Launched by the G20 to reduce food price volatility, the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) seeks to improve transparency in global food markets and facilitate policy coordination between the main producing and consuming countries of basic food commodities. In close collaboration with national focal points in these countries, AMIS monitors current market developments and regularly releases forecast information for the next marketing season.

On the occasion of Expo Milan 2015, the latest outlook for wheat, maize, rice and soybean markets will be presented by leading experts from AMIS participating countries. Opening remarks by the Italian Minister of Agriculture, Mr Maurizio Martina.

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Programme

10.00 Registration

10.15 Opening remarks
- Maurizio Martina, Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, Italy
- Ian Mitchell, AMIS Chair, Deputy Director and Senior Economic Advisor, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom
- Abdolreza Abbassian, AMIS Secretary

11.00 Food market outlook for 2015/16
- An overview of main factors influencing global markets
  
  
  Joseph Glauber, International Food Policy Research Institute
- Price formation and volatility in international markets
  
  
  Ann Berg, Independent Consultant
- Global outlook for wheat
  
  
  Eric Willems, European Union
- Global outlook for maize
  
  
  Seth Meyer, United States
- Global outlook for soybeans
  
  
  Marcelo Fernandes Guimãres, Brazil
- Global outlook for rice
  
  Romeo Recide, the Philippines

12.30 Q&A

13.00 Closure

Speakers

Joe Glauber is a Senior Research Fellow at IFPRI and former Chief Economist at the United States Department of Agriculture.

Seth Meyer is the AMIS representative of the United States where he is Chairman of the World Agricultural Outlook Board.

Ann Berg is a leading expert in commodities, commodity futures, capital markets, and food security, and former member of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Marcelo Fernandes Guimãres is the AMIS representative of Brazil where he is Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Studies in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Eric Willems is the AMIS representative of the European Union. He is acting Head of Unit of the Arable Crops Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission.

Romeo Soon Recide is the AMIS representative of the Philippines where he is Interim Deputy National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority.