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# FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE AMIS GLOBAL FOOD MARKET INFORMATION GROUP



WTO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland  
Monday, 12 November 2018  
Conference Room B

**AGENDA**

## MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2018

08.30 Registration

09.00 **1. Welcoming remarks**  
H.E. John Deep Ford, Guyana's Ambassador to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Chair of agriculture negotiations, will welcome participants to the 14th session of the Global Food Market Information Group. Ambassador Ford will also brief the audience on the state of play of the WTO farm trade talks.

09.15 **2. Opening address**  
The newly elected Chair of AMIS, Mr. Marco Valicenti of Canada, will open the meeting and outline some of the focus areas and planned initiatives under his chairmanship.

09.30 **3. AMIS market situation and outlook**  
The AMIS Secretariat will present latest developments and forecasts concerning global wheat, maize, rice and soybean markets. Main producing and/or consuming countries of these crops are invited to comment, while each presentation will be followed for questions and answers from the floor. The session is divided into two blocks:

*Wheat and maize* (9:30-10:15)

**Coffee break**

*Rice* (10:45-11:15) *and soybeans* (11:15-11:45)

11.45 **4. Trade policy measures and their impacts**  
***Implications of recent tariff changes on soy markets***  
The Secretariat will discuss potential implications of recent tariff changes on domestic and international soy markets. Participating countries are encouraged to provide their assessments and share any relevant updates.  
***Aid payments in the United States to compensate trade losses***  
The US Representative to AMIS will present the methodology applied to calculate the recently announced US farm spending and explain when and for how long the plan will be put in place.

12.15 **5. Update on country collaboration**  
The AMIS Secretariat will present the status of country collaboration in terms of regular and timely submission of commodity balances, participation in the monthly webinars and attendance of AMIS meetings. The session will provide an opportunity to discuss obstacles for more active country engagement. The status of country collaboration will be systematically reported to the G20 in the framework of the regular stockholding exercise.

**12.30 LUNCH BREAK**

## MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2018 (CONT'D)

**14.00**      **6. Global food trade: Sanitary and phytosanitary measures**  
Ms. Anneke Hamilton of WTO will give an overview of the main provisions of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement). The session will also provide information on recent specific trade-related concerns that have been raised by members with respect to a number of SPS measures affecting the grain and oilseed sectors. In addition, the presentation will cover recent discussions in the SPS Committee on monitoring the use of international standards in trade, specifically in relation to ISPM 38 on the international movement of seeds, as well as some statistics on relevant notifications of SPS measures.

**15.00**      **7. New GEOGLAM Programmes and potential benefits for AMIS**  
New GEOGLAM programmes were launched in the past year aiming to increase the use of satellite observations in support of agricultural decisions, which have potential to significantly benefit AMIS and its mission. "Harvest", a five year program with over 40 international partners including several AMIS members, aims to increase the awareness, use, and operational uptake of Earth Observations in order to guide decisions that support food security, stable markets, economic progress, and sustainable crop production.

### 15.30 COFFEE BREAK

**16.00**      **8. Monitoring food trade chokepoints (tentative)**  
As a follow-up to the decision of G20 Ministers of Agriculture to explore options for integrating the monitoring of critical food trade junctures into the regular work programme of AMIS, the Secretariat and colleagues from UNCTAD will propose a set of indicators and charts to identify possible congestions affecting international ocean freight. AMIS countries are invited to provide an update of the state of their transportation networks.

**16.30**      **9. Chair's summary**

**17.00**      **10. Meeting Closure**  
The Deputy Director General of WTO, Mr. Alan Wolff, will close the meeting.

### 17.30 COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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