Africa Region  
**Narrative consolidated work plan 2017 (under GTF and EU funds)**

**Introduction**

The Regional Office for Africa (RO) is pleased to present its 2017 consolidated annual Workplan/Budget. It has been built on the same model as for the 2016 one, including part of activities to be implemented by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Economic Commission for Africa of the United Nations (UNECA) and the Global Office (GO), highlighted in blue, orange and green colour, respectively.

When preparing this Workplan/Budget proposal, and as for the previous 2016 one, the following elements were taken into account:

1) Activities and budget were planned with the hypothesis that the implementation period of the Global Strategy will be extended to the end of 2018 (no cost extension).

2) This 2017 Workplan/Budget keeps focusing on the acceleration of the delivery of TA on cost-effective methods through a joint effort between the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the GO, as well as on the Training Component activities which are being implemented by UNECA.

3) AfDB and UNECA activities will be funded from GTF and EU funds (2016 carried forward and newly requested funds for 2017); the GO TA activities will be funded exclusively from the GTF (2016 carried forward and newly requested funds for 2017).

4) The 2017 annual workplan and budget are presented using the template endorsed by the RSTC in October 2015 and reflect both funding sources (the GTF and the EU). The approval of the GTF and EU budgets by the RSTC will be required before the 2017 workplan/budget can be submitted to the GEB. However, the GEB will ONLY be required to endorse the activities pertaining to the GTF; the EU budget and its-related activities will thus be presented to the GEB for information only.

5) As additional information, the GTF and EU budgets and activities were also forecasted for 2018 (for the 3rd and 4th instalments for EU funds). The RSTC, GEB and GSC will therefore be able to better foresee the timelines and funding sources by outputs and activities until the end of 2018 and, therefore, have an overall picture of the implementation plan for Africa while achieving their respective mandate. However, it is emphasized that this information is only indicative. These three governance bodies can take note of the 2018 proposal when validating the 2017 workplan but their mandate do not allow them to approve multi-year action plan. Therefore, the RSTC will still be requested to approve, on an annual basis, the 2018 workplan and budget using the EU and GTF funds.

6) Two-year salaries for AfDB long-term consultants (LTCs) have been committed in 2016, hence this 2017 work plan/budget does not reflect their total contract value for 2017, although part of their assignments will be executed in 2017. The contracts of other AfDB long-term consultants will be renewed during the course of 2017, and that for 18 months, to end with 2018.

7) Technical assistance (TA) activities on cost-effective methods will continue to be performed by the two implementing partners (the AfDB and the GO). The GO’s TA activities will be financed through a part of GTF funding allocated to Africa and will conclude in December 2018. The TA activities performed by AfDB will be funded using the GTF’s 2015 carried-over funds, non-allocated GTF, and the remaining EU budget.

8) As of now, the execution rate related to EU funds is of about 67%, which is still below the minimum required (70%) for the AfDB to request the disbursement of the 2nd funds instalment. For that reason, bulk of related Governance, TA and Training components activities planned in 2016, as well as corresponding budgets, will be carried-over as such in 2017.
9) As an effort to establish a partnership-based regional governance and implementation structure that would be more conducive to accelerating and scaling up the delivery of TA activities, a part of the funding will continue to be allocated to building statistical capacity on new cost-effective methods within certain African Sub-Regional Organizations (e.g. AFRISTAT), Regional Economic Communities and Statistical training centres. Budget support to partner institutions and corresponding transfer of know-how activities have been included among the TA activities.

10) The RO’s mandate remains unchanged. However, as the overall coordinator of the Global Strategy in Africa, it will continue to ensure that there is an appropriate coordination mechanism between the three implementing agencies (AfDB, UNECA and the GO). For that to happen, “Africa Coordination Meeting are organized every quarter to discuss and agree upon on a common work program, clarifying who will do what and when. Since July 2016, such meetings have been organized three times, one in Abidjan and two others in Rome. Furthermore, Concept Notes on how to deliver on a given TA is discussed jointly between the concerned implementing agencies, so that each TA is delivered to countries in consistent, harmonized and coordinated way. For TA activities of a common interest, there is share of responsibility and resources, to avoid any possible duplication of effort and resources.
### Staffing of the Regional Office for coordination and program management

The salaries for the year 2016 of long-term consultants dedicated to tasks of coordination and program management nature of TA component have been funded under this budget line using the 2015 GTF carried-over. In fact, to ensure that those key consultants are kept on assignment, and avoid any possible interruption of the work, their contracts have been established to cover a two year-period. Some of them will expire mid of July 2017 and others in December 2017. It is therefore expected that these contracts be renewed, during the course of 2017, to cover the remaining period of the program (end of 2018).

Salaries of other long and short-term consultants, including support staff, are funded under the respective outputs to which they contribute (development and start-up activities of SPARS, and provision of TA to countries on newly developed cost-effective methods, data production, harmonization and dissemination).

