



## Seminar Advisory

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### COMESA-Statistics Norway Food Security Statistics Project, Phase 1

#### Meeting Names: Committee on World Food Security Meetings and Project Seminar on Food Consumption Data Processing Guidelines

#### Theme: *Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition, Rome Italy*

The overall objective of the COMESA Statistics Norway seminar is to reach consensus on the content and the form of the Guideline for processing food security statistics from Household Consumption and Expenditure Surveys; to refine a strategy for developing capacity for Food security statistics in NSOs; and to discuss potential uses of data. The seminar therefore seeks; to make significant progress on the development of the guidelines on processing food consumption data; to exchange experiences and ideas for use of the food consumption data for use in COMESA, Pacific Community (SPC) and others; to discuss how to improve training and tools for sustainable capacity building; and to raise these issues with the members of United Nations Committee of Experts on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics (UN CEAG) and other interested parties. It is expected that the discussions from the workshop will result into a draft guideline that will be distributed to a wider audience.

The seminar is designed to run parallel with the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) annual October Rome meetings to develop and endorse policy recommendations and guidance on a wide range of food security and nutrition topics. These are developed starting from scientific and evidence-based reports produced by the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) and/or through work supported technically by The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), World Food Programme (WFP) and representatives of the CFS Advisory Group, in which COMESA and Statistics Norway participate.

Experts from COMESA, Statistics Norway, participating National Statistical Offices (NSOs), World Food Program (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), East African Community, Southern African Development Community, World Bank, will be attending.

**When:** Monday, 10 October to Friday, 14 October 2022, 8am – 5.00pm each day

**Where:** The Best Western Plus Hotel Universo, Rome, Italy and online [via zoom](#)

**Who:**

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