



The 50x2030 Initiative to Close the Agricultural Data Gap: Learning from partner country implementation to date

Thursday, 25 February 2021, 3:00-4:15 PM (New York Time)

The [50x2030 Initiative](#) aims at supporting 50 lower- and lower-middle-income countries to address gaps in agricultural and rural data through the use of novel [integrated agricultural and rural surveys](#). 50x2030 is a multi-agency effort involving Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Bank.

This side event will present early learnings from the first country engagements on **coordination**, and **agricultural and rural data generation**. It will include a frank discussion of successes as well as challenges and course corrections made to keep country implementation on track, especially in light of COVID 19.

The session will consist of a brief exploration of these two areas of learning, using experiences of 50x2030 partner countries to illustrate lessons learned. Speakers will also consider the impact of COVID-19 on data collection and learn how a program launched in the full swing of the pandemic has adapted its support to countries as they build a customized 50x2030 agricultural and rural data collection program that can support food security and improve livelihoods in rural areas.

An extended Q&A session will follow giving NSOs in particular an opportunity to pose questions about participating in 50x2030 and to speak to their own challenges and learning.

UN Member State representatives and relevant stakeholders are invited to join representatives from the three implementing agencies of the Initiative and its program manager who will report on the advancements of country-level activities.

REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT [HERE](#).

3:00-3:05pm	Opening remarks and welcome	Haishan Fu, Director, Development Data Group, World Bank
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3:05-3:10pm	Overview of 50x2030: Goals, approach, progress to date, areas of learning	El Iza Mohamedou, Program Manager, 50x2030 Initiative
3:10-3:25pm	50x2030 Learning Area 1: Coordination <i>Country perspective: Ethiopia</i>	Moderator: El Iza Mohamedou Program Manager, 50x2030 Initiative
3:25-3:45pm	50x2030 Learning Area 2: Data generation <i>Country perspective: Uganda</i>	Interventions from: Aberash Tariku, Deputy Director, Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia and Patrick Okello, Director, Agriculture and Environment Statistics, Uganda Bureau of Statistics; and Christophe Duhamel, FAO; Emily Hogue, IFAD and Alberto Zezza, World Bank, 50x2030 component managers
3:45-4:15pm	Discussion and closing	Moderator: Haishan Fu, Director, Development Data Group, World Bank