



FAO Perspectives on SEEA Implementation

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Context for discussion

Development of SEEA Agriculture since June 2013

FAO – Strategic Objective 2

Increase and improve the provision of goods and services from Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in a **sustainable manner**.

Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics





The roles of SEEA

- Data integration framework
- Conceptual framework for agricultural statistics – minimum data set
- Basis for the derivation of agri-environmental indicators
- Harmonisation and standardisation of statistical collections
- Progress on SEEA Agri as a measure of progress towards sustainable ag. production
- Catalyst/support for improving statistical governance within and outside the FAO
- Motivation and broad context for statistical enhancements
- Connections to work on ecosystem services and sustainability assessment
- Driver for connections at national level across govt. agencies (espec. Dept. Agriculture) and NSOs





What SEEA implementation needs

- Appropriate institutional arrangements and governance
- High-level endorsement and involvement from key policy agencies
- Recognition of the links between economic and environmental information
- Co-ordination of statistical activities
 - National level
 - International level
- Improvements in basic statistics





Concluding observations

- SEEA Agri has proved a surprisingly strong catalyst for discussions on statistical co-ordination within FAO and at national level
- Basis for bringing together expertise from “across the house”
- Pathway for discussing and promoting improvements in data harmonisation, standardisation and assessments of data quality
- Achieving the potential outcomes from implementing SEEA requires good governance structures and ongoing institutional support

