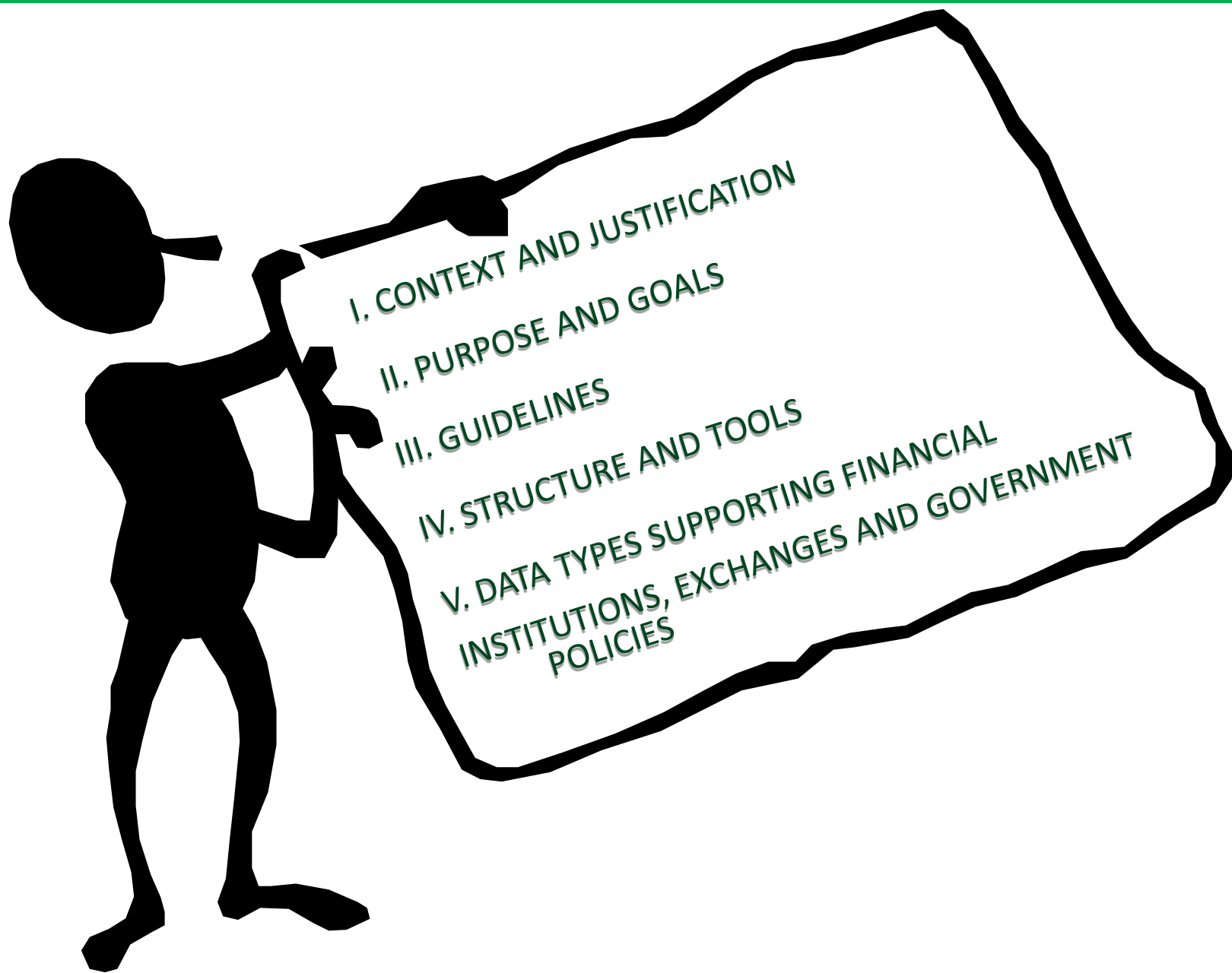




Nourishing Africa

**ROPPA EXPERIENCE REGARDING THE DATA
COLLECTION SYSTEM:**

**REGIONAL OBSERVATORY OF WEST AFRICAN
SMALLHOLDINGS**



I- Context and justification

Since ROPPA was set up, the observatory has focused on all concerns

Observatory === Five-year plan



Immediate result 2:

Thanks to the establishment of the observatory, a clearer picture has emerged of changes, of the weaknesses and challenges of smallholdings, as has an assessment of the living standards of the farmers and the state of the smallholdings, plus the impact of national and regional development policies and programmes.

I- Context and justification

Several factors support the establishment of the observatory

- Smallholdings (SHs): main WA agricultural production system
- Huge contribution to feeding the population
- Create jobs and wealth
- Protect the environment

But SHs are misunderstood

Lack of understanding of SHs

- Prejudice and anti-SH sentiment
- Lack of confidence in the SH's ability to feed the people, or to create wealth and jobs, etc.

II- Purpose and goals

Purpose

- To improve the conditions of the SHs:
- by ensuring the professional development of their members;
 - by creating genuine opportunities for development with a view to steering relevant national, regional and international policies in a direction which favours the development of the SHs.

II- Purpose and Goals

Goals

➡ To boost the credibility of the Producer Organisation approach, plus that of PO networks in lobbying in favour of the SHs;



To help improve the conversion conditions of the SHs (more efficient, improving living standards with the SHs' wellbeing in mind);



To support the implementation of ECOWAP by developing a monitoring and alarm system;



To act as a consultancy support system for the benefit of the SHs.

III- Guidelines

- 1. Local roots:** Based on the FCs (French-speaking countries) and the regional networks, and on what is already present in the sub-region to build the system;
- 2. Progress capacity:** based on stakes but also the FCs' rates and capacities;
- 3. Subsidiarity:** taking co-ordination levels into account (Local, national and regional);
- 4. Pooling:** sharing key experiences and dynamics witnessed within the country;
- 5. Prioritising:** selecting information on which to work on a consensual basis.

IV- Structure and collection tools

- Establishment of a national and regional committee including all the partners (Ministry of agriculture; statistics, research, universities, partner networks, NGOs, TFPs, etc.);
- First set of FCs identified to render the SM observatory operational: Burkina, Mali, Niger, Senegal;
- Data collection tools adopted
 - Questionnaire on smallholdings;
 - 'Simplified balance sheet' maintenance guide;
 - Questionnaire on smallholder organisations.

V- Date types for supporting financial institutions, exchanges and government policies

- PO representation level
- PO management skills and experience
- Governance
- Training
- Services rendered
- Partnerships/alliances
- Lobbying
- Participation in policy development/implementation
- SH investment trends

V- Data types for supporting financial institutions, exchanges and government policy

- Production charges
- Access to markets/marketing
- Access to research
- Access to agricultural credit
- Yields
- Production activities (agriculture, stock-rearing, etc.)
- Data on seeds
- Agricultural tools/equipment
- Production costs

Merci pour votre aimable attention

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