FIRST MEETING OF THE GLOBAL FOOD MARKET INFORMATION GROUP

ROME, 9-10 FEBRUARY 2012

Agenda
Thursday 9 February: 09:00 - 18:00

09:00-9:30  1. Welcoming remarks by the Chair (France), the Secretary and a representative from participating International Organizations

2. Introductory remarks by the AMIS Chair (meeting objectives and expectations)

3. Adoption of provisional agenda and timetable

09:30-10:00  4. Presentation by the Secretariat on the AMIS progress, website and outputs

10:00-16:00 (Lunch Break 12:30-14:00)

5. Supply and Demand Analysis: National Practices

Overview by Focal Points (10-15 minutes each) on their country’s methodologies, practices as well as perceived gaps and deficiencies in deriving national supply and demand balances for AMIS commodities (wheat, rice, maize and soybeans), more specifically:

5.1 Commodity coverage and methods/definitions used in estimating and forecasting production (area, yields), opening stocks, imports, exports, consumption (food, feed, industrial, waste and seed) and closing stocks

5.2 Frequency of information on relevant policy developments and forecasts (official and unofficial) of above-mentioned supply & demand variables, including unpublished information

5.3 Information sources and linkages among various national agencies, including research and private sector entities

5.4 Main difficulties foreseen in compiling and reporting information on supply and demand on a regular basis

16:00-17:30  6. Global market and policy indicators – based on a background paper, presented by the Secretariat

17:30-18:00  7. Roundup by the Chair of the first day discussions and results

18:00 – 19:30 Reception (FAO)
Friday 10 February 09:00 - 17:00

9:00-12:30
8. Introductory remarks by the AMIS Chair
9. Defining AMIS commodity balances and requirements: presentations on best practices
   9.1 Overview of supply and demand parameters by FAO
   9.2 Case study (EU)
   9.3 Focus on production and remote sensing (India, FAO)
   9.4 Focus on stocks (USDA)

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30
10. Data input, aggregation and dissemination
   10.1 Statistical web-based tool for data inputting
   10.2 Process and schedule for data/policy information submission by Focal Points
   10.3 Data evaluation and validation
   10.4 Data aggregation for global analysis
   10.5 Structure and content of AMIS bulletin

15:30-16:30
11. Capacity Development
   11.1 Overview of ongoing initiatives – presentation by FAO
   11.2 Presentation by Japan
   11.3 AMIS member countries’ needs and priorities

16:30-17:00
12. Wrap up session by the Chair
13. Date and place of the next meeting of the AMIS Market Information Group