



THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRADE TO RESILIENCE: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM THE COVID-19 CRISIS



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE. 29-30 JUNE 2021

The Covid-19 outbreak has revealed bottlenecks but also opportunities in the current agricultural trade system to deal with a world-wide pandemic. This symposium aims at identifying how trade contributes to resilience by identifying which sectors were most affected by the outbreak, whether new initiatives were created to increase resilience, what are the medium term impacts of the outbreak, and how policies can contribute to the recovery and resilience of the sector.



OPENING REMARKS

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PLENARY SESSION I

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PARALLEL SESSIONS I & II

3:20 PM - 4:20 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS III & IV

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PLENARY SESSION II

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PARALLEL SESSIONS V & VI

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PARALLEL SESSIONS VII & VIII 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION III

5:40 PM - 6:40 PM





Plenary speakers

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Julie Collins

Julie Collins is Deputy Director-General, Policy and Trade in the Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand. Julie has more than 30 years' experience in primary industries and resource use policy in New Zealand and in the UK. She has led senior roles in climate change, the Emissions Trading Scheme, forestry, biosecurity, animal welfare and food policy. Recently she established Te Uru Rākau, a new MPI branch, and has also worked in the food safety standards area.



Lars Mikael Jensen

Lars Mikael Jensen is the Vice President of the integrated logistics company A.P. Moller – Maersk (APMM), where he is responsible for ocean network and markets in all East/West trades. Lars has been with APMM for 39 years, where he has held senior leadership roles both in Maersk Line Commercial and Operations amongst others as Regional Manager in Asia and Head of Global Ocean Network for the Maersk fleet of more than 700 vessels.



Darci Vetter

Ambassador Darci Vetter is Vice Chair, Agriculture, Food and Trade at Edelman North America, where she advises clients throughout the food and agriculture sectors on sustainability, trade and supply chain issues. Vetter served as Chief Agricultural Negotiator at the US Trade Representative (USTR) and Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services at the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) during the Obama Administration. While serving as President Obama's Chief Agricultural Negotiator, she led the negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agricultural package, as well as bilateral negotiations with Japan, China, Brazil and other countries.



Alan Matthews

Alan Matthews is Professor Emeritus of European Agricultural Policy at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. He is a former President of the European Association of Agricultural Economists and has been a member of Ireland's Climate Change Advisory Council. He is a regular contributor to the blog capreform.eu on issues relating to the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.



Carmel Cahill

Carmel Cahill is Irish and holds a M.A. degree in Economics from University College Cork and a M.Sc. in Statistics from Trinity College Dublin. She began her career in the Irish civil service, and spent time in the Departments of Agriculture and Finance, working mainly on agricultural policy issues. She joined the Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of the OECD in 1983 and continued with the newly created Trade and Agriculture Directorate, retiring in 2019, at which time she held the post of Deputy Director. Since retirement she has been engaged in teaching activities and in reflecting and writing on a range of agricultural and trade topics.





Plenary sessions

Session I - Bottlenecks and opportunities during the COVID-19 crisis

Moderator: Frank van Tongeren (OECD)

Julie Collins: Resilience and New Zealand Agriculture in the age of Covid-19

Lars Mikael Jensen: Container Shipping – Central to the global logistic pipeline

during COVID periods

Session II - Policy responses during the COVID-19 crisis

Moderator: **Jonathan Brooks** (OECD)

Darci Vetter: COVID 19: Shifting US trade policy priorities

Alan Matthews: Lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic for food security planning in the EU

Session III - Unblocking multilateral trade negotiations in agriculture

Moderator: Lee Ann Jackson (OECD)

Carmel Cahill: New Pathways for Progress in Multilateral Trade Negotiations in Agriculture





Parallel sessions

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Session I

Moderator: Fabio Santeramo (University of Foggia)

Has Global Agricultural Trade Been Resilient Under Coronavirus (COVID-19)? Findings From an Econometric Assessment

Shawn Arita (USDA, Office of the Chief Economist), Jason Grant (Virginia Tech. Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics), Sharon Sydow (USDA,Office of the Chief Economist), Jayson Beckman (USDA, Economic Research Service)

Assessing the Heterogeneous Effects of COVID-19 on Agricultural Trade

Soojung Ahn, and Sandro Steinbach (Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut)

Agricultural Trade and Environmental Sustainability

Kathy Baylis (University of California), Thomas Heckelei (University of Bonn), Thomas W. Hertel (Center for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University)

Session II - Organized session: China's role in international grain markets

Moderator: Nathan Kemp (IGC)

China and the Global Short Term Grain Market Outlook

Erin Collier, David Bedford and Lavinia Lucarelli (Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations)

How important is China's feed net deficit for the medium terms prospects of grain markets Marcel Adenäuer (OECD, TAD/ATM)





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Session III - Organized session: The contributions of trade and agri-food value chains to resilience - what have we learned from the COVID-19 crisis?