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#### Regional Steering Committee (RSTC) meetings

The last meeting of the RSTC for Africa recommended that at least two days be planned for future meetings to allow in-depth discussions. This will allow members to digest and deliberate adequately on different agenda items. In 2017, it is planned to have the first meeting in January, back-to-back to the Conference on Agricultural Statistics scheduled to take place in Dakar, and the other one by the end of the year. The first meeting will be mainly organized to review and endorse the results of the Light Country Assessment, and discuss on the outcomes of the Dakar Conference and how they could impact the 2017-2018 activities and the possible design/funding of the Phase 2 of the Action Plan for Africa of the Global Strategy for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics. The second one will be organized to discuss the achievement and also to review and approve the 2018 annual work plan/budget.

It should be reminded here that the RSTC includes 21 members/institutions/countries. But, taking into consideration the agenda items of each meeting some resource-persons will be invited to attend and present/discuss some specific subjects. For example, for the Dakar Meeting scheduled to take place in January 2017, representatives of selected countries and students will been invited to show-case the benefits that they are getting from the implementation of the Global Strategy.

Since no face-to face RSTC meeting was organized in 2016, the 2016 budget planned for it will be carried forward for the same in 2017.

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#### Planning and coordination meetings of the Regional Secretariat

As per the Africa Action Plan implementation requirements, the Regional Secretariat includes representatives of all implementing agencies of the Research, TA and Training components (FAO, AfDB and UNECA, respectively). Given that the GO is implementing part of the TA activities in partnership with AfDB, the GO is also part of the Secretariat.
To ensure a smooth implementation of planned activities, regular Africa Coordination Meetings are organized to discuss planning, coordination and management aspects of the implementation of the program. In 2016, three meetings have taken place (2 in Rome and 1 in Abidjan).

In 2017, Africa Coordination Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis, hence 4 in total, with about 10 participants from implementing agencies (AfDB, FAO, and UNECA). The first one is scheduled to take place in Dakar, in January 2017 (back-to-back to the Conference on Agricultural Statistics and the 5th RSTC meeting). Furthermore, as host of the Regional Secretariat of the Action Plan, and being the lead implementing agency of the TA component on the continent, AfDB will also be represented at coordination meetings which will be organized by the Global Office.

**Output U1.1 - Training component appropriately managed**

**Staff recruitment and preparation of project documents**

*Payments for long-term Staffs in charge of implementing the training component.*

The main activities planned within this output of the training component will contribute to maintain the qualified project management staffs that will bring the skills in agricultural statistics and training management that are required for the successful implementation of the project. ECA will be using two professional staff at the level of L4 and L3 for the successful implementation of the training component. The two posts have currently been filled and the staff are both in place. The project will also use one assistant for 12 months.

The large GTF carry-over is due to the late recruitment of the L3 and L4 staff. However, the project has allocated the funds for 18 months in order to avoid any disruption on the availability of funds for regular staff that would negatively impact the implementation of the project. For EU carried over amount, this is due to the delay in getting the waiver for the Admin Fees from the UN controller, hence the non-use of the funds. An alternative solution was later one found through a special arrangement with AfDB.

**GTF: US$ 616,477**: US$ 496,477 carried forward from 2016 and US$ 120,000 requested as an additional funding for 2017.

Activities funded by the GTF: As above.

**EU funds: US$ 123,750 (EUR 92,813)**: US$ 54,750 (EUR 41,063) carried forward from 2016 and US$ 69,000 (EUR 51,750) requested as additional funds for 2017.

Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.

**Backstopping the training program**

An allocation of additional US$ 35,000 is made for establishing databases or other regularly maintained information repositories to follow-up on the people who have been trained and those who are in statistical schools with scholarship. The database will also include a compendium of Agricultural Statistics agencies or institutions and their contact persons in charge of producing, compiling and disseminating as well as using agricultural statistics information in the respective countries. The objective is to collect the routine information that will be summarized and presented at key points of the project (follow-up of a recommendation from the first meeting of the project). The allocation also covers activities to maintain a list of training courses available to help the HR managers identify the opportunities to build capacities in agricultural statistics.


Activities funded by the GTF: As above.

**EU funds: US$ 0 (EUR 0)**

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<td>15 travels are planned with an estimated average cost of around US$3,053 per travel.</td>
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<td>- Visiting statistical training centers in line with the upgrading of training facilities and the support to the implementation of the training curricula.</td>
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<td>- Raising awareness and presenting the strategies and the main recommendations of the project about the importance of strategic human resources management and training needs assessment to national authorities, preferably at the same times where the technical assistance component has sent mission to the country, to create synergy and show that the three components of the project are one.</td>
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<td>- Visiting the other components of the project and/or participating in selected events organized by the other components to align our strategies.</td>
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<td>- Coordination meeting with AfDB and the Global Office as well as taking part in high level conferences on agricultural statistics</td>
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For the development and roll out of the Specialized training program as well as supporting the administration of the scholarship budget. |
| **GTF:** US$ 45,807; US$ 35,807 carried forward from 2016 and US$ 10,000 requested for 2017. |
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<td>- Report to StatCom of the activities of the GS</td>
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<td>- Coordinate with the GO to disseminate the training material</td>
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<td>- Distribute 8-pagers and other advocacy materials in StatCom and other major events.</td>
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<td><strong>U1.2.1</strong> <strong>Annual meeting for project monitoring in the framework of AGROST</strong></td>
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<td>A meeting for the monitoring of the implementation of the training component will be organized, which will gather 40 participants, with an average cost of US$ 2,500 per participant (travel + DSA). US$ 5,000 will be used for the conference facilities (room and equipment) and US$ 5,000 will be used for translation.</td>
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<td>US$ 30,000 will be used for monitoring the implementation of different activities of the project.</td>
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Activities funded by the GTF: As Above

EU funds: US$ 20,000 (EUR 15,000): US$ 10,000 (EUR 7,500) carried forward from 2016 and US$ 10,000 (EUR 7,500) Requested as additional funds for 2017.

