

Statement from Vietnam on Agriculture and Rural Statistics

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak on behalf of the General Statistics Office of Vietnam. Let me begin my statement by expressing Vietnam's thanks to the FAO in Rome and regional FAO in supporting Vietnam in its activities related to Agricultural and Rural Statistics. Also, I highly appreciate the progress made by the groups responsible for the regional initiatives of the Committee with respect to the collective vision and framework for action: agricultural and rural statistics. In terms of the implementation of the first phase of the Regional Action Plan of the Global Strategy in the Asia and Pacific region, I would like to congratulate the successful completion of the first phase in 2018.

The implementation of the first phase has given us a lot of lessons learnt. Entering the second phase, I would like to request to continue our efforts in enhancing the achievements we have obtained in the first phase. Also, attention should be paid to further use of available data, especially data collected from Agriculture census through in-depth data analysis in this domain. This is one of the best ways to give value added to the collected data in the way to serve different data users, especially to fill in the gap for SDGs requirements. Following this line, I would request regional FAO to continue to provide more training courses both at regional and national levels.

In Vietnam, agriculture plays an important role and contributes considerably to GDP growth rate, export, and job creation. In implementation of the Global strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics, Vietnam has received support from FAO. Currently, FAO in Rome has chosen Vietnam as country to conduct feasibility assessment of applying block chain to data collection from livestock farms. After this step, Vietnam wishes to receive more support so that we can apply this method in the future. I also wish to receive more support to analysis of agricultural and rural data.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to confirm our full support to the regional initiatives related to agricultural and rural statistics.

Thank you.