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Conference

G20 agriculture: what's next?

20th December 2011 at 9:00 am

Pierre Mendès-France Conference Center

French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, Paris

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<http://www.fondation-farm.org/inscriptions>

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The Final Declaration of the Cannes Summit, November 3-4, which brought together the Heads of State and Government of the nineteen richest countries, plus the European Union, recognizes the critical importance of agriculture: it commits signatories to “*address food price volatility and increase agricultural production and productivity*”, based on the Action Plan adopted in Paris on June 22-23; and it makes food security a priority to “*overcome the most critical bottlenecks hampering growth in developing countries*”.

The G20 thus laid the foundations for a new governance of agriculture and developed a set of measures to meet the global challenges of agriculture and food security.

As France prepares to pass on the G20 presidency to Mexico for 2012, the Foundation for World Agriculture and Rurality (FARM), Pluriagri and the Institute of Public Management and Economic Development (IGPDE) organize a conference **to take stock of what has been achieved in 2011** and to explore more specifically two major issues:

- **storage policies:** should public stocks of agricultural products be considered only as humanitarian emergency food reserves or do they have a role to play in the regulation of agricultural prices?
- **risk management:** could a better coordination between the different actors of the food value chains (inter-branch agreements, contracting between farmers and processors) help reduce "excessive" price volatility and create a conducive environment to increase production and productivity?

A **panel** will give voice to farmers from different countries (Mali, Mexico, the Philippines, France). The conference will be closed by a **French official** and by a **Mexican official** who will outline his government's position on agriculture in the G20 context.

“*We decide to maintain our focus on the broad global economic challenges*”, states the Final Declaration of the Cannes Summit. For agriculture and food security, the challenge is considerable: how can they stay at the top of the international policy agenda?

FARM, Pluriagri and the IGPDE are inviting you to discuss these issues with farmers, experts and policy makers.

Please note: the conference will begin at 9:00 am sharp. Due to security procedures at the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, it is strongly recommended to arrive from 8:00 am on.

Program

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Opening remarks:** René Carron, President, FARM (Foundation for World Agriculture and Rurality); Xavier Beulin, President, Pluriagri; a representative of the French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry
- 9:30 – 10:15 **Introduction: the outcome of the G20 agriculture in 2011**
Eric Allain, Director General for Agricultural Policies, Food and Countryside, French Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, Rurality and Country Planning
- 10:15 – 13:00 **Thematic session: stock policies**
Chair: Bernard Bachelier, member of the Board, FARM
Discussant: Bernard Valluis, Deputy Chairman, ANMF (National Association of the French Milling Industry)
- 10:15 – 10:20 Introduction by the Chair
 - 10:20 – 10:45 The French experience on grain storage
Pierre-Olivier Drège, Deputy Director in charge of Strategy at Unigrains, and General Director of AGPB (French Wheat Producers Association)
 - 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break offered by IGPDE (Institute of Public Management and Economic Development)
 - 11:15 – 11:40 The Word Food Program (WFP) pilot project on humanitarian emergency food reserves in West Africa
Claude Jibidar, Deputy Director, WFP's West and Central Africa Regional Bureau
 - 11:40 – 12:05 The regulation of the rice market in Indonesia
Bustanul Arifin, consultant, professor in agricultural economics, University of Lampung, Indonesia
 - 12:05 – 12:20 Remarks by the discussant
 - 12:20 – 1:00 Floor debate
- 1:00 – 2:30 **Lunch offered by IGPDE**
- 2:30 – 4:15 **Thematic session: risk management within value chains**
Chair: Jean-Yves Grosclaude, AFD (French Development Agency)
Discussant: Franck Galtier, Cirad (Center for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development)
- 2:30 – 2:35 Introduction by the Chair
 - 2:35 – 3:00 An example of an inter-branch scheme: the cotton price smoothing fund in Burkina Faso
Jonas B. Bayoulou, Director of Economic Studies and Prospective, SOFITEX (Company of Textile Fibers of Burkina Faso), Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso
 - 3:00 – 3:25 Lessons from contractual arrangements between small farmers and agro-industry in India
Meeta Punjab, consultant for FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute), New Delhi, India
 - 3:25 – 3:40 Remarks by the discussant
 - 3:40 – 4:15 Floor debate
- 4:15 – 5:30 **Panel: the voice to farmers**
Chair: Jean-Christophe Debar, Director of FARM
- Ibrahim Coulibaly, President, CNOP-Mali (National Coordination of Farmers Organizations), Mali
- Raul Montemayor, former Vice President, IFAP (International Federation of Agricultural Producers), the Philippines
- Ivan Polanco, Director of Public Policies, ANEC (Mexican Association of Rural Producers), Mexico
- Christiane Lambert, First Vice President, FNSEA (French National Federation of Farmers Unions), France
- 5:30 – 6:00 **Closing remarks**
- 5:30 – 5:45 Jorge Rueda Sousa, Minister Counselor (Agriculture), Mexican Mission to the European Union
 - 5:45 – 6:00 Henri de Raincourt, Minister attached to the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, in charge of Cooperation
- 6:00 – 8:00 **Cocktail offered by IGPDE**