THIRD SESSION OF THE AMIS GLOBAL FOOD MARKET INFORMATION GROUP

PARIS, OECD HEADQUARTERS

23-24 April 2013

AGENDA
Tuesday, 23 April 2013

08.30 Registration and coffee

08.45 1. Opening remarks (Chair)

09.00 2. Opening remarks (OECD on behalf of the Secretariat)

09.15 3. AMIS Crops Market Situation and Outlook in 2013/14
(Presentation by the AMIS Secretariat: IGC)

09.45 4. AMIS Progress in 2012/13
(Presentation by the AMIS Secretariat: FAO)

10.15 Coffee Break

10.30 5. Baseline reviews and dialogue with countries:

10.30 5.1 Status of country supply and demand balances (AMIS: Ig-13/1)
(Presentation by the AMIS Secretariat: FAO)

11.00 5.2 Open discussion with focal points on their evaluation of and responses to the
issues raised by the AMIS Secretariat regarding their country's crop supply and
demand balances

The main purpose is to invite those still facing problems with baseline data (or
balances), to present their situation for discussion. The identified countries will be
informed two weeks in advance of the Information Group meeting to provide time for
preparation

12.00 5.3 Intra-seasonal supply and demand monitoring tool: an approach to help
countries track supply/demand variables and stock levels on monthly
basis
(The AMIS Secretariat: FAO)

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 6. Definition and development of policy and market drivers (AMIS: Ig-13/2)
(Presentation by the AMIS Secretariat: OECD, World Bank)

Under this item the Secretariat will present progress in the definition and development of
market and policy drivers and related indicators, including first steps in integrating this work
into the AMIS web tool

15.00 6.1 Oil-Ethanol-Cereals Nexus

Under this item the AMIS Secretariat (FAO) will present the first results of the IFAD
financed project: estimating price transmission between oil, ethanol and cereal prices

15.30 6.2 Futures Commodities Prices, Volatility and Media Coverage

Under this item the AMIS Secretariat (IFPRI) explores the effects of media coverage of
commodity price fluctuations on the price of the commodities themselves. Results are
derived from real time media database of some 31 feeds related to global food prices and
food security.
16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 7. Research relevant to AMIS undertaken by participating countries and organizations

An opportunity will be provided for AMIS participating countries and international organisations participating in the Secretariat to present results of research they have undertaken that is relevant to the market and policy drivers work of the AMIS Secretariat

16.30 7.1 A paper outlining research undertaken by the UK (using OECD’s AGLINK model) on the impact of biofuels policy on global food prices (UK-DEFRA)

17.00 7.2 Other countries/organizations (to be confirmed)

18.00 Reception
Wednesday, 24 April 2013

09.00  8. Monitoring and forecasting in AMIS:

09.00  8.1 Contributions to AMIS Market Monitor and other AMIS activities
       (GEOGLAM and MARTEL CROP)

09.45  8.2 Panel discussion on best practices in Remote Sensing for crop forecasting
       (Argentina, FAO, JECAM and JRC)

10.30  Coffee Break

11.00  9. Dialogue on providing early forecasts for AMIS

11.00  9.1 Panel discussion on timeliness and approaches
       (The AMIS Secretariat: FAO, IGC and OECD)

11.30  9.2 Recent analysis undertaken by participating countries/organizations

   •  Mexico: An analysis and review of the impact on maize production due to ground frosts

   •  Other countries/organizations (to be confirmed)

12:15  10. Any Other Business

12:30  11. Chair Summary

13:00  Lunch Break

14.30-16.00 Seminar on OECD work on market outlook and policy monitoring