

**MODERNIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS
IN SUPPORT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

Seventh International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS VII)
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The Seventh International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS VII), to be held at FAO Headquarters on 26-28 October 2016, is organized by the Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat), in close collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), under the auspices of the ISI Committee on Agricultural Statistics (CAS). ICAS Conferences are organized every 3 years and convene senior agricultural statisticians representing national statistical offices and ministries of agriculture from all over the world. The Conference is open to all producers and users of agricultural statistics, from government entities, academia, development partners and international organizations.

ICAS VII will provide an ideal occasion to discuss research studies and best practices supporting the indicators selected to monitor the agricultural-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this context, the Conference will help to address the changing needs and opportunities for agricultural statistics under the overarching theme of "**Modernization of Agricultural Statistics in support of the Sustainable Development Agenda**".

The [International Scientific Programme Committee](#) is co-chaired by the President of Istat (Prof. Giorgio Alleva) and the Chair of ISI Committee on Agricultural Statistics and FAO Chief Statistician (Pietro Gennari) and coordinates the work of **51 international senior experts** who act as Session Organizers. [The Scientific Programme of ICAS VII](#) is structured in four plenary sessions, 48 parallel sessions and one poster session. Overall, 244 papers will be presented at one of the plenary or parallel sessions plus 132 poster-papers will be on display. Authors of the selected papers come from 84 countries and 6 International Organizations. The papers presented at ICAS VII will be published online as part of the Proceedings of the Conference.

ICAS VII will be preceded by a series of interesting side events. Two 2-day training workshops are organized respectively by the US Department of Agriculture (**Training for Young Statisticians**) and by the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural & Rural Statistics (**Training and Outreach Workshop on Agricultural Surveys**). Moreover, a 1-day side-meeting on the use of agricultural statistics for research purposes is jointly organized by the AERIAS - the network of Agricultural Economics Research Institutes - and the Committee on Agricultural Statistics of the ISI. Other events will be organized by Istat back-to-back to the Conference to celebrate the 90th year of its foundation.

ISI Members are invited to [register online](#) and to meet at this first-ever International Conference dedicated to improving the data and indicators used to monitor the agricultural-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.