OTHER ACTIVITIES

### ❖ **Sending FAO questionnaires to Member States:**

- Crops and Livestock Production;
- Pesticides Use;
- Land use, irrigation and agricultural practices;
- Fertilizers ;
- Prices received by farmers for primary crops and livestock products;
- Government Expenditure on Agriculture and Related Categories;
- Food losses from production to retail stages;
- Agro-environmental statistics.

❖ Project GCP/INT/161/JPN “Strengthening Agricultural Statistics and Food Security Information in CARD Countries through South-South Cooperation” 2013/2018.

❖ Project FMM/GLO/129/MUL “Improving country data for monitoring SDG achievements and informing policy decisions” 2019/2022.

❖ Project GCP/GLO/943/JPN “Supporting Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2.1 Monitoring by Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition Information in Africa” 2019/2022.



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