12th Session of the AMIS Rapid Response Forum
Wednesday, 29 March 2023, Chandigarh/India
Meeting venue: The Grand Hall, Lalit Hotel

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.15 1. Opening and welcoming remarks
The G20 Presidency of India, represented by Mr. Arun Kumar, Sr. Economic and Statistical Advisor, will provide some welcoming remarks before the Chair of AMIS, Mr. Seth Meyer of the United States of America, will open the meeting.

9.15 – 9.45 2. Food market situation and outlook
The AMIS Secretariat will review the current situation on global food markets and provide an outlook for 2023. Items to be discussed include:
- Current overarching economy, energy, agricultural market conditions
- Specific situation and outlook for AMIS crops (wheat, maize, rice, soybeans)
- Update on the market implications of the war in Ukraine

The AMIS Secretariat will review notable achievements of AMIS in 2022 and present any new developments for 2023. Specific items to be addressed include:
- Update on staffing situation
- Status of country engagement and data availability
- Overview of thematic webinars and quarterly outlook events
- Work planning and outputs for 2023
- Funding situation of the Secretariat
10.45 – 11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15 – 12.00 4. Vision for the future evolution of the initiative

The war in Ukraine has revealed several areas in which AMIS could progress, most notably in fostering a better understanding of global input markets, expanding the monitoring work of the Secretariat to other markets and commodities, and strengthening research and analysis. Country focal points are invited to reflect on the longer-term evolution of AMIS, based on some guiding questions that will be circulated prior to the meeting. The session aims to generate consensus on AMIS activities and outputs and the data and resources to be provided by countries.

12.00 – 12.30 5. Identifying capacity building needs and strategies

Recognizing that the impact of AMIS ultimately depends on the quality and timeliness of data submissions from countries, focal points are invited to identify any remaining capacity building needs they may have. The objective of this session is to agree on a capacity building strategy for AMIS in order for the Secretariat to provide targeted interventions that would help countries improve their data submissions.

12.30 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – 15.30 6. Special topic: Asia’s role in regional and global food security

This session will focus on Asia’s role in regional and global food security. Speakers from all AMIS participating countries in Asia and Oceania are invited to present their views on specific country and regional challenges in achieving food security objectives.

15.30 – 15.40 7. The impact of financial factors on importing countries

The International Grains Council (IGC) will lead a discussion on the impact of financial constraints on importers and their purchasing power, i.e. currency depreciation/volatility, rising interest rates and cost of financing, external debt levels. The potential impact of some importers and/or exporters looking to move away from the US dollar pricing in commodity/grain trade may also be discussed (e.g. Egypt and Turkey in trade with the Russian Federation).

15:40 – 15:45 8. Election of the new AMIS Chair

15.45 – 15.50 9. Any other business

15.50 – 16.00 10. Chair’s summary report