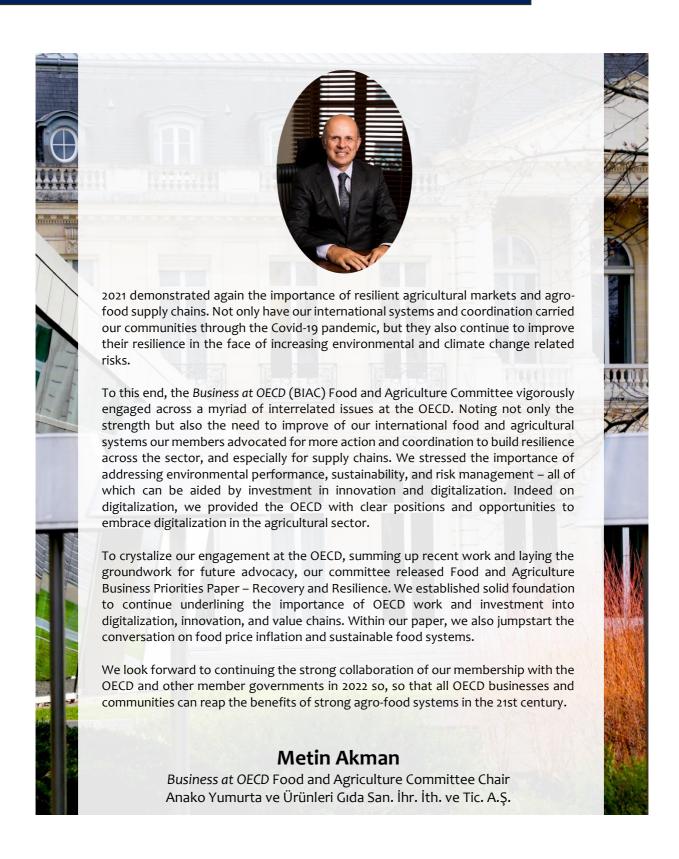


Message from the Committee Chair



Context



The OECD is a global leader of statistics, forecasts, and evidence-based policy recommendations in the area of food and agriculture. Its annual publications, such as Monitoring and Evaluating Agricultural Policies and the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook, are closely followed by policymakers and industry. The OECD's policy work contributes to bettering food systems towards in pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals. The OECD contributes actively to the G20, including on the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).

Business at OECD (BIAC) is the officially recognized business advisory group to the OECD and represents the leading business and employers' organizations in OECD countries. The work of our Food and Agriculture Committee enables private sector representatives to participate in high-level OECD sessions and regular policy meetings, exchange and network with governments and OECD leadership, access information and contribute to OECD policy recommendations, and build momentum with private sector peers to impact policy-making at all stages.

This activity report provides selected year highlights of the *Business at OECD* Food and Agriculture Committee in 2021, and includes a list of Committee releases and sessions. In line with the OECD's priorities and the efforts of many others of our Committees, our activities in 2021 focused aligning core issues of the Committee with recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, amongst other important food and agriculture topics.

Year Highlights

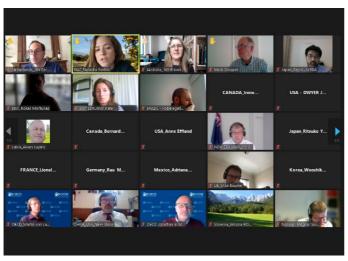
March

In March, a large Business at OECD (BIAC) Food and Agriculture Committee delegation participated in **OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets** (**APM**) meeting, to discuss the OECD work on Food Systems, Agricultural resilience to natural disasters and agricultural risk management policies, amongst other issues.

April

• In April, our Committee members attended the **OECD Committee for Agriculture (COAG)** meeting, and contributed to the discussions about future on agricultural supply chains, recent market developments and preparations for OECD meeting of agriculture ministers in 2022.

May



Natasha Santos, Vice Chair, speaking at the OECD Working Party on Agricultural Markets in May 2021

• In May, Business at OECD delegation led by Vice Chair Natasha Santos (Bayer) participated in the session of OECD Working **Party** Agricultural Policies and Markets and convened business messages emerging issues from the digitalization of the agricultural sector, and discussed issues related characterizing agricultural resilience.

