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GLOBAL FORUM ON AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL POLICIES IN EMERGING ECONOMIES

20-21 November 2008
Room CC 9
OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue André-Pascal, 75016 Paris, France

Background

The Global Forum on Agriculture is the OECD's main instrument for broad-based dialogue between OECD members and non-member economies on agricultural policy issues. Since 2001 it has been used to examine topics of mutual concern to both sets of countries and to broaden the discussion of national policy developments to include important non-member agricultural economies. The 2008 Global Forum continues the tradition of including both theme-based analysis and a discussion of country developments.

The Forum will be used to address two specific issues that are of concern to developing countries, and of increasing interest to OECD countries given the prospect of accession by new countries and the Organisation's enhanced engagement with several important agricultural economies.

- The first issue is that of **smallholder adjustment policies** in middle-income countries. The analysis uses a case study approach to examine how policies can be supportive of development opportunities for smallholders, yet simultaneously prepare for a future in which fewer people are ultimately employed in the sector.
- The second issue is that of **agricultural policy instrument choice** in developing countries, where the main focus will be on the relative efficiency of alternative agricultural policy instruments in raising the incomes of agricultural households. The discussion will be used to guide future work on this topic.

Monitoring of agricultural policy developments will be presented for seven non-member economies: Brazil, Chile, China, India, Russia, South Africa and Ukraine. The country reports will be revised and included in the report *Agricultural Policies in Emerging Economies: Monitoring and Evaluation*, to be published in the first half of 2009.

Participants at the meeting will include representatives of OECD countries, a wide range of non-member economies, non-governmental organisations and international organisations with a shared interest in the issues under consideration, as well as academic experts.

Thursday, 20 November 2008

9:30-10:00	<p>Introduction</p> <p><i>Welcome and opening remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier Carlo Padoan, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD • Christopher Langman, Ambassador, Australian Delegation to the OECD, Global Forum Chair
<p><u>SESSION I: Structural adjustment in smallholder agriculture</u></p> <p><i>This session will consider how policies can be supportive of development opportunities for smallholders, yet simultaneously prepare for a future in which fewer people are ultimately employed in the sector.</i></p>	
10:00-10:45	<p>Smallholder adjustment: issues and policy responses</p> <p>An overview paper will examine the long-term historical experience of smallholder adjustment in OECD countries, describing the changes that have taken place as economies have developed, examining what the policy responses have been, and evaluating the effectiveness of those policies. It will propose a framework for designing effective adjustment policies in middle income countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Dalila Cervantes-Godoy, Agricultural Policy Analyst, Development Division, OECD/TAD • Lead discussant: Salomon Salcedo, Senior Policy Officer, UN-FAO • Open discussion: All participants
10:45-11:30	<p>Case study 1: Chile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Manuel Miranda, Head of the Development Department, INDAP, Ministry of Agriculture, Chile • Lead discussant: Alberto Valdés, Research Associate, Universidad Catolica de Chile • Open discussion: All participants
11:30-12:15	<p>Case study 2: Mexico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Jorge Zermeño Gonzalez, Director-General, ASERCA SAGARPA, Ministry of Agriculture, Mexico • Lead discussant: Ed Taylor, Professor, University of California, Davis • Open discussion: All participants
12:15-13:00	<p>Case study 3: Korea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Hanho Kim, Professor, Seoul National University • Lead discussant: Dongjin Yoon, Permanent Delegation of Korea to the OECD • Open discussion: All participants
13:00-15:00	<p><i>Lunch Break</i></p>
15:00-16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Wrap-up (Secretariat)

SESSION II: The effectiveness of agricultural policies in developing countries

This session will examine the issue of agricultural policy instrument choice in developing countries. It will focus on specific considerations that govern the impact of alternative policy instruments in low income countries, and will be used to guide work on this topic scheduled for 2009-10.

16:00-16:45	The welfare impacts of agricultural policies in developing countries The presentation and discussion will examine the relative efficiency of alternative agricultural policy instruments in raising the incomes of farm households in developing countries with differing structural characteristics, as well as the distributional effects of those policies more generally. It will also give some broader consideration to some of the practical issues that need to be considered when designing and implementing agricultural policies in developing countries. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation: Jonathan Brooks, Senior Agricultural Policy Analyst, Development Division, OECD/TAD and Ed Taylor, Professor, University of California, Davis• Open discussion: All participants
16:45-17:30	The structural characteristics of developing country agriculture The presentation and discussion will consider the diversity of structures that characterise developing country agriculture and provide insights into which kinds of policies are likely to be more or less effective under different circumstances. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation: Alberto Zezza, Economist, FAO• Open discussion: All participants
17:30-18:00	Conclusions and next steps
18:00-20:00	<i>Evening Reception</i>

Friday, 21 November 2008

SESSION III: Agricultural Policies in Emerging Economies: Monitoring and Evaluation

This session will be used to discuss policy developments in major non-member economies and to obtain feedback on draft country chapters to be included in the report Agricultural Policies in Emerging Economies: Monitoring and Evaluation.

10:00-11:00	Overview of agricultural market developments and policy responses in emerging economies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation: Darryl Jones, Consultant• Open discussion: All participants
11:00-12:30	Agricultural policy developments in China and India <ul style="list-style-type: none">• China: Andrzej Kwiecinski, Senior Agricultural Policy Analyst, Development Division, OECD/TAD• Open discussion: All participants• India: Andrzej Kwiecinski, Senior Agricultural Policy Analyst, Development Division, OECD/TAD• Open discussion: All participants
12:30-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-16:00	Agricultural policy developments in Russia and Ukraine <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Russia: Olga Melyukhina, Agricultural Policy Analyst, Policies and Trade in Agriculture Division, OECD/TAD• Open discussion: All participants• Ukraine: Olga Melyukhina, Agricultural Policy Analyst, Policies and Trade in Agriculture Division, OECD/TAD• Open discussion: All participants
16:00-17:30	Agricultural policy developments in Brazil, Chile and South Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil: Jonathan Brooks, Senior Agricultural Policy Analyst, Development Division, OECD/TAD• Open discussion: All participants• Chile: Dalila Cervantes-Godoy, Agricultural Policy Analyst, Development Division, OECD/TAD• Open discussion: All participants• South Africa: Vaclav Vojtech, Agricultural Policy Analyst, Agricultural Policies and Environment Division, OECD/TAD• Open discussion: All participants
17:30-18:00	Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OECD Secretariat comments• Christopher Langman, Ambassador, Australian Delegation to the OECD, Global Forum Chair