



**International Seminar on Approaches and Methodologies for  
Private Food Grain Stock Measurement  
New Delhi, 9-11 November 2016**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

**Background**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) provides technical assistance to countries for building their capacities to produce timely and reliable agricultural statistics and for planning food and agriculture related government interventions and programmes.

In the framework of the **Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS)** of the G20, FAO is supporting India in strengthening its market information system, in collaboration with the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** and other related government agencies in the country. One of the focus areas in these efforts aims at enhancing India's system of food grain stocks measurement.

Against this background, this International Seminar will bring together experts from different countries with advanced knowledge of systems and methodologies for the measurement of private food grain stocks to share their know-how and experience. The Seminar will provide an important opportunity for Indian experts to learn from the experiences of other countries, and evaluate whether their best practices can be adopted in the Indian context, especially as regards suitable methodologies for the measurement, assessment or estimation of private food grain stocks of the four AMIS commodities – wheat, rice, maize and soybeans.

**Seminar Objective**

The Seminar is expected to take stock of academic and empirical research on food grain stock measurement. Specifically, the Seminar will:

- Increase awareness of existing information on private food grain stocks to support food security and market transparency;

- Provide a platform for dialogue and expert consultation with a view to enhancing the understanding of food grain stocks and its measurement;
- Share country experiences on approaches and methodologies for private food grain stocks measurement, in particular those relating to:
  - conceptual and contemporary issues involved in stocks measurement and its linkages with food security statistics;
  - food grain stocks assessments by exploring data from existing surveys; and
  - recent methodological developments in the estimation of food grain stocks.
- Bring global knowledge and expertise to institutions in India; and
- Discuss options for a feasible methodologies in the South-Asian context.

## **Participants**

A total of about 60 participants from Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, EU countries, India, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Nigeria, Thailand, Ukraine, USA and FAO and other international organizations are expected to participate. Relevant organisations of Government of India, representatives of private stock holders, research institutions and individual experts are invited.

The Seminar will also be open to participants from other countries in the Asia Pacific region, associated with the implementation of the global initiatives like Global Strategy to Improve Agriculture and Rural Developments.

Experts will be contacted by the Secretariat to make technical contributions based upon domain their expertise. Secretariat will also entertain proposals to make highly relevant technical contributions from individual experts.

## **Venue**

### **Kautilya Hall, Hotel Samrat**

Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021, India

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## **Costs and Logistics**

All participants are required to register in advance using the prescribed form contained in the Information Note which provides further logistic details. There is no registration fee for the Seminar. The logistics and local cost related to Seminar will be covered by the organizers. The cost of air travel and the daily subsistence allowance of selected resource persons will be borne by the Seminar organizers, unless borne by the organizations for which they are working. The other participants will arrange to fund their travel through their respective governments, projects or sponsoring agency.

## **Provisional Seminar Agenda**

### **Day 1: Wednesday, 9 November 2016**

1. Inaugural Session: Key note address and Seminar orientation

#### **Technical Session 1: Food grain stocking along the supply chain and its measurement**

1.1 Availability of data on Food Grain Stock and AMIS framework

1.2 Food grain stocking pattern in food supply chain

#### **Technical Session 2: Conceptual issues in measurement of food grain stock**

2.1 Conceptual and methodological issues in measurement of food grain stock

2.2 Survey and other methods of measuring private food grain stocks

2.3 Experience of Philippines in food grain stock measurement survey

### **Day 2: Thursday, 10 November, 2016**

#### **Technical session 3: Country experiences on food grain stock measurement, estimation or assessment**

3.1. Country experiences (US, EU, Brazil, Australia, China, Ukraine)

#### **Technical session 4: Activities on food grain stocks measurement in the region**

4.1 FAO's work in support of AMIS in the region

4.2 Data inventory, approach and methodology for private food stock estimation: India

4.3 Reports on methodologies for gathering information on private food grain stock: Bangladesh, Thailand, Japan and Vietnam

### **Day 3: Friday, 11 November, 2016 (Tentative)**

**Forenoon:** Secretariat and Bilateral meeting

**Afternoon:** Technical session 5: Panel discussion on methodology for food grain stock estimation

The detailed Time table will be prepared after confirmation of papers to be presented.