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Dear Mr. Gholizadeh,

**Second RAP Regional Workshop on
Building Training Resources for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics:
Sampling Methods for Agricultural Statistics- Review of Current Practices**

**10 – 17 September 2013
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran**

I am pleased to invite your office to the *Second RAP Regional Workshop on Building Training Resources for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics* to be held from 10 - 17 September 2013 at the Statistical Research and Training Institute of the Statistical Centre of Iran (SCI) in Tehran. The theme of this workshop is *Sampling Methods for Agricultural Statistics- Review of Current Practices*.

The workshop is the second in a series of regional training-of-trainers workshops that are part of the capacity building strategy of the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics (RAP). The RAP is the implementation plan of the *Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics*¹ that aims to assist national statistical systems meet the emerging data needs and at the same time to arrest the erosion of quality and quantity of agricultural and rural statistics. The workshop focuses on practices and issues in applying sampling methods for collecting data on agricultural statistics.

The workshop aims to assist countries in the process of identifying suitable strategies for integrating statistical exercises and adopting appropriate sampling methods for producing agricultural statistics. The workshop will provide an overview of the sampling methods used for agricultural statistics; explain the concepts underlying the strategy for an integrated approach to sample surveys recommended in the Global Strategy; explore effective training strategies useful for reviewing and revising present practices of sampling; and facilitate development of a training syllabus for conducting in-country training on sampling methods.

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¹ *Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics*. September 2010.

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/ess/documents/meetings_and_workshops/ICAS5/Ag_Statistics_Strategy_Financial.pdf

Further information on the workshop is contained in the attached Concept Note.

Your office is kindly requested to nominate a suitable representative to participate in the Workshop. All the costs relating to the participation in the workshop will be borne by the participant.

Please return the completed nomination form or let us know if you are unable to participate, by e-mail to staff@unsiap.or.jp as early as possible and no later than **14 August 2013**.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'mf guerrero'.

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