Our Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Committee convened virtually to exchange on members' trade priorities and discuss with Ms. Lee Ann Jackson, the Head of Division, Agro-Food Trade and Markets Division (OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate) on the key priorities for the Organization on agriculture for the upcoming period.



Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Committee Meeting May 2021

June

In June, our Committee members attended the **OECD Global Forum on Agriculture**, held under the theme *Policies for a more resilient agro-food sector*, which featured discussions on agricultural resilience, agricultural risk management, lessons from Covid-19 for food systems resilience and other.

August

• In August, following up on the new proposed OECD work on emerging issues from the digitalization of agriculture sector, we have released our Key Messages on Digitalization of Agriculture, outlining key aspects to be considered and addressed to strengthen the digitalization of the agricultural sector and promotion of new technologies.

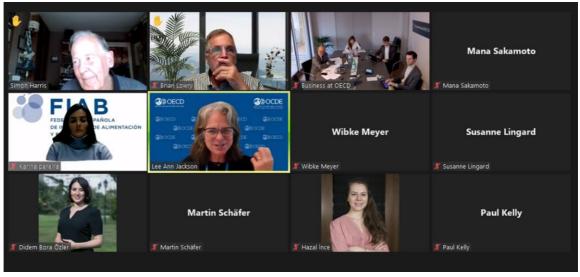
November

- In November, business delegation participated to the **OECD Joint Working Party on Agriculture and the Environment (JWPAE)**, to discuss ongoing OECD work on policies to improve environmental performance, climate change and agriculture, and agriculture, trade and sustainability, amongst other things.
- Also this month, our Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Committee convened in hybrid format to exchange on member priorities and learn from OECD leadership on its joint work with the FAO on its annual Agricultural Outlook, and its work on agriculture value chains.
- A large Committee delegation led by Chair Metin Akman and Vice Chair Natasha Santos contributed to the meeting of the **OECD Committee for Agriculture.** In this context, we have released our <u>Business Priorities Paper Agriculture Recovery and Resilience</u>, to contribute to OECD discussions on its future programme of work and budget for 2023-24.



Above: Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Chair Metin Akman; below: Natasha Santos, Vice Chair. Both at the OECD Committee for Agriculture in November.





Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Committee Meeting November 2021

Major Committee Releases

- Key Messages on Digitalization of Agriculture
- Agriculture Recover and Resilience Business Priorities Paper

Sessions

Business at OECD Committee Sessions

| 5 | May | Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Committee Leadership Meeting with OECD Trade and Agriculture (TAD) Director Ms. Marion Jansen |
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| 31 | May | Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Committee Meeting |
| 17 | November | Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Committee Meeting |

OECD Sessions with Member Participation

OECD Committee Sessions

| 21-22 | April | OECD Committee for Agriculture Meeting (COAG) |
|-------|----------|---|
| 4-6 | May | OECD Committee on Fisheries (COFI) |
| 16-17 | November | OECD Committee on Fisheries (COFI) |
| 18-19 | November | OECD Committee for Agriculture Meeting (COAG) |

OECD Fora

8-9 June OECD Global Forum on Agriculture

OECD Working Party Sessions

| 18-19 | March | OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets (APM) |
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| 18-20 | May | OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets (APM) |
| 6 | July | OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets (APM) - |
| | | ad hoc session |
| 8-9 | November | OECD Joint Working Party on Agriculture and the Environment |
| | | (JWPAE) |
| 24-26 | November | OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets (APM) |

Other OECD and Business at OECD Sessions

| 27 | January | OECD Webinar on Making Better Policies for Food Systems |
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| 17 | May | OECD-China engagement of the Trade and Agriculture Directorate |
| 20 | September | Business at OECD Session on Biodiversity Business Principles |

2022 Preliminary Meetings Outlook

| 16-17 | March | OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets (APM) |
|-------|-------|---|
| 7-8 | April | OECD Joint Working Party on Agriculture and the Environment (JWPAE) |
| 11 | April | OECD Workshop on Agriculture, Trade and the Environment |
| 25 | April | Business at OECD Food and Agriculture Committee |
| 26 | April | OECD Global Forum on Agriculture |
| 27-28 | April | OECD Committee for Agriculture (COAG) |
| 10-12 | May | OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets (APM) TBC |
| 10-12 | May | OECD Committee on Fisheries (COFI) |

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