

**Welcome!**

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- **Consider how to assure consistency of data collection methodology across countries;**
- **Focus on data standards in developing countries, especially for development of indicators for Millennium Development Goals;**
- **Improve use of improved statistics as policy relevant indicators and in empirical policy analysis;**
- **Determine the need for any changes or updating of the Handbook, execute if needed.**

## **Wye City Group Mandate**

- **Support U.N. Global Strategy by highlighting international needs and opportunities to improve statistics on rural and farm households;**
- **Strengthen process of collecting and developing such statistics;**
- **Review and discuss revisions to the Wye Group Handbook, with emphasis on issues for developing countries.**

## **Objectives of Conference**