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Round table – 16 November

Agricultural Domestic Support under the WTO



The Agreement on Agriculture under the World Trade Organization (WTO) sets rules for both border policies and domestic policies that support agricultural producers. The picture of which governments support producers in what ways through domestic policies, and by how much, has changed greatly over 30 years.

Newer policy priorities relating to sustainability, for example, biodiversity loss and mitigation of climate change are increasingly discussed. Differences in views on domestic support disciplines remain obstacles in WTO negotiations in agriculture. Less distorted international trade flows could help to alleviate the problem of food insecurity. As governments now prepare for the WTO ministerial conference in February 2024, negotiators see progress on domestic support issues as a top priority in agriculture.

In this round-table conversation Lars Brink, Independent Advisor and Fellow of the Academy, will draw on his 2023 co-authored book, titled *Agricultural Domestic Support under the WTO: Experience and Prospects*, to highlight important features in domestic support under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture and discuss the potential for accommodating newer priorities. Comments will be provided by Alan Matthews, Professor Emeritus, Trinity College, Ireland, and Agata Galinska, Acting Head of Unit, European Commission.

Welcome!

Peter Normark
Academy Secretary General, Managing Director

Time & venue

Thursday, 16 November,
9 AM – 12 noon at KSLA,
Drottninggatan 95B,
Stockholm and Zoom.

The Zoom link will be e-mailed out the day before.

Registration

Please contact Per Eriksson if you would like to participate.

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Programme – 16 November

Agricultural Domestic Support under the WTO

Moderator: Harald Svensson*

- 09.00 **Introduction**
Per Eriksson, The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry
- 09.10 **Key-note speech: Domestic support in agriculture and the WTO: Taking stock and looking forward**
Lars Brink*, Independent Advisor
- 09.40 **Domestic support rules and policies: international context and evolving priorities**
Alan Matthews, Professor Emeritus, Trinity College, Ireland
- 10.00 **Reflections and comments**
Agata Galinska, Acting Head of Unit, European Commission
- 10.20 **Questions and brief discussion in relation to these contributions**
- 10.30 **Coffee-break**
- 10.50 **Prepared comments from Swedish representatives.**
Government offices
Agricultural Board
Farmers Union
- 11.10 **General discussion**
- 11.50 **Conclusion**
- 12.00 **Lunch**

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