Activities funded by the EU funds: As Above.

Output G1.1 – GO Management of the regional component

Coordination of the regional component in Africa

This activity aims to ensure an effective coordination of the implementation of the Global Office’s Technical Assistance (TA) plan and adequate communication among its various stakeholders.

To achieve this goal, the coordination team for the delivery of the GO’s TA plan was formed soon after the endorsement of the 2016 work plan. The management of the GO’s TA plan became the responsibility of the Global Technical Assistance and Training Coordinator. Because of her dual role, this appointment will facilitate the alignment of TA activities with the other global and regional training and capacity building activities. She will continue to work under the direct supervision of the GO Coordinator who will also provide insight in the delivery of this plan.

A full-time Project Officer and a full-time Assistant were also appointed to this project to oversee all activities of financial and administrative nature and support day-to-day activities. These positions were filled on a long-term basis. Therefore, this coordination team should remain for the entire life cycle of the project.

Staffing of the professional positions is also underway. In 2016, four of the seven junior consultant positions were filled and these long-term consultants started to receive a full training on the six cost-effective methodologies targeted by the TA plan. The other three junior consultants were selected and will join the team in early 2017. Finally, a roster of senior experts was also created for the delivery of in-country technical assistance and the mentoring of junior statisticians.

In 2017, it is anticipated that all seven junior consultants will be trained on at least four cost-effective methods. It is also planned that four of the seven statisticians will be deployed in AFRISTAT and SADC to facilitate the transfer of know-how at the regional level.

As the GO’s TA foresees the transfer of know-how to four Sub-Regional Organizations (AFRISTAT, UEMOA, EAC and SADC) and the delivery and transfer of training on selected methods to three statistical schools (ENSEA, ENSAE and EASTC), the GO has started to develop partnerships and establish administrative arrangements with these organizations. A letter of agreement was signed with AFRISTAT for the delivery of all training and technical assistance activities on the development of Master Sampling Frame and the compilation of Food Balance Sheets (FBS) (including the organization of a regional training on FBS with ENSAE). The SADC Secretariat was contacted and a first draft of a Letter of Agreement was shared for review and discussions. ENSEA and EASTC were contacted to discuss their participation in the delivery of regional training on CAPI and they confirmed their interest.

In the first quarter of 2017, the GO will seek the participation of UEMOA and EAC and officialise all partnerships with appropriate administrative arrangements, ensuring at the same time a rapid transition from the planning to the implementation mode.

In 2016, the GO also participated in three coordination meetings organized by the AfDB. The purpose of these meetings was to design coherent plans of training and TA activities within the region and avoid any overlap in the implementation of activities carried out by the three regional implementers. Similarly to 2016, the GO will continue to participate in all regional
coordination meetings and make sure that its TA activities are fully embedded in Africa’s regional action plan activities, annual work plans and reports. It will also continue to closely collaborate with the AfDB to ensure that TA activities do not overlap with other TA activities carried out in the framework of the activities bilaterally funded by the European Union.

Finally, it is anticipated that real-time results and lessons learned from the implementation of country-level activities will be widely disseminated to partners and other countries, thus accelerating the implementation of activities in other countries.

| GTF: US$ 254,184: US$ 8,550 carried forward from 2016 and US$ 245,634 requested as additional funds in 2017. | EU funds: N/A. |
| Activities funded by the GTF: As above |
### Output A2.1 - National governance mechanisms supported

**Support to National Agricultural Statistics Committees and National Technical Working Group activities**

In addition to establishing National Strategy Coordination units which include heads of agricultural statistics within the Ministry of Agriculture and National Bureau of Statistics (50 countries have already done so), countries are further being supported, through the opportunity of developing Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS), to set up National Coordination Committees (NCC) and Technical Working Groups (TWG) on Agricultural Statistics. The NCCs and TWGs include representatives of all sub-sectors of agriculture as a whole. It is therefore considered to continue supporting critical operations of those national governance structures in following ways, but not limited to: Technical support (through national consultancies) to local experts, technical and expert meetings to discuss, review and validate national work plans, validation of data such as Minimum Sets of Core Data (MSCD), workshops of data producers/users and decision-makers for advocacy purposes, etc., focusing on countries where SPARS development is being carried out (See the list under activity line A2.3.2 below).

These activities were planned and budgeted for in 2016 under EU funds. As the 2nd EU funds instalment has not been requested yet, it is proposed to carry forward those activities in 2017.

**GTF: US$ 0**

Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.

**EU funds: US$ 110,000 (EUR 82,500):** Requested as additional funds for 2017. Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.

