

## IAMO Forum 2014: The rise of the 'emerging economies': Towards functioning agricultural markets and trade relations?

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The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO) has the pleasure to announce the upcoming IAMO Forum 2014, which is jointly organized by IAMO, the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) and the Agricultural Applied Economics Association (AAEA). The conference will focus on operational reliability and effectiveness of agricultural factor and commodity markets with special emphasis on transition and leading emerging economies.

There is a large body of literature on global food markets and trade. Nevertheless, a series of open questions remain concerning the functioning of domestic markets and agro-food chains, especially in transition countries and emerging economies. In fact, although recently some of these countries have been rising to become global players in the agro-food trade, the role and the impact they may have at international agro-food markets are still controversially debated. Moreover, the contestability of domestic markets in these countries and the local/international market integration still remains to be investigated. In this regard, a new factor could be the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) which may affect the region through trade creation and trade diversion.

The IAMO Forum 2014 aims at taking stock of current research on the functioning of global and domestic commodity and factor markets in the target regions. Besides, the 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 which are the consequences for producers and consumers. Moreover the Forum 2014 wants to serve as a platform to discuss whether emerging economies are on the way to become the future global food basket.

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