22nd session of the Global Food Market Information Group

DRAFT AGENDA
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World Trade Organization, Geneva

MORNING SESSION (9h00-13h00)

The morning session will focus on an overview of agricultural markets, a discussion of the current status of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, and the implications for food security. In addition, we will have an update on policy developments for the AMIS crops.

1. Welcome and opening comments (Jean-Marie Paugam, WTO Deputy Director General)

2. Market overview
   2.1 Macroeconomic context (USDA)
   2.2 Input markets (World Bank, tbc)
   2.3 Wheat (Erin Collier, Economist, FAO)
   2.4 Rice (Shirley Mustafa, Economist, FAO)
   2.5 Maize (Alexander Karavaytsev, Senior Economist, IGC)
   2.6 Soybeans (Di Yang, Economist, FAO)
   2.7 Food prices (IFPRI, tbc)

3. Focus on the Black Sea region
   3.1 Overview/status of the Black Sea Grains Initiative (UN BSGI Joint Coordination Centre, tbc)
   3.2 Analysis (David Laborde, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI)

   COFFEE BREAK

4. Food security situation and outlook (Stefan Meyer, Economist, WFP)

5. Policy developments in AMIS crops (Kwabena Bandoh, Economic Affairs Officer, WTO)

   LUNCH (13h00-14h00)
**AFTERNOON SESSION (14h00-17h00)**

The afternoon session will focus on the AMIS work plan. In addition to the usual update on funding and administration issues, there will be a discussion on data availability. GEOGLAM will update us on their work estimating production in Ukraine. We will then discuss a growing problem of estimating trade data as data from key exporters and importers are no longer being reported to the UN. Then there is the longstanding issue of stocks. We will review AMIS efforts on improving stocks and try to engage members on how best to move forward.

6. **AMIS work planning and funding situation** (Denis Drechsler, AMIS Project Manager)

7. **Addressing data challenges**
   7.1 Estimating Crop Production (GEOGLAM)
   7.2 Estimating Exports (IFPRI/IGC)
   7.3 Estimating stocks (AMIS)

**COFFEE BREAK**

The second half of the afternoon will be spent on new AMIS initiatives. Many of these are just in an infancy stage but we seek input from IOs and member countries on potential direction. This would include work on fertilizers and vegetable oils, but also on improving AMIS analytical capacity. In addition, the AMIS Secretariat, in collaboration with GEOGLAM, will present a new activity to assess risks to agricultural supplies, specifically focusing on climate risks. Lastly, we will have a discussion of the AMIS webinar series and how they can better serve members.

8. **New, upcoming and proposed AMIS initiatives**
   8.1 Fertilizer work (Simon Bordenave, Economist, AMIS)
   8.2 Vegetable oils (Di Yang, Economist, FAO)
   8.3 Assessing risks to agricultural supplies (Denis Drechsler, AMIS Project Manager)
   8.4 Webinar series (Joe Glauber, AMIS Secretary ad interim)

9. **Closing comments**