### Output A2.2 - Country Assessment (CA) process

**Workshop on the CA processes, data compilation and publication**

The first CA carried out in 2013 has provided the baseline information on the state of National Agricultural Statistical Systems in Africa (Agricultural Statistics Capacity Indicators - ASCI). The 3rd and 4th Regional Steering Committee meetings held in April 2014 and October 2015, respectively, recommended that the CA be undertaken every two years to measure the progress being made in implementing the Global Strategy in Africa, hence the 2nd and 3rd CAs in 2015 and 2017 respectively. The Global M&E framework and GSC meeting also recommended that CAs results be used by regions for assessing specific performances at country and regional levels in the development of agriculture statistics during the course of the implementation of the Global Strategy. In 2016, Africa conducted its 2nd CA, with 2015 as reference year, and related ASCI results have been reviewed and validated by countries. The 2015 ASCI results are expected to be presented, for endorsement, before publication, to the next RSTC meeting which is scheduled to take place in Dakar, in January 2017.

By the end of 2017, the 3rd CA process will be undertaken, and a related report will be prepared and published before end of 2018. Activities to be carried out will include, as per the past, following activities: (i) a regional validation workshop for National Strategy Coordinators from all countries and resource-persons (about 65 participants), (ii) data processing and generation of ASCI results, (iii) Publication of the report, with detailed analyzed results.

**GTF: US$ 0**

Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.

**EU funds: US$ 200,229 (EUR 150,172):** Activities funded by the EU funds: As above.

### Output A2.3 - Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics (SPARS) as components of NSDS

**Development and start-up activities of SPARS**

So far, 7 countries have already completed their SPARS development process (Benin, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Senegal and Kenya), similar work is still being carried...
out in 13 other countries (Burkina Faso, Congo Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Eq. Guinea, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Niger, Rwanda, Togo and Zambia), among which three at a very advanced level of the process (Burkina Faso, Rwanda, and Zambia), and the same is going to be extended to 4 additional countries which have already received a positive firm response from the Bank to do so (Congo Dem Rep, Lesotho and Sao Tome & Principe, and Seychelles). By the end of the implementation period of the Global Strategy, this will make a total of 24 countries with SPARS developed.

In fact, in their comments on the preliminary 2016 Workplan/Budget, the RSTC members have advised to decelerated the TA provision on SPARS development so that more attention, time and resources can be devoted to TA provision on newly developed methods. It was therefore decided to extend TA provision on SPARS development, in addition to those where the work is already going on, to only those countries which have already received a positive firm response from the Bank to support them.

National consultants will be recruited to assist with SPARS development, where this has not been done yet, and funds will be allocated to cover local expenses (running related workshops to train concerned staff, in particular technical working group members, on the whole process of undertaking SPARS development).

For RECs to own and support SPARS development and implementation process in their respective member countries, they will be associated to key AfDB related backstopping missions. At the same time, this will be an opportunity for building REC capacity in this field so that they can provide any future similar TA to other countries in need and/or to future SPARS generations.

On the other hand, to help countries where the SPARSs have been developed to mobilize the needed resources for their successful implementation, it is proposed to support some of related key start-up and enabling activities. This would include the following, but not limited to: (i) organize a regional conference to sensitize senior officials within NSOs, Ministries of Agriculture, Finance and Planning on the importance of agricultural statistics in general, and SPARS implementation in particular; potential multilateral and bilateral development partners would be also invited to attend; (ii) Development and/or implementation of National Communication Strategies for the implementation of SPARS (advocacy events, etc.); and (iii) Resource mobilization events. Activity (i) was planned to be undertaken in 2016 and thereafter postponed to early 2017 due to conflicting schedules of other important fora.

EU funds: US$ 415,517 (EUR 311,563): US$ 11,040 (EUR 8,280) carried forward from 2016 and US$ 404,377 (EUR 303,283) newly requested for 2017. Activities funded by the EU funds:
- Regional conference on agricultural statistics (US$ 150,000)
- Consultant and RECs backstopping missions;
- National consultants (US$ 150,000); and
- SPARS development activities at country level; and SPARS start-up activities (US$ 115,517).

Output U2.1 - Training program integrated, coordinated, and aligned to other parts of NSSs

U2.1.1 Integrating training needs into agricultural statistics plans
A total of US$ 15,000 is allocated for undertaking the following task with regards to training needs:
- Assess training needs to support the development of training programs:
  - Follow-up with countries that did the training on training needs assessment
  - Analysis of the SPARS capacity needs
  - Undertake the training assessment with ASAs

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Output U2.2 - HR managers trained to be more effective (Phase 1 for 40 countries)

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<td>- Update, Edit, Format, Translate and Disseminate Training needs assessment + Strategic management of HR documents</td>
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<td>- Develop e-learning material for HR managers on the strategic development of agricultural statistics professionals</td>
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### Output A4.1 - Provision of TA to countries on the use of newly developed cost-effective methods, data production, harmonisation and dissemination

#### Providing TA on Agricultural Cost of Production (AgCoP) statistics

The identification of Technical Assistance needs conducted in November 2014 in Africa has indicated that 15 countries (Algeria, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Egypt, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Sao Tome et Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, and Zambia) consider the AgCoP Statistics as one of their top three priorities. Later on, 8 other countries have also expressed the same priority need given that similar initiatives are on-going there (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo, and Tunisia).

