

The Agricultural Market Information System of the G20

Experiences and lessons learnt

Side event at the 71st Session of the
Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)

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Background

The Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) seeks to reduce the likelihood of sudden food price spikes and improve policy coordination in times of high food price volatility. It does so by monitoring global markets of main food commodities (wheat, maize, rice and soybeans) and by promoting dialogue among the main players in these markets. The initiative was launched in 2011 by the Group of Twenty (G20) under the Presidency of France and is supported by a multi-agency Secretariat hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Its participants include the G20 members (plus Spain) and seven invited countries, which jointly represent more than 80 percent of global production in the targeted crops. Participation is governed by the G20.

Progress during the first five years

Since its inception, AMIS has established itself as a trusted source of timely and reliable market information and analysis. By working closely with the designated focal points AMIS has enhanced market transparency and supported countries in implementing improved methodologies for data collection, analysis and dissemination. Most importantly, AMIS has promoted policy dialogue, trust and mutual learning by regularly meeting with participants in the framework of the Global Food Market Information Group and the AMIS Rapid Response Forum.

Objective of the side event

The side event, taking place on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of AMIS, aims at informing CCP delegates of the activities, outputs and mechanisms of AMIS. Interpretation in all FAO official languages will be provided.

Agenda

09:30 Opening: AMIS and the G20 Presidency of France in 2011

H.E. Mr. Serge Tomasi, Ambassador of France to FAO, Ms. Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, Director General, French Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry

10.00 An overview of AMIS by the multi-agency Secretariat

- Structure, objectives and progress: *FAO*
- Interagency collaboration for policy monitoring: *OECD/WTO*
- Development of market indicators: *IFPRI*
- Crop monitoring: *GEOGLAM*

10.30 Country experiences and lessons learnt

- Brazil: *Mr. Marcelo Fernandes Guimarães, General Coordinator of Studies, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply*
- Canada: *Mr. Tony McDougall, Deputy Director, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada*
- European Union: *Mr. Eric Willems, Head of Unit, European Commission*
- South Africa: *Mr. Billy Morokolo, Director, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries*
- Ukraine: *H.E. Ms. Olena Kovalova, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food*

11.20 A trader's perspective on AMIS

Ms. Ann Berg, Senior Expert in capital markets and commodity futures

11:30 Questions and Answers

12.15 Closing remarks by the current Chair of AMIS

Mr. Friedrich Wacker, Deputy Director General/Head of Directorate, German Ministry of Food and Agriculture