15th Meeting of the Global Steering Committee (GSC)
14 December 2018

Item 6
Final evaluation and conference
FINAL EVALUATION: PROPOSED MODALITIES AND SCHEDULE

Following the 2015 Mid-Term Evaluation, carried out on the basis of the Global Action Plan and the donors’ agreements, the final evaluation of the Global Strategy is expected to be finalized by October 2018.

The objective of the final evaluation is to broadly assess the following:

(i) performance (effectiveness, efficiency and relevance) and impact of the Global Strategy and provide guidance on the preparation of a second phase of implementation in connection with the work undertaken by the Task Team responsible for designing a second global action plan;

(ii) the extent to which the Global Strategy has been and is relevant to the agenda of the agricultural statistical system.

As proposed for the Mid-Term Evaluation (ref: Documents of the 10th Global Steering Committee March 2015), it is again recommended that the FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) manages and supervises the final evaluation. It is important to note that OED was established as a separate organizational entity in January 2010 and reports directly to the FAO Governing bodies and Director General. This reporting structure ensures that OED remains separate from FAO’s technical units, responsible for the design and implementation of the policies and programmes that must be evaluated. In this respect, OED is independent from the Global Office, the Regional Office in Asia and the Pacific and the Global Trust Fund administrator.

It is proposed that Terms of Reference are submitted for endorsement by the Global Steering Committee (GSC) in March 2018.

FINAL CONFERENCE: PROPOSED MODALITIES AND SCHEDULE

The Global Office proposes to organize a final conference and a GSC meeting in October/November 2018 in Rome to highlight the achievements of the Global Strategy, share the results of the final evaluation and discuss the second global action plan prepared by the Task Team. Members of the GSC are encouraged to volunteer for the programme committee.