

# Conference Wrap-up

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# Conference Overview

- Rich in terms of papers, questions, discussions
- Rich in terms of participants
- Rich in terms of the synergy of exchanging ideas between countries, organizations around the world



# Overview of the Overview

- Special Announcement
- Discussion of Conference Themes
- Challenges for the Future



#### **Themes**

- From Agricultural to Rural Development Indicators
- International Standards and Methodology
- Rural Poverty and Hunger
- Environmental Sustainability



# The Beginning Keynotes

- "Agricultural Statisticians way behind—busy fine tuning sample frames and lost in micro detail"
- "Good Indicators are Hard to Find"



#### The Dilemma

Not everything that can be counted, counts.

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  - A. Einstein



#### **Issues Discussed**

- "Farm household is focal point how policy affects farm production activities
  - What about non farm households—do they not count in policy decisions?
  - Are there not similar issues affecting non farm households?



#### **Issues Discussed**

- Income of farm households is important
  - What about income of school teacher households, hired worker households?



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- "Difficult to measure labor input of farm operator—family labor"
  - So, how does this differ from measuring labor input of butcher, baker, candlestick maker?
- "Supply of labor reflects the nature of households supplying it"
  - Of course it does
    - Education—health—access to transportation—etc



#### Outcome

- There is a need to integrate and link various surveys such as
  - Household Budget/Expenditure surveys
  - Labor Force Surveys
- And to link them to population censuses



# Farm vs. Household as Unit of Measure

- Why does one have to choose?
- Why not try to use both to understand how issues are related?



#### How Move Forward?

- Indicators based on units of measure
  - People
  - Households
  - Enterprises/Institutions



Households Urban/rural Farm/nonfarm

Enterprises/ Institutions

People

**Indicators** 

#### **Economic**

Income
Self/emp
Wages
Investment
Consumption

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Education
Health
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Happiness
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Gov't

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**Production Services Expenditures Income** Investment

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Environment/land/water/air



#### **Current Statistical System—Stove Pipes**

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**Indicators** 

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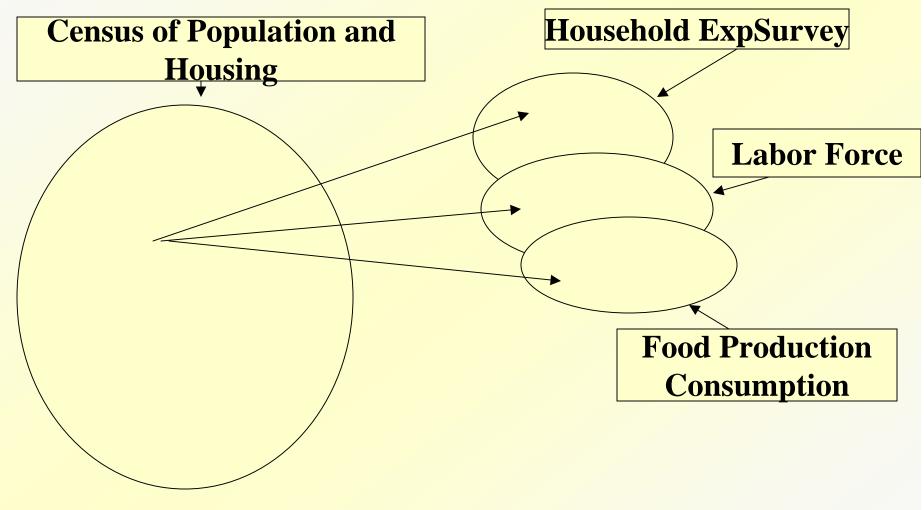
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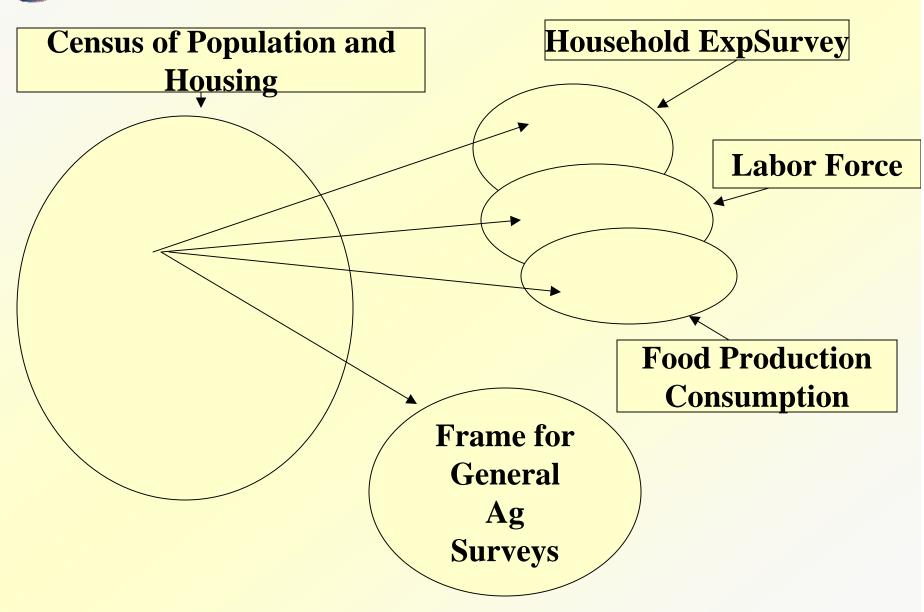


