

## Stakes and Pitfalls of the Development of Statistical Systems in Agriculture: the Web of Sustainable Development

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**Abstract:** On the basis of various programs of cooperation, to which the authors took part during their professional curriculum, this communication will address the critical aspects of system integration for public statistical services in the field of agriculture and rural development for the building of operational capacities, their relevance for the analysis of public policies and their potential to meet the Development Millennium goals, keeping up with their socio-economic environment. In order to illustrate stakes and pitfalls of the statistical systems integration for the building of operational capacities, this paper will study the problems arising from the assessment of the development sustainability in an enlarged European Union, as regards the agricultural statistics and the new Common Agricultural Policy reform, taking into account the environmental constraints.

This paper is based on a review of the sustainable development indicator systems, mainly in their components related to agricultural statistics, and on some conclusions drawn from the French implementation of the corresponding regulations in the light of concepts and knowledge developed during the 6th European Framework Program for research and development. Widening the analysis framework to the context of the Mediterranean Arc and sub-Saharan countries, this communication focused on the impacts of the agricultural production and would like to contribute to open the tracks of a robust adaptation of the main statistical concepts involved in measuring the sustainability of development, and to reinforce multilateral partnerships in capacity building for this purpose.