



Agricultural Market
Information System

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policy developments and forecasts (official and unofficial) of above-mentioned supply & demand variables, including unpublished information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