To launch and accelerate the provision of TA on AgCoP Statistics in above countries, countries’ subject experts have been trained on the use of the manual developed to that end. Two training workshops for French and English Speaking countries have been organized in Hammamet (from 07-11 March 2016) and in Cairo (from 03-07 April 2016), respectively. Two participants per country (those responsible for AgCoP Statistics, or Agricultural Statistics if AgCoP statistics activities are not undertaken yet there) attended the workshops: one from the Ministry of Agriculture and another from the National Statistical Office. This has given them the opportunity to share experiences and best practices in producing good quality AgCoP statistics.

Among the recommendations and the conclusions made by both workshops, there is a critical need to deliver specific well targeted TA which is tailored to actual country needs on the matter. To better identify these TA specific needs, an assessment was made to enquire if AgCoP activities are undertaken, the level of implementation and sectors covered if yes, and specific activities/areas for which a technical assistance is needed to improve their AgCoP Statistics production.

A detailed concept note on AgCoP TA delivery model has been developed, discussed and agreed upon by both implementing parties of TA (AfDB and GO/FAO). A user-friendly Excel Model to generate AgCoP indicators is being developed and is expected to be ready for use by countries by end of February 2017.

At that end, and in complementary to a similar TA which will be provided by the GO to three countries (Botswana, Seychelles and Zambia), AfDB will do the same in following 4 selected countries: (i) Tunisia and Morocco in partnership with AMU; (ii) Cabo Verde, in partnership with ECOWAS; (iii) Malawi in partnership with COMESA. The AgCoP Excel Model will be field-tested in one of above 4 countries before rolling it out to others. Exploratory/diagnosis missions will be undertaken in all of them with the purpose of developing Roadmaps for activities to be undertaken, followed by actual TA backstopping missions, including on the use of the AgCoP Excel Model.

The significant amount of carried over under this activity and all those of other activities within this Output 4.1 is due to more focus on other output activities (e.g. SPARS) for previous years. It will however be extensively used from now on.

#### EU funds: US$ 371,000 (EUR 278,250): US$ 138,000 (EUR 103,500) carried forward from 2016 and US$ 233,000 (EUR 174,750) newly requested in 2017. Activities funded by the EU funds:

- Consultants and RECs backstopping missions;
- Support staff and other local expenses;
- National consultants.

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TA has been provided to Rwanda for using an efficient Multiple Frame Survey methodology (area and list) system, which is running successfully.

To expand that initiative to other countries in need and complement the TA that the GO will be providing to Cabo Verde, Cote d’Ivoire, Madagascar and Mali on the same theme, a related concept note has been developed on TA delivery model on MSF so that further support can be given to 8 selected countries which have indicated that MSF is among the three top priorities (Senegal, Benin, Morocco, Burundi, Kenya, Mozambique, Seychelles, and Tanzania). To that end, a more focussed training workshop on MSF has been scheduled to take place in early 2017, in Rwanda, for French speaking countries. Another one, for English speaking countries, will follow thereafter. Their respective RECs will also attend those workshops. The emphasis of the training will be on hands on experience and concrete and best practices cases (through field-visits on sites), transfer of know-how and discussion on countries specific problems on the topic. The purpose is to provide these countries with enough knowledge to address their specific tasks in the implementation of the concerned topics and to empower RECs to take over for further TAs to other countries. The trainings will also be an opportunity to build partnerships and to identify further resource persons for south-south cooperation for future similar TA.

Thereafter, bilateral TA will be provided to each of them (through follow-up/backstopping missions and possible local training workshops) to train a wide range of country participants on the use of MSF.

**GTF: US$ 0**

Activities funded by the GTF: N/A.

| EU funds: US$ 278,605 (EUR 208,954): US$ 97,377 (EUR 73,033) carried forward from 2016 and US$ 181,228 (EUR 135,921) newly requested for 2017. Activities funded by the EU funds: |
| - Salary fees for international short-term consultants; |
| - Focused training workshop for English speaking countries; |
| - Consultant and RECs backstopping missions. |

### A4.1.3 Providing TA on data reconciliation and reviewing/compiling MSCD

Following the recommendation made by countries, AfDB has developed a User Manual on MSCD compilation so that this work is undertaken by countries in a consistent and harmonized way.

The User Manual has been reviewed and endorsed by countries, and is in use for effectively compiling MSCD time series for the period of 2000-2015.

A workshop to discuss country MSCD was held in Tanzania, in December 2016. Data submitted by countries will need to be carefully checked and validated by AfDB team. Validated MSCD will constitute baseline data to measure how countries are progressing in producing those data both in quantity and quality. They will be shared with users through their publication on the African Information Highway (AIH). In 2017, countries will be requested to update their MSCD with 2016 data which will need to be reviewed and validated before their publication.

The workshop was also an opportunity to discuss with concerned countries (Botswana, Mozambique, Nigeria and Zimbabwe) on their specific TA needs for data reconciliation. Bilateral missions will then be undertaken to those countries with the purpose of reconciling their routine data with agricultural census/survey results.

