Functioning of SGRPES

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SGRPES composition

• 24 members from 22 countries (2 CBs)
• 1 Chair and 2 vice-chairs
• ADB, ILO, SPC and SGAS (represented by the Philippines)

• Coordination Committee (8 members)
SGRPES representation has changed

- 3 new members on board (Lao PDR, India, Malaysia)
- 3 members pending nomination (Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Japan)

Key functions of SGRPES (TOR 2013)

a. direct the development of the implementation plan for the Regional Programme;

b. in consultation with the secretariat, identify the short-term and long-term priorities and establish milestones for the implementation of the Regional Programme;

c. provide strategic and technical advice to the secretariat on the management of the Regional Programme, monitor progress in its implementation and propose adjustments as required;

d. ensure coordination with other relevant initiatives in the region, in particular with the Global Strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics by collaborating with the Regional Steering Committee, which oversees the implementation of the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics, 2013-2017; and

e. contribute to and provide advice on resource mobilization for the Regional Programme.
Discussion I

- How can we adapt our way of operating in order to make the most of the range of expertise we have in the Group, e.g. how do the members who have taken part in the proposal reviews and APES preparations feel about their contributions? For instance, does it make sense to divide the work among Task Forces for:
  - Monitoring, e.g. preparation of the second round of Capacity Screening
  - Economic statistics – related research
  - Outreach (peer-to-peer support, advising on branding/dissemination of results, etc.)