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At the G20 Seoul summit in November 2010 the leaders made the following commitment:

“[We will] enhance food security policy coherence and coordination and increase agricultural productivity and food availability, including by advancing innovative results-based mechanisms, promoting responsible agriculture investment, fostering smallholder agriculture, and inviting relevant international organizations to develop, for our 2011 Summit in France, proposals to better manage and mitigate risks of food price volatility without distorting market behavior”.

Methodology

- impact or effectiveness of G20 actions not estimated;
- Individual, institutional commitments and mandates to IOs;
- Specific criteria for each commitment's assessment;
- scoring system: +1 full compliance; 0 partial compliance/work in progress and -1 non-compliance;
- monitoring period from adoption of a decision to end October 2012.

2011 Action Plan on Food Price Volatility and Agriculture objectives

- **Improve agricultural production and productivity** (boost agricultural growth; promote sustainable agricultural practices; launch the International Research Initiative for Wheat Improvement (IRIWI));
- **Increase market information and transparency** (national information systems, participation in the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS); launch the AMIS; launch the Global Agricultural Geo-Monitoring Initiative);
- **Strengthen international policy coordination** (remove export restrictions on humanitarian food; establish a Rapid Response Forum);
- **Improve and develop risk management tools** (maximize efficient delivery of food assistance; develop a targeted emergency humanitarian food reserves system);
- **Improve the functioning of agricultural commodities' derivatives markets** (implement IOSCO principles; improve market information and transparency).

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three components

- **Individual commitments (6 commitments);**
- **Collective commitments (6 commitments);**
- **Mandates (5 mandates).**

Individual commitments

High level of compliance (0.67).

Australia, Canada, France and Germany fully complied.

Members were most successful in removing export restrictions for food purchased by the WFP (0.95).

Maximizing food delivery efficiency and strengthening supply chains proved a challenge (-0.05)

Individual commitments compliance scores

Principle	Commitment	ARG	AUS	BRA	CAN	CHN	FRA	GER	IND	IDN	ITA	JPN	KOR	MEX	RUS	SAU	SAR	TUR	UK	USA	EU	G20 avg	
Agricultural productivity	Boost agricultural growth	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.9
	Sustainable agricultural practices	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0.55
	Total	0.5	1	0.5	1	0.5	1	1	0	0	1	0.5	1	0.5	1	1	0.5	0.5	1	1	1	1	0.73
Market information and transparency	AMIS and national information systems	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.9
International policy coordination	Remove export restrictions	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.95
Risk mitigation and management	Food delivery efficiency	-1	1	1	1	-1	1	1	0	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-0.05
Agricultural commodities' derivatives markets	Agricultural commodities' derivatives markets	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0.8
Average		0.5	1	0.7	1	0.1	1	1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.67	

Collective commitments

Full compliance (1).

- International Research Initiative for Wheat Improvement (IRIWI);
- Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS);
- Global Agricultural Geo-Monitoring Initiative;
- Rapid Response Forum;
- targeted emergency humanitarian food reserves system (PREPARE system).

Collective commitments compliance scores

Principle	Agricultural productivity	Market information and transparency		International policy coordination	Risk mitigation and management	Agricultural commodities' derivatives markets	
Commitment	IRIWI	AMIS	GEO GLAM	Rapid Response Forum	Humanitarian Food Reserves	Market information and transparency	Average
		1	1				
G20	1	1		1	1	1	1

Mandates

High level of compliance (0.8).

- **Examine and recommend potential innovative results-based mechanisms** (FAO and the World Bank) (1);
- **Monitor progress on food security commitments and report back** (FAO, World Bank, OECD and L'Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI)) (0);
- **Identify bottlenecks and opportunities to increase policy coherence for food security** (Committee on World Food Security) (1);
- **Mitigate and manage the risks associated with the price volatility** (FAO, IFAD, IMF, OECD, UNCTAD, WFP, the World Bank and WTO) (1);
- **Develop options for promoting responsible investment in agriculture** (UNCTAD, the World Bank, IFAD and FAO) (1).

Mandates compliance scores

Mandate	Examine and recommend potential innovative results-based mechanisms	Monitor progress on food security commitments and report back	Identify bottlenecks and opportunities to increase policy coherence for food security	Mitigate and manage the risks associated with the price volatility	Develop options for promoting responsible investment in agriculture	Average
G20	1	0	1	1	1	0.8

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Based on the average scores for individual and collective commitments and the institution's cooperation with relevant international organizations the overall performance of the G20 against the main objectives of its food security agenda is assessed as **0.82**.

Recommendations:

- Consolidate efforts on strengthening capacity to provide effective and targeted international assistance to the countries in need of humanitarian food aid.
- Sustain progress on improving the functioning of agricultural commodities' derivatives markets.
- Complete the launch and ensure effective functioning of the Global Agricultural Geo-Monitoring Initiative and PREPARE system.
- Continue to engage constructively with the international organizations on monitoring the progress.