



**Consultation meeting of the AMIS Rapid Response Forum
28 May 2020, 14:30-17:00h (Rome time)**

Meeting agenda (draft)

- 14:30 – 14:45 1. Welcome and opening remarks and Chair handover**
FAO's Chief Economist, Mr. Maximo Torero, will welcome participants to this consultation meeting of the AMIS Rapid Response Forum. The outgoing Chair of AMIS, Mr. Marcelo Fernandes Guimarães, will open the meeting before passing the Chair to Mr. Tassos Haniotis.
- 14:45 – 15:00 2. World food market situation**
Members of the AMIS Secretariat will briefly present the current market situation and crop growing conditions of the AMIS crops.
- Crop growing conditions at a glance (Inbal Becker-Reshef, GEOGLAM)
 - Market situation and outlook, with a special view on the impact of COVID-19:
 - Wheat (Abdolreza Abbassian, FAO)
 - Maize (Erin Collier, FAO)
 - Rice (Shirley Mustafa, FAO)
 - Soybean (Darren Cooper, IGC)
- 15:00 – 15:45 3. COVID-19, global food security and AMIS**
Participants will discuss topics related to the food security implications of COVID-19 as well as the role to be played by AMIS. Background information will be provided by Secretariat member organizations:
- Threats for vulnerable countries
 - Update on the desert locust situation (Keith Cressman, FAO)
 - World food security under COVID-19 (Arif Hussain, WFP)
 - Supply chain disruptions (Maximo Torero, FAO)
 - Logistics and transportation
 - Impact of COVID-19 on the cost of imported grains (Arnaud Petit, IGC)
- 15:45 – 16:30 4. Policy responses**
AMIS participating countries are invited to share their concerns and experiences on how to deal with the COVID-19 crisis in the context of food and agriculture. Following topics will be presented as background information:
- Tackling with unprecedented challenges and addressing solutions
 - Overview of policy developments of AMIS participating countries linked to COVID-19 (Majda Petschen, WTO and Annelies Deuss, OECD)
 - Tracking food trade restrictions (David Laborde, IFPRI)
 - Collecting information on policy responses to COVID-19 from AMIS participants
 - Status and future developments (Denis Drechsler, FAO)
 - Open discussion (moderated by Ken Ash, OECD)
- 16:30 – 17:00 5. Questions and meeting closure**