



# Ninth Session of the AMIS Rapid Response Forum



**Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

28 January 2020  
Fairmont Hotel

**Agenda**

**08.30 – 09.00 Registration**

**09.00 – 09.15**

**1. Welcoming and opening remarks**

The Deputy Minister for Animal Resources, Saudi Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Dr. Hamad AL-batshan, will welcome participants to the 9th session of the AMIS Rapid Response Forum before the Chair of AMIS, Mr. Marcelo Fernandes Guimarães of Brazil, will open the meeting.

**09.15 – 09.45**

**2. Food market situation and outlook**

The AMIS Secretariat will review the current situation on global food markets and provide an outlook onto the new year.

**09.45 – 10.45**

**3. AMIS in 2019: achievements and challenges**

The AMIS Secretariat will review notable achievements of AMIS in 2019 and identify selected key challenges going forward, including the difficult financial situation of the initiative and lack of engagement of some participating countries. Session 4 is intended to review these challenges further and discuss possible solutions.

**10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break**

**11.15 – 12.30**

**4. Looking ahead: financial sustainability; country engagement; and vision for the future development of the initiative**

Country focal points are invited to reflect on the longer-term development of AMIS, based on some guiding questions that will be circulated prior to the meeting. The session aims to identify options for strengthening stakeholder engagement; putting the initiative on a more sustainable foundation; and ensuring that AMIS continues to provide relevant information and analysis, including through new and innovative services.

**12.30 – 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 – 14.30**

**5. Update on the outbreak of African swine fever and market implications**

The Deputy Director of FAO's Trade and Markets Division, Mr. Josef Schmidhuber, will update meeting participants on the extent of the outbreak of African swine fever and possible implications for global food and feed markets.

**14.30 – 15.30**

**6. Discussion on biofuels**

The International Grains Council (IGC) will moderate a discussion on biofuels and provide an overview of global production and feedstock usage trends for bioethanol and biodiesel, respectively. Focal points are invited to share any views and updates from their countries, especially if these are important producers/consumers of biofuels.

**15.30 – 16.00**

**7. State of play of agriculture negotiations at WTO**

The World Trade Organization (WTO) will provide an update on the current state of play of agriculture negotiations in WTO.

**16.00 – 16.15**

**8. Election of the new AMIS Chair**

**16.15 – 16.30**

**9. Any other business**

**16.30 – 17.00**

**10. Chair's Summary Report**

