

Important Dates & Deadlines

- 3 March 2014: Full paper submission deadline
- 28 March 2014: Notification of acceptance for the Forum 2014 program
- 2 May 2014: Early-bird registration deadline
- 8 June 2014: Final deadline for online registration
- 25-27 June 2014: IAMO Forum 2014

Registration & Conference Fees

The conference fee covers admission to all sessions, conference folders, refreshments during breaks, lunches on all conference days, and evening events on the first and second conference day. The fee does not cover accommodation or travel costs.

	Conference fee	Reduced fee*
Early registration	€270	€30
After 2 May 2014	€345	€50

* For undergraduate students (prior to master's degree). This fee does not include evening events and conference folders. Registration only with a copy of your student card. Registration is possible via www.iamo.de/forum/2014/registration2014.

Location & Language

The IAMO Forum will be held in Halle (Saale), Germany, in the conference facilities of the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO).

The conference language is English.

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FORUM 2014

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 Markets and Trade

The Rise of the "Emerging Economies"

Towards Functioning
 Agricultural Markets and
 Trade Relations?



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Background

Forecasts of the medium and long term development of global agricultural markets are subject to great uncertainties. It is not clear in which way new parameters – e.g. cultivating renewable resources, new forms of agricultural speculation, and the rise of the so-called emerging economies – affect global markets, prices, and trade. Emerging economies are currently becoming both globally leading demanders and suppliers of agricultural products.

Will the economic vitality of the emerging economies raise the pressure on the demand side? Or will these countries be able to increase their productivity until the global agricultural supply exceeds the demand? Which scenario becomes reality crucially depends on the development of efficient and powerful agricultural markets in the emerging economies and their integration into the global markets. Are the emerging economies on their way to becoming the future global food basket?

In addition to these issues, IAMO Forum 2014 will focus on food security and volatility. In this context the question arises whether speculation improves or deteriorates the functioning of agricultural futures markets, and what are the consequences for producers and consumers.

IAMO Forum 2014 is jointly organized by the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), and the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC). The conference will provide the opportunity for multidisciplinary discussion and networking among researchers, decision makers and business representatives from all over the world, and especially from transition countries.

Topics

- Agro-food and factor markets in emerging economies: On the way to efficient supply chains?
- Volatility and speculation on commodity markets: Blessing or curse?
- Global food security and trade: What is the role of emerging economies?
- Doing agribusiness: Drivers and barriers?
- Innovation in agro-food: A widely unexploited growth potential?
- Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): A way to higher growth?

Program Highlights

The conference will commence with a panel session featuring internationally renowned keynote speakers each morning. Contributed papers will be presented in several parallel sessions.

Panel Session 1: Emerging Economies – Are They the Future Global Food Basket?

The first day's panel will focus on the development and efficiency of agricultural markets in emerging economies. These countries bear large additional production potential and could play a large role for future global food supply. Special emphasis will be placed on the importance of Russia and China. Moreover, agricultural trade and trade policies and their influence on global food security will be discussed. A further topic is crop insurance and the role it could play in mobilizing the additional agricultural production potential.

First Day



Panel Session 2: Volatility and Speculation on Agricultural Markets

How can price bubbles be identified and what are their economic impacts? What causes price volatility and what are its consequences for producers, consumers and agricultural markets? Volatility and speculation are the focus of the second day's panel session. Topics to be discussed include price discovery on futures/options markets, the importance of futures/options for agricultural risk management, and hedging strategies on volatile markets.

Second Day



Panel Session 3: Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) could contribute to creating and diversifying trade, and will be the subject of the third day's panel session. The TTIP agreement and the positions of the member countries will be discussed, as will trade liberalization and growth perspectives. Further topics of discussion include sanitary, phytosanitary and technical barriers, the relationship of trade and sustainable development as well as TTIP's impact on neighboring countries.

Third Day



Panel Speakers

Kym Anderson

George Gollin Professor of Economics at the University of Adelaide, Australia, and Professor of Economics at the Australian National University's Crawford School of Public Policy



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