Joint Seminar between the Working Party on Agricultural Policies And Markets (APM) and the OECD Network for Farm-Level Analysis:

Structural change in agriculture

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14:30 - 14:45	**Introduction by the OECD Secretariat**
14:45 - 16:00	**Comparing farm size distribution across countries: Network project**
	The OECD Secretariat will first present the preliminary results of a network project aiming to develop indicators of farm size distribution on a comparable basis across countries. Network participants will then present more detailed country analysis using the same measurement method. • Cross-country comparison of farm size distribution: measurement issues and alternative summary statistics, *Shingo Kimura, OECD.* • The drivers of farm consolidation in the United States, *James MacDonald, USDA Economic Research Service, United States* • Structural change in the Dutch agriculture, *Hans Vrolijk, LEI, the Netherlands (Video conference)* • Structural change in Canadian agriculture, *Nathan Niu and Véronique Maltais Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada., Canada (Video conference)* • Discussant: • General discussion
Coffee Break	
16:30 - 17:30	**Developments in the structure of farming**
	The presentations highlight changes in the structural characteristics of farms, farm labour and farm families over time, with implications for the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of policies, including distribution of support. • The evolution of family farming in France: Evidence from the 2010 agricultural census, *Alexis Grandjean, Centre for Studies and Strategic Foresight, Ministry of agriculture, food and forestry, France.* • The impacts of the new CAP on farm income distribution in Germany: Heiko Hansen, *Thünen Institute, Germany.* • Discussant: • General discussion
17:30 - 18:00	**Policy implications**
	General discussion on: • Implications of structural change for policy making? • How to strengthen the role and pertinence of micro-level analysis in policy-making?

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