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WCA 2020: the new Operational Guidelines and country participation

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Background about the WCA

- FAO is the leading UN agency for providing technical guidelines and support to member countries for the conduct of national censuses of agriculture.
- Since 1948, FAO has developed a dedicated World Programme that helps countries carry out their national censuses on agriculture.
- The *World Programme for the Census of Agriculture (WCA)* is updated every 10 years to build countries' capacities in the use of the most recent standards and methods to gather agriculture-related statistics.



Background (cont'd)

- In 2015, FAO published its 10th decennial WCA 2020 “*Programme, concepts and definitions*”. The new Programme provides guidelines to agricultural censuses to be undertaken between 2016 and 2025.
- Two volumes:
 - *Vol I: The Programme (2015)* – concepts, definitions and methodologies
 - *Vol II: Operational Guidelines (2018)* – practical aspects



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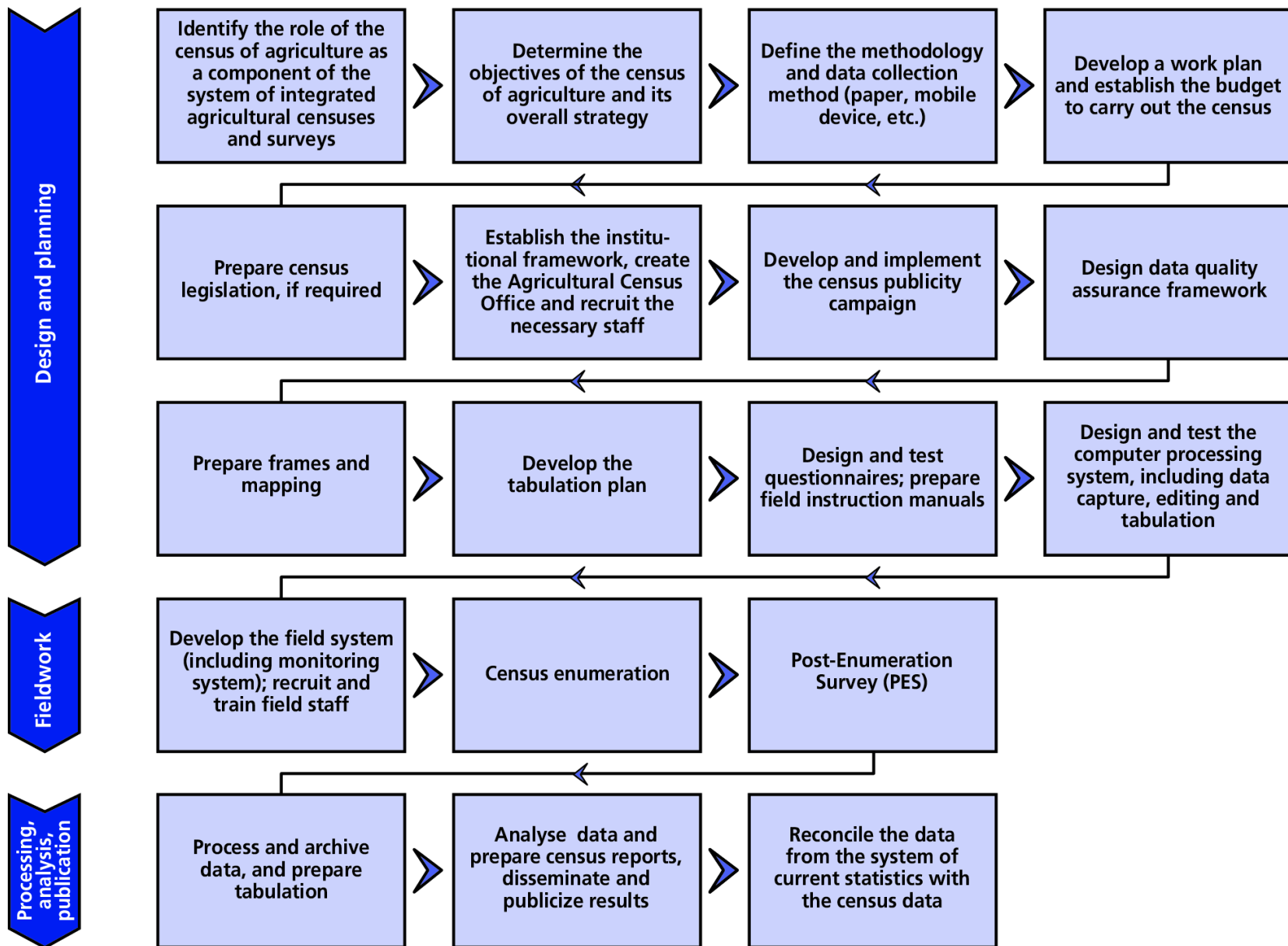
Vol. 2: Operational Guidelines

- To complement the WCA 2020, FAO published Volume 2 *Operational Guidelines* in 2018. It provides practical guidance to national census practitioners on the stages/steps involved in census preparation and implementation.
- The 49th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC, New York, March 2018) encouraged member countries to use the new *Operational Guidelines* as a census reference.
- The *Operational Guidelines takes into account* the substantial changes in the census technological environment over the last decades.
- The publication is user-friendly and practical. It provides cross-references between sections and chapters, links to country practices, and hyperlinks to relevant specialized and detailed methodological publications and Web-based resources.
- A USB version of the Operational Guidelines, including resources, is enclosed in the front cover pocket of the book. Available in six languages. The English version is available at <http://www.fao.org/3/CA1963EN/ca1963en.pdf>



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Steps in developing and conducting the AC