Moderator: **Ekaterina Krivonos** (System Organization, CGIAR)

Resilience, Innovation, and Adaptation in Domestic and International Agrifood Supply Chains in Africa and Asia

Thomas Reardon (Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University)

Food security and the role of trade under the current global crisis

Valeria Piñeiro (International Food Policy Research Institute, IFPRI)

Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on agri-food value chains: fractures, responses and opportunities for building back better

Dietmar Stoian (World Agroforestry, ICRAF)

Session IV

Moderator: **Ignacio Perez-Dominguez** (JRC)

Coping with COVID-19 in ASEAN's Agri-Food Value Chains: Trade's Role in Fostering Resilience and Improving Nutritional Outcomes

Brad Gilmour (Mouralea Consulting, Asia Pacific Foundation), Stephanie Lee (Asia Pacific Foundation), Tian Lin (World Agroforestry)

Identifying the drivers of SME resilience: evidence from developing countries during the COVID-19 pandemic

Justine Falciola, Sarah Mohan, Barbara Ramos, **Valentina Rollo** (Division of Market Development, International Trade Centre)

The Impact of the African Swine Fever Outbreak in China on Global Agricultural Markets Clara Frezal, Stephan Hubertus Gay, Claude Nenert (Trade and Agriculture Directorate, Agri-Food and Market Division, OECD)





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Session V

Moderator: **Jonathan Coleman** (US International Trade Commission)

The Potential Impacts of Increased Afforestation on the Irish Agricultural Sector Lucie Adenäuer, James Breen and Anne Hayden (University College Dublin)

Tariffs, Agricultural Subsidies, and the 2020 US Presidential Election: Unintended Consequences

Jaerim Choi (University of Hawaii, Economics), **Sunghun Lim** (Texas Tech University, Agricultural and Applied Economics)

The value of the Committee on Agriculture: Mapping Q&As to trade flows
Lee Ann Jackson (OECD), Federica Maggi, Roberta Piermartini (WTO) and Stela Rubínová (OECD)

Session VI

Moderator: **Ian Sheldon** (Ohio State University)

European and Member State policy responses and economic impacts on agri-food markets due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Christine Wieck, (University of Hohenheim, Coordinator and contact author), Liesbeth Dries (Wageningen University), Victor Martinez-Gomez (Universitat Politècnica de València), Olayinka Idowu Kareem (University of Hohenheim), Bettina Rudloff (German Institute for Security Affairs Berlin), Fabio Gaetano Santeramo (University of Foggia), Magdalena Sliwinska, Rafal Sliwinski (Poznan University of Economics and Business)

Realigning Policy Interventions on Agricultural Prices: Facilitating Economic Recovery in Lowand Middle-Income Countries in the Post-COVID-19 Era

Sarah Consoli, Juan José Egas Yerovi, Cristian Morales Opazo (Agrifood Economics Division, FAO)





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Session VII - Organized session: Agro-Food Trade and Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Moderator: **Shawn Arita** (USDA, Office of the Chief Economist)

COVID-19 and Cotton Import Demand in China

Andrew Muhammad, S. Aaron Smith, Tun-Hsiang, Edward Yu (Institute of Agriculture, University of Tennessee)

Measuring the impact of COVID-19 trade actions on international food trade

Soojung Ahn, and Sandro Steinbach (Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut)

Distributional Impacts of Policy and COVID-19 on Low-income Household Food Demand in Thailand

Hoa Hoang, Wyatt Thompson, Sanguk Kwon (University of Missouri-Columbia)

Session VIII

Moderator: **Lesley Ahmed** (U.S. International Trade Commission)

Revisiting the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Canada's Agricultural Trade: The Surprising Case of an Agricultural Export Boom

Rick Barichello (University of British Columbia)

Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on global agricultural trade

Helena Engemann, Yaghoob Jafari (Institute for Food and Resource Economics, University of Bonn), Cosimo Avesani, Ishrat Gadhok, Andrea Zimmermann (Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations)

A theoretical framework to analyze the resilience of agricultural value chains to the COVID-19 crisis

Lionel Cosnard (GREThA, Université de Bordeaux and French Ministry of Agriculture and Food)