The contract of the M&E Expert will be renewed for the remaining period of program (end of 2018) to continue overseeing M&E activities, including MSCD activities and related data reconciliation.
A4.1.4 Providing TA on compiling Food Balance Sheets (FBS)

The new Guidelines on FBS compilation is expected to be ready by the end of 2016. Thereafter, a FBS user-friendly Excel Model will be prepared by the FAO/Global Office for country use. In the meantime, AfDB and FAO have undertaken discussion on how to partner in producing FBS user-friendly Excel Models which are tailored to country context and specificities.

Based on above instruments, two technical meetings on setting-up Supply Utilization Accounts (SUA) and FBS systems will be organized; these workshops will be followed by TA follow-up missions to countries to ensure that the FBS Excel Model is installed and functioning properly, and that national FBS teams are fully trained on their use and analysis of the results.

The following 12 countries have expressed that compiling FBS is one of their top priority: Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Namibia, Togo, Eq. Guinea, Gambia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Swaziland, and Tanzania. They will all participate in the above workshop, including their respective RECs. Thereafter, the following five selected countries (Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, Tanzania, and Kenya) will be bilaterally assisted, through backstopping missions, to set up functioning national SUA/FBS systems during the year 2017 (in addition to the three countries which will be assisted by the Global Office for the same: Guinea, Benin and Madagascar).

Two short-term consultants will be recruited to assist on TA provision on FBS compilation, in addition to assistant statisticians who will be working at FAO level to build country FBS Excel Models.

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- Support to RECs;  
- Consultant backstopping missions; and  
- Data validation workshop |

A4.1.5 Providing TA on Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)

As per the identification of TA priority needs conducted in November 2014 by AfDB, following six countries are in need of CAPI: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Malawi, Mali, Swaziland, and Tunisia. Later on, four other countries (Cameroon, Rwanda, Senegal, and Zambia) have expressed the same need and interest. There are also twelve countries where surveys and/or censuses are ongoing or planned, hence potential candidates for using CAPI (Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Niger, Togo, Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, and Uganda). This makes a total of 22 countries in need of TA on the use of CAPI.

To respond to that need, and based on materials produced by the Global Office of the Global Strategy, following activities were expected to be performed in 2016 and thereafter.

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| - Consultant/RECs backstopping missions                                  | - Salary fees for ST consultants;  
- Building country SUA/FBS Models; and  
- Workshops and setting up SUA/FBS systems at country level |
postponed for 2017 due to the delay in hiring a firm which will assist on the provision of such TA to countries:
- Providing Regional training on the CAPI Survey Solutions for agricultural statistics: Design, Data Collection, Validation and Analysis for a group of 25 participants from the first 10 countries and 4 RECs (COMESA, ECOWAS, ECCAS and AMU);
- Providing the necessary technological infrastructure including hardware and software to the 25 participants;
- Determining the actual specific CAPI Survey Solutions needs for agricultural statistics of the ten (10) countries.
- Providing bilateral Technical Assistance (TA) to address the identified specific needs of each of the ten countries and advice on the hardware and software to acquire. Backstopping TA missions to countries should involve concerned RECs.

The two first activities will be carried out jointly with the Global Office, AfDB covering for the travel expenses to the workshop and accommodation of participants from the 22 countries and 7 RECs, and the GO covering other expenses, including the procurement of tablets. Thereafter, AfDB will provide bilateral TA on CAPI to its 10 countries.

**GTF: US$ 300,000** (Carried forward from 2016)  
- Activities funded by the GTF: As above.

**Output 4.1 & 4.2 - Provision of TA to countries on the use of newly developed methods, data production, harmonisation and dissemination**

**Provide TA on the use of Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) tools for effective data collection**

The organization of two intensive 10-days’ hands-on training on CAPI (Survey Solutions) software was begun. As already mentioned in G1.1.1, the GO and UNECA met with representatives of ENSEA and EASTC to discuss how to proceed. In the meantime, the training material in both French and English were assembled and the procurement of the tablets for the schools is underway. It is anticipated that the two workshops will take place in the first quarter of 2017. They will target IT professionals or statisticians from 22 countries and respective RECs where surveys and/or censuses are ongoing or planned, to ensure acquisition of CAPI knowledge and know-how for statistical surveys for concerned national and RECs experts. As mentioned, AfDB will sponsor the participants from countries and RECs, while those from two statistical schools (ENSEA and EASTC) will be sponsored by the GO.

In 2017, CAPI field work will be programmed and organized in three countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya and Namibia). These activities will consist in assisting the country in using CAPI on a small scale, as a means to develop their skills for full-scale implementation of CAPI in their regular data collection. When appropriate, they will be linked with other field work undertaken in the other TA or research activities. For example, Kenya has already showed some interest to make use of CAPI while participating in a GS research’s experiment on youth employment and decent work.

Field work will be organized and carried out in collaboration with the three Sub-Regional Organizations to ensure their progressive takeover in providing assistance to countries. In addition to direct support from the GO and two African statisticians, the World Bank could also provide some support towards the organization of this activity.

**GTF: US$ 241,375** (requested as additional funds for 2017)  
- Activities funded by the GTF: As above.

**G4.1.2 Providing TA on building Master Sampling Frames (MSFs) for agricultural sample surveys such as AGRIS**

**EU funds: N/A**
By the end of 2016, national staff of two countries (among Cape Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, Madagascar and Mali) will be trained in the development of MSFs for the ultimate objective of preparing the implementation of an agricultural integrated survey (AGRIS).

