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Meeting Paper Title: Pacific Strategic Action Plan for Agricultural and Fishery Statistics (P-SPAFS)

1. Purpose of Paper

- To update PSSC on development of P-SPAFS since PSSC 11;
- Ask for endorsement of P-SPAFS Vision, Mission and Objectives.

2. Introduction/Background

2.1. A workshop on 'Strategic Planning for Agricultural and Fishery Statistics in the Pacific' was held in October 2015 which brought together 44 statisticians and agricultural and fishery policy makers to discuss the current state and way forward for statistics in the Pacific. The key outcome of the workshop was agreement to develop a Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Fishery Statistics and established a Technical Working Group to help guide its development.

2.2. Besides increasing visibility and resources for agricultural and fishery statistics, the purpose of establishing a Strategy is to facilitate greater coordination and integration of agricultural and fishery statistics into TYPSS and to enable the Global Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Statistics to reach a larger number of Pacific islands by focusing on regional solutions to common challenges.

2.3. The Technical Working Group met on the 11-12th of April. The outcome of this meeting was agreement on key timelines and activities for development of the P-SPAFS and also the Vision, Mission and Objectives of P-SPAFS. These were designed to integrate well with both TYPSS and the Global Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Statistics in Asia Pacific.

2.4. P-SPAFS is designed to have an equal level of focus on both the producers and users of agricultural and fishery statistics with the ultimate aim of benefiting agricultural producers and fisheries through more relevant and effective, evidence-based policy.

3. Key Agreements

3.1. **Timing:** P-SPAFS is a 10 year strategy with a Preparatory Phase between 2016 and 2017 with Phase 1 designed to begin at the commencement of TYPSS Phase III.

3.2. **Vision:** A region where decisions relating to food security and the development of the agricultural sector, including fisheries and natural resources, are based on evidence from high quality, timely and relevant statistics.

3.3. **Mission:** To strengthen the **collection, dissemination** and **use** of statistics related to food security, agriculture, fisheries and natural resources for evidence-based planning and policy formulation and to support private sector decision making.

3.4. **Objectives:**

- Increase the **availability** and quality of a core set of regionally comparable statistical indicators on food security, agriculture, fisheries and natural resources
- **Integrate** agricultural statistics into national statistical systems
- Support **the use** of agricultural statistics through improved **data dissemination systems** and increased **awareness** of decisions makers on data sources and uses
- Increase **capacity** to collect, and disseminate agricultural statistics and to use a wide range of data and information for evidence based policy and decision making.

3.5. **Next steps:**

- Complete Strategy document and send for wider consultation (June/July)
- Submit for endorsement at regional fora (e.g HOAFS/MOAFS in September)
- Conduct awareness raising and publicity.

4. Key Recommendations

4.1. Request that the PSSC endorse the Vision, Mission and Objectives of P-SPAFS

5. Supporting documents

- P-SPAFS brochure
- P-SPAPS Zero Draft