

The 50x2030 Initiative “Data-Smart Agriculture”

SDG 2, aimed at ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture, calls to address vital issues in agriculture, also by boosting the availability and timeliness of quality agricultural and rural survey data to enhance knowledge, yield sound decision-making and foster investments needed for further development.

The [50x2030 Initiative Data-Smart Agriculture](#), officially launched at the UN General Assembly in September 2018, aims to empower and support 50 low and lower-middle income countries (L/LMICs) by 2030 to build strong national and sustainable data systems that produce and use high-quality and timely agricultural data through survey programs. It supports participating L/LMIC countries (across Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Central Asia, and South Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean) to conduct multiple rounds of integrated agricultural surveys, make survey datasets publicly available and open, and apply data in key decision processes.

The Initiative is a unique collaboration of three leading agencies in the field, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The implementation of the 50x2030 Initiative is organized into three Implementation Components: (1) Data Production; (2) Methods and Tools Development; and (3) Data Use.

Given its global scope and result orientation for efficiency, it is envisaged that the Initiative will serve as catalyzer of financial resources, technical expertise, methodological innovation, improved coordination and governance at national level, and wider use of quality data. The cost of the 50x2030 Initiative will be shared by partner countries, donors and philanthropic organizations, multilateral implementing partners, and the private sector.

Partner countries and institutions are invited to join some key actors of the Initiative that will share information on the state of advancements of the activities and modalities to join during the lunch break of Thursday, 5 March, between 1:15 and 2:30 pm @ Conf. Room E.

1:15 – 1:20	Opening remarks and welcome	Haishan Fu Director, Development Data Group World Bank
1:20 – 1:30	The 50x2030 Initiative Data-Smart Agriculture: introduction, main actors and partner countries involvement	El Iza Mohamedou Program Manager, 50x2030 Initiative
1:30 – 1:40	Uganda’s example of integrated agriculture statistics	Chris Mukisa, Executive Director, Uganda Bureau of Statistics, TBC
1:40 – 1:50	Agriculture statistics in Cambodia	Hang Lina, Director General, National Institute of Cambodia
1:50 – 2:00	Country involvement and sustainability of agricultural data systems	José Rosero Moncayo Director, Statistics Division, FAO
2:00 – 2:10	Regional and country IDA investments in agricultural data	Pierella Paci, Practice Manager, Poverty and Equity Global Practice, World Bank
2:10 – 2:30	Discussion and Q&A, closing	