- Get minimum agricultural information from Population Census
- Consider Household Master Sample
- Consider two phase sampling
- Get ag labor from labor force surveys
- Ag income from household exp surveys









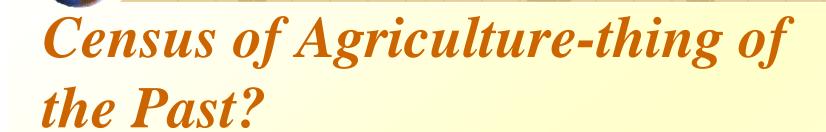


# Food for Thought

- Use techniques such as network sampling to form linkages between households and enterprises
- Complete the loop between indicators.



- Concept of National Statistics
- Use basic principles of strategic planning for statistics
  - Integrate official statistics-national and international
- Loss of independence in methods and procedures offset by gains

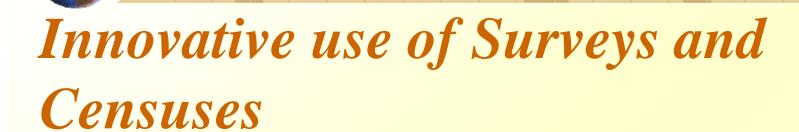


- Too Expensive
- Fewer and fewer countries conducting
- More doing on sample basis
- Need to connect with Population Census



# General Themes Developing

- Integration of rural/agriculture
- Agriculture become part of national statistical system
- Household surveys become part of national/international statistical systems



- Statisticians are not way behind
- Need to make their methodologies relevant for developing countries
- Need to ensure methods are sustainable
- Need to ensure there is comparability across time and space



# Rural Poverty and Hunger

- Dimension to Rural Development overlooked by Agricultural statisticians and economists
- Household surveys basis for many/most of the indicators
- Adds to burden of statistical system unless integrate



# Environmental Sustainability

- Data needs
  - Use/pollution of natural resources
  - Food safety
  - Sustainable agriculture
- Collection challenges
  - Combine/harmonize administrative data with sample survey data



#### What is Next?

- The Challenge
- Do what we said should be done
  - Initiate dialogue with rest of statistical system integration
  - Continue dialogue with international organizations via Household Survey Network



# Challenge

- Can established statistical systems meet the challenge
- OR
- Will developing countries have to lead the way?
  - National Strategies for Statistical Development—statistical master plans—statistical capacity building



# Another Challenge

- Ensure developing countries much better represented at next international conference
  - Papers by those represented here demonstrate innovative ideas, desire to move forward
  - Need to be part of international statistical community



# Still more Challenges

- Define rural or decide it does not matter
- Face comparability issues
  - Definitions-households/income
  - Determine basis for income comparisons—exchange rates or purchasing power parities
  - Determine basis for poverty comparisons



#### And more

 More attention to use of technology to bridge survey, administrative, and remotely sensed data

GIS, GPS, -----



# And Finally

- Expand Scope of the Discussions
  - Include organizations such as
    - World Trade Organization
    - International Labor Organization
    - World Health Organization
    - UNESCO
    - Etc



# That about Sums it Up

- Congratulations to Juan Manual Galarza and organizing committee
- Congratulations to the program committee
- Thank you to the authors of the papers and key note speakers
- Thank you to the participants for your attention and input





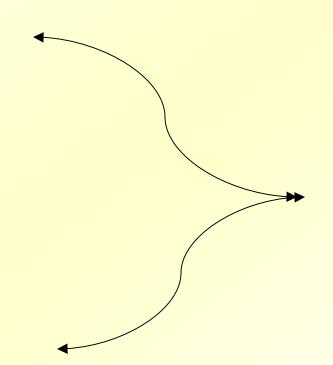
# See you in Beijing

God Speed and Safe Journey Home



### Emerging Forces

- Globalization
- Planned to Market Economies
- Increasing demand environmental consequences
- MDG's— Poverty,health, education, etc.

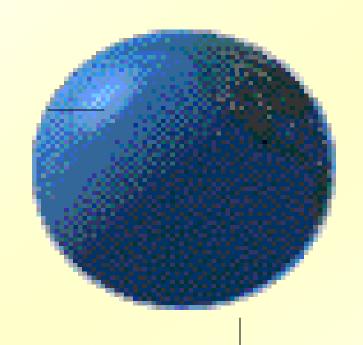


All are happening at the same time



### What is Rural?

Land, water



Households/ Farm/nonfarm

Enterprises/ Farm/non farm



#### The Need

- Data
  - Describe current situation
  - Analysis—effect of alternative actions and projections of consequences
  - Monitor results



### Agricultural and Rural Statistics