Other training and further TA activities to be carried out in 2017 will also be planned in collaboration with the FAORAF and AFRISTAT. The objective is to jointly undertake field work in these four countries, assist them in formulating an AGRIS proposal that will integrate into their SPARS and support them in the mobilization of resources for funding AGRIS at national level.

Transfer of know-how to FAORAF and AFRISTAT on frame building, sampling and advanced survey methods will begin with the objective that they will progressively take over the delivery of TA to the four countries targeted.

Direct support for in-country training and field work will be provided by the GO, the FAORAF Office, senior statisticians (the authors of the guidelines) and two African statisticians.

**GTF: US$ 185,688** (requested as additional funds for 2017).

Activities funded by the GTF: As above.

**EU funds: N/A**

**Provide TA on measuring Agricultural Costs of Production (AgCoP)**

The objective of this activity is to provide training and technical assistance to three SADC countries (Botswana, Seychelles and Zambia) for the compilation of cost of production in partnership with the SADC secretariat to ensure an appropriate transfer of know-how at the regional level. Planning of training and field work in Zambia, Botswana and Seychelles started in 2016. The training material that was designed for regional workshops was adapted for the conduct of in-country training. Discussions with SADC for a collaborative approach on the delivery of assistance were also initiated and a draft letter of agreement was circulated for comments and discussions.

By the end of 2017, it is anticipated that the national staff of three targeted countries will be trained in the adoption of AgCoP methodology. It is also expected that they will be provided with technical assistance in the implementation of this methodology during targeted field work.

Direct support to these three countries will be provided by the GO, a senior statistician and one junior African statistician, envisaging progressive takeover by the SADC Secretariat.

**GTF: US$ 325,436** (US$ 7,000 carried forward from 2016 and US$ 318,436 requested as additional funds for 2017).

Activities funded by the GTF: As above.

**EU funds: N/A**

**Providing TA on Post-Harvest Losses (PHL)**

The objective of this activity is to provide training and technical assistance to three SADC countries (Namibia, Malawi and Zimbabwe) in estimating post-harvest losses. The support to these countries will be conducted jointly with the Statistical Department of the SADC to ensure a sustainable transfer of know-how at the regional level.

In terms of progress made in 2016, the GO’s research component conducted a desk study based on data collected by Malawi on post-harvest losses in 2009-2010. It revealed several areas where the methodology used and the nature of the information collected could be
improved. They will inform the training and technical assistance activities to be performed in the country.

In 2017, it is anticipated that training and technical assistance will be provided to at least two of the three selected countries.

Direct support for these activities will be provided by the GO and a junior African statistician, with progressive takeover by the SADC Secretariat.

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**Provide TA on Livestock, including Production and Nomadic Livestock (LIVE)**

Objectives of this activity are threefold:
1. Train national staff of Niger and Botswana in the adoption of methods for estimating livestock and livestock products, and methods for enumerating nomadic and semi-nomadic livestock
2. Transfer of know-how successfully provided to the Statistical Departments of SADC and UEMOA
3. In collaboration with SADC and UEMOA, assist the 2 countries in undertaking field work

In 2016, discussions with SADC for a collaborative approach on the delivery of training and technical assistance in Botswana were initiated and a draft letter of agreement was circulated for comments and discussions.

In 2017, collaboration with UEMOA and SADC will be formalized. Training and assistance in undertaking field work will be provided to at least one country. Activities to support the enumeration of nomadic or semi-nomadic livestock and the adoption of methods for estimating livestock and livestock products will also be identified and carefully planned for the other country.

These activities will be conducted jointly with the Statistical Departments of UEMOA and SADC to ensure a sustainable transfer of know-how at the regional level, with progressive takeover of the provision of in-country support by these two organizations. Direct support will be provided by the GO, FAO’s Animal Production and Health Division and two junior African statisticians.

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**Provide TA on compiling Food Balance Sheets (FBS)**

Objectives of this activity are threefold:
1. Organize one intensive 10-days’ hands-on training sessions on Food Balance Sheets in one Statistical School (ENSAE) by mid-2017. The training could also cover an overview of the methodological approaches for estimates of food consumption in relation to other on-going methodological developments of the Global Strategy. The training session will be organized for carefully selected statisticians of 12 countries
2. Transfer of know-how to AFRISTAT and the ENSAE
3. Follow-up and assist three countries in the use of FBS methodology (Guinea, Benin and Madagascar) with a progressive take-over of AFRISTAT by the end of 2017
In 2016, a letter of agreement was signed with AFRISTAT for the delivery of all training and technical assistance activities on the compilation of Food Balance Sheets (FBS) (including the organization of a regional training on FBS with ENSAE).

In 2017, the 10-day hands-on regional training on FBS will be delivered to participants from 12 countries in partnership with ENSAE and AFRISTAT. In-country training and assistance undertaking field work will also be conducted in all three selected countries and finalized in at least two countries. It is also expected that one expert from AFRISTAT will participate in these activities and progressively take the lead in providing assistance to its members states on FBS.