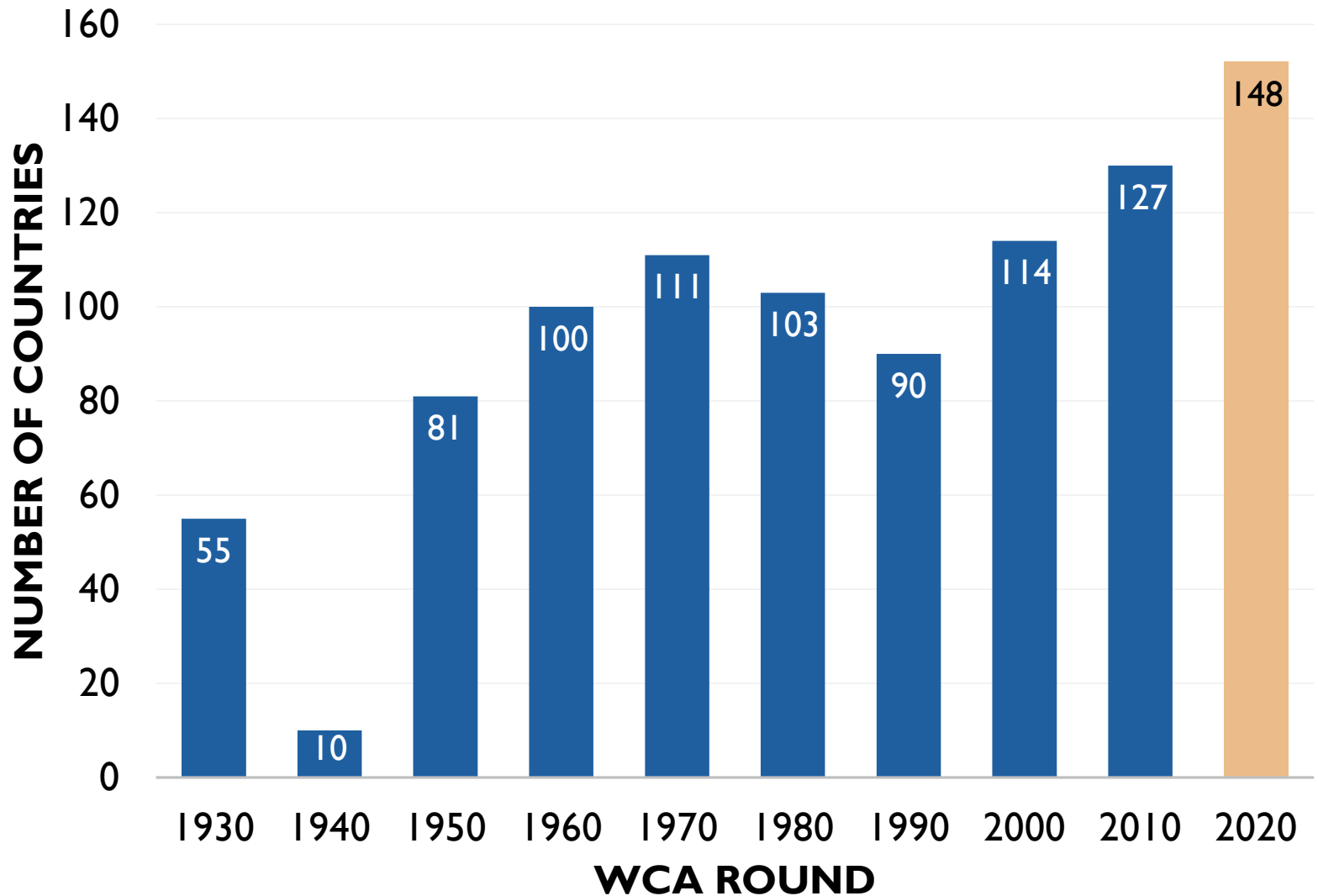
Participation of member countries by round

Participation of countries and territories in the WCA rounds

Region	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020 <i>(Including planned)</i>
Africa (55)	28	25	23	20	25	22	44
North and Central America (24)	19	23	18	16	14	18	9
South America (13)	11	10	7	7	8	10	9
Asia (49)	19	19	21	14	29	29	33
Europe (42)	17	24	22	20	29	36	38
Oceania (22)	6	10	12	13	9	12	15
No. of participating countries	100	111	103	90	114	127	148



Participation of member countries by round





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No. of countries and territories that participated in the 2010 census round

Region	Population and housing census	Agricultural census
Africa	49	22
North and Central America	36	18
South America	14	10
Asia	43	29
Europe	48	36
Oceania	24	12
World Total	214	127

Source: FAO and UNSD, 2019

Note: The 2010 round of PHCs covered 2005-2014 while the 2010 round of ACs covered 2006-2015.



Current participation of member countries in the WCA 2020 Round

WCA 2020 status by region		
Region	Census Planned	Conducted
Africa	42	2
Asia	27	6
Europe	38	0
North America	8	1
Oceania	14	1
South America	8	1
World Total	137	11



SDG indicators under FAO custodianship and status

As of April 2019

Goal	Indicators								
Goal 2 (Food security, Nutrition, Sustainable Agriculture)	2.1.1	2.1.2	2.3.1	2.3.2	2.4.1	2.5.1	2.5.2	2.a.1	2.c.1
Goal 5 (Gender equality)	5.a.1	5.a.2							
Goal 6 (Use of Water)	6.4.1	6.4.2							
Goal 12 (Sustainable Consumption and Production)	12.3.1								
Goal 14 (Oceans)	14.4.1	14.6.1	14.7.1	14.b.1					
Goal 15 (Life on Land)	15.1.1	15.2.1	15.4.2						
						TIER	LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT		
						I	Established methodology exists and data already widely available		
						II	Methodology established but insufficient coverage (>50% country coverage)		
						III	Internationally agreed methodology not yet developed		



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