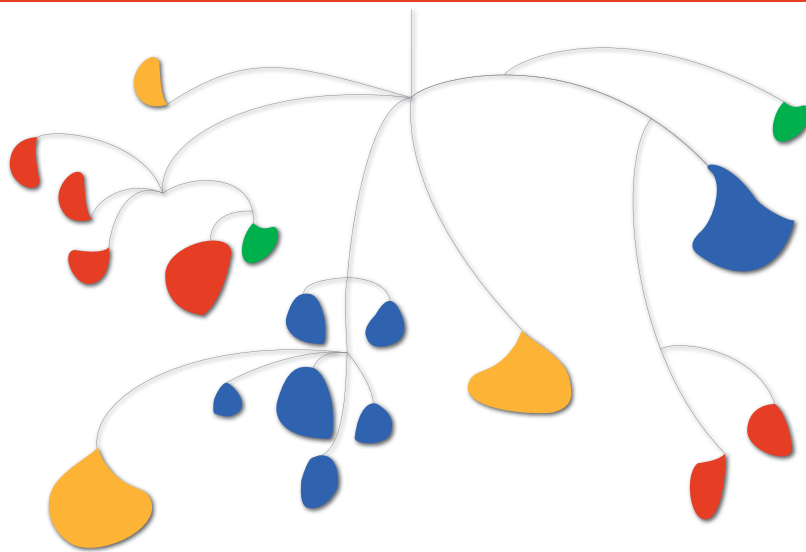


Sixth Session of the AMIS Rapid Response Forum

German Ministry of Food and Agriculture
Wilhelmstraße 54, 10117 Berlin

Monday 27 February 2017

Agenda



Monday, 27 February 2017 (Morning)

08.00-13.00

08.00 1. **Registration and coffee**

08.30 2. **Chair's welcome/opening remarks**

Mr Friedrich Wacker, AMIS Chair, Deputy Director General/Head of Directorate, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany

08.45 3. **Update on G20 developments relevant to AMIS**

The Chair will report back from the G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting of 22 January 2017, outlining main conclusions concerning AMIS as reflected in the Final Communiqué and Action Plan as well as the proposal for a regular stocktaking exercise of G20 initiatives.

09.00 4. **AMIS – Past, present and future**

Last October marked the fifth anniversary of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS). This session will provide an opportunity to reflect on past achievements of AMIS, present ongoing activities and discuss future work priorities. The session will also review the financial situation of AMIS. Lead questions for this session are as follows:

- What do AMIS participants perceive as the main achievements/shortcomings of the AMIS initiative over the past five years?
 - What has been the specific contribution of the RRF?
 - What is expected of AMIS in the next five years?
 - How can future activities be financed?
- a. **Five year progress report of AMIS:** The Secretariat will present notable achievements of AMIS since the initiative was launched in 2011, including those of the Global Food Market Information Group (AMIS: IG/10 - 2016/2) and the Rapid Response Forum (AMIS: RRF/6 – 2017/2).
 - b. **Evaluation activities:** The Secretariat will give an update on the status of the evaluation of the financial support provided by the World Bank Group with the Development Grant Facility (DGF) to support AMIS. The session will equally provide an opportunity to update AMIS participants on progress of the Working Group to demonstrate the value of AMIS.
 - c. **Financial situation of AMIS:** The Secretariat will provide an overview of the financial situation of AMIS and update participants on the status of the multi-donor trust fund of AMIS. With bilateral funding agreements having expired or terminating soon, the trust fund provides the main channel through which to finance activities of the Secretariat (AMIS: RRF/6 – 2017/3).

10.30 **Coffee break**



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5. Initiatives to strengthen country engagement

The Secretariat has embarked on several new initiatives in 2017 to strengthen country engagement. This session will review the status of these initiatives and provide an opportunity for information exchange.

- a. **Monthly dialogue on commodity balances:** The Secretariat started organizing monthly conference calls with national focal points to discuss trends and pertinent issues regarding the global market situation of AMIS crops. Experiences from the first two calls and the way forward will be discussed.
- b. **Policy monitoring:** Countries have equally been invited to closely engage with the Secretariat to strengthen the policy monitoring work of AMIS, especially in support of the AMIS Market Monitor. In addition, the Secretariat has compiled information on measures announced and/or introduced by governments in the AMIS Policy Database. The Secretariat will present a statistical overview of such policies, categorized by sector (i.e. biofuels and AMIS commodities) as well as by type of policy (i.e. market access, domestic support, etc.).

11.30

6. Proposals regarding commodity coverage and outreach of AMIS

This session will review the status of recent proposals that were presented at the October 2016 meeting of the Global Food Market Information Group regarding the commodity coverage of AMIS and improved outreach of the initiative.

- a. **Compiling balances for livestock, meat and dairy:** The European Union will present experiences of DG-AGRI in data collection and short-term outlook for livestock, meat and dairy products.
- b. **Improved outreach:** Giving more visibility to AMIS outputs has been identified as an important work priority. The Secretariat will report back on the feedback received during the last meeting of the Information Group regarding the organization of an annual AMIS Outlook Conference.

12.00

7. Election of the new Chair

12.30

8. Chair's summary

13.00

Lunch break

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14.30-17.00

Expert Panel - Risk as a driver of agriculture markets' instability and uncertainty

- Keynote: Prof Peter Höppe, Head of Geo Risks Research/Corporate Climate Centre at Munich Re "Assessing nature risks - methods and impact on agriculture markets".
- Mr. Carsten Becker, Risk Management Solutions Lead at Cargill "Private sector risk management".
- Mr Klaus-Dieter Schumacher - Agriculture Consultant "Improving risk management: opportunities for cooperation between AMIS and private sector".

17.00

Closure

18.30

Evening event followed by dinner