Direct support from the GO, FAO’s ESS Division and one junior African statistician will be provided for the preparation and delivery of these activities.

**GTF:** US$ 132,608 (requested as additional funds for 2017).

Activities funded by the GTF: As above.

**EU funds:** N/A

### Output U4.1 - Reinforcing the capacity of training providers in agricultural statistics

#### U4.1.1 Strengthening the capacity of training centers through partnerships and twinning arrangements

A total of US$ 70,500 have been budgeted for this output. The main activities within this output for the year 2017 include:

- Sponsoring of 12 training center teachers to participate in Global office of Technical assistance trainings. US$ 30,000.

Trainers exchanges between teachers of training centers (2 weeks in another training center) for 8 trainers. US$40,500.

**GTF:** US$ 70,500: Newly requested for 2017.

Activities funded by the GTF: As Above

**EU funds:** US$ 0 (EUR 0)

Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.

#### U4.1.2 Review/adaptation (to Africa context) of guidelines and training material produced at global level, and development, production and translation of curricula, syllabuses & relevant teaching materials

For the development, adaptation, testing and dissemination of 7 short training modules and syllabi US$ 63,141 and two EGMs (US$120,000) for the validation of the materials has been allocated for 2017. The detailed activities under this output include:

- Development of syllabi in collaboration with GO
- Adaptation of the training material developed by the GO to the African context
- Two Expert Group Meetings for validation of short training modules and syllabi

To ensure that the syllabus are in line with the latest methodologies, the GO will be included in the validation process.

The significant amount of carried over is due to the staffing problem (delay in the recruitment of consultants to develop syllabus).

**GTF:** US$ 183,141: No additional funds are requested in 2017 as there is already a carried over amount of US$ 183,141 from 2016.

Activities funded by the GTF: As Above.

**EU funds:** US$ 0 (EUR 0)

Activities funded by the EU funds: N/A.
### U4.1.3

**Upgrading training facilities and improving access to relevant material**

A total of US$ 135,000 is budgeted for this activity in 2017. US$ 6,000 will be used for providing software (such as GIS equipment and software), equipment and GPS devices to statistical training centers. In addition the support shall also include the provision of Tablets and other IT infrastructures to support training on CAPI (US$ 129,000).

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### U4.1.4

**Harmonizing & synchronizing curricula & qualifications between training centers and countries, conducting course evaluations and establishing a process for accrediting qualifications for different courses**

Four travels to statistical training centers are planned in relation with the harmonization of programmes at an estimated cost of $20,000.

Review the curricula based on new developed cost-effective methods and training needs assessments.

Curriculum A - for ENSAE and ENSEA: by integrating theoretical courses related to record linkages, sampling and estimation methods when using multiple sampling frames.

Curriculum A - EASTC and Curriculum B: by integrating CAPI training in the core training and reviewing the 9-months specialization to include latest development and best practices on FBS, AgCoP, MSF, LIVESTOCK, PHL, CROPS, Gender.

Curriculum C: by integrating CAPI in the core training and adapting the specialization training to the most recent methodologies.

9-months specialization training: by including latest development and best practices on FBS, AgCoP, MSF, LIVESTOCK, PHL, CROPS, Gender.

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### U4.1.5

**Training Workshops on Newly developed methods to support the curricula profiles of Statistical training centers**

Within this output, emphasis is levied on rolling out new developed methods and strategies as well as tools into national statistical system through exposure and training of trainers’ workshops and seminars. Thus, a total of 4 regional training of trainers’ workshops have been planned for the year 2017 on various specific topics. The average cost of training one person for one workshop is $3500. The amount budgeted will allow training two to three persons per African country. List of workshops to be confirmed after the training needs assessment. Short term training courses includes:

- Basic training (10-days)
- Training Course on Communication and Advocacy for Agricultural and Rural Statistics Fishery and aquaculture statistics (Training material already available)
- Use of administrative data
- Nomadic livestock
- Fisheries statistics
- CAPI

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### Output U4.2 - Providing scholarships for short and long term studies and funding short term training arrangements

#### U4.2.1 Providing short term, in-service training in priority area and promotion of distance and e-learning

In support of the specialization program, a total of US$ 664,699 has been allocated for training staff in agencies producing agricultural statistics using various short-term, in service, distance or eLearning methods. These training activities will be organized, with the participation of statistical training centers, and will focus on staff working in agencies producing agricultural statistics that cannot leave their offices in order to take a nine months training abroad, or staff from countries for which no statistical training centers is able to give the nine month specialization program in their official language. It is expected that 76 additional experts and 12 trainers will be trained under this specialization programme.

Sponsor the participation of trainers in the 9-month training program on agricultural statistics: 12 trainers x US$ 7,500 = US$ 90,000.

The large carried over is due to the delay in the revision/preparation of the MoUs for launching the specialization program.

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#### U4.2.2 Providing scholarships for long and short term studies

A total of **US$ 249,390** is budgeted for 2017 to cover 8 scholarships for master studies outside Africa will be given to Portuguese and Spanish speaking countries of Africa as there are no training centres in Africa giving master level training in Agricultural statistics in these languages. The cost is $15,000 per year, thus $30,000 per scholarship.

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