

## G20 Series #41

### India's G20 Presidency

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Agriculture Deputies Meeting

(Chandigarh, Punjab - March 29-31, 2023)

(Ministry of Information & Broadcasting)

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*“As far as agriculture is concerned, we are as much focused on the future as we are on the present.”*

#### Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM) was held in Chandigarh, Punjab, from March 29-31, 2023. The 1<sup>st</sup> ADM was held in February 2023 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. These meetings have been held under the aegis of the Agriculture Working Group (AWG) in the context of India's G20 Presidency.

The AWG was established in the year 2011, at the sixth meeting of the G20 during the Cannes Summit in France to work in the area of agriculture and food security.

To know more about the AWG, [click here](#).

In the context of India's G20 Presidency, and aligning with India's G20 Presidency theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', the AWG aspires to enhance cooperation among G20 nations and aims to provide the member countries with an opportunity to coordinate at the policy level to work towards achieving global economic stability and sustainable growth.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ADM registered the participation of delegates from 19 member countries, 10 invited countries, and 10 international organizations.

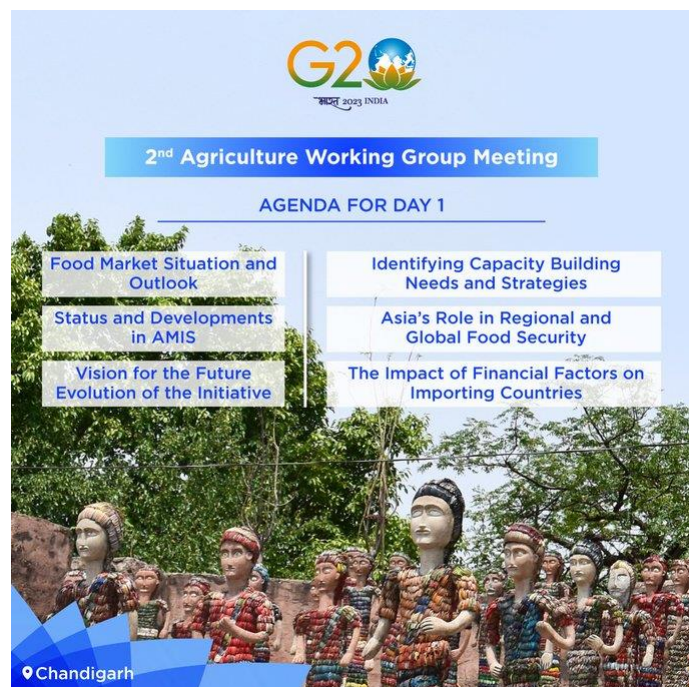


## Day 1: March 29, 2023

The first day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Agriculture Deputies Meeting of the G20 prioritized the establishment of a rapid response forum for the agriculture market information system, as well as determining the capacity-building requirements for the agriculture sector.

This day was marked by the following sessions:

- ✚ **Session-1:** Food Market Situation and Outlook
- ✚ **Session-2:** Status and Development in AMIS
- ✚ **Session-3:** Vision for the Future Evolution of the Initiative
- ✚ **Session-4:** Identifying Capacity Building Needs and Strategies
- ✚ **Session-5:** Special Topic: Asia's Role in Regional and Global Food Security



- ✚ **Session-6:** The Impact of Financial Factors in Importing.<sup>1</sup>

The first day witnessed discussions and deliberations on the aforementioned topics and highlighted India's pioneering role in these areas related to agriculture and sustainable development.



Concluding Day 1 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AWG Meet, G20 delegates had a delightful experience visiting the iconic Rock Garden in Chandigarh. They also enjoyed lively cultural performances in the city.<sup>2</sup>

## Day 2: March 30, 2023

<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/AgriGoI/status/1640943397853704192?s=20>

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On the second day of the meeting, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Shri Som Parkash, in his inaugural address highlighted the recent developments in Indian agriculture that have helped the country sustainably achieve food security and nutrition<sup>3</sup>.

During the press briefing, in the post-inaugural session, Hon'ble Minister emphasized the importance of discussion on the Draft Communiqué and hoped that the deliberations will pave the way for agreement on focus.

During the second day of the meeting, member countries focused on drafting a Communiqué to address four thematic areas which are the following:

- ✚ Food security and nutrition
- ✚ Sustainable agriculture with a climate-smart approach
- ✚ Inclusive agricultural value chains and food systems
- ✚ Digitalization for agricultural transformation.

The day continued with three consecutive sessions on collaboratively drafting the Communiqué with the member countries of G20, which witnessed engaging deliberations amongst the delegates on the various points that have been recommended for inclusion over the previous meetings.

The day concluded with the delegates visiting Chandigarh's picturesque Sukhna Lake and having a Gala Dinner on the lake club premises.

### **Day 3: March 31, 2023**

The day started with a discussion on the outcome document, addressed first by Smt. Shubha Thakur, Joint Secretary (Crops), and carried forward by Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Additional Secretary, DA&FW.<sup>4</sup>

The day continued with two consecutive sessions focused on drafting the Communiqué by the member countries of G20 and delegates from other invited countries and international organizations towards an inclusive discussion on the Communiqué drafting exercise.



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<sup>3</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1912396>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1912592>



Delegates of the meeting also had an enthralling experience at the Yadavindra Gardens Pinjore hosted by the Government of Haryana on March 31, that is, on the third and final day of the meeting.<sup>5</sup>

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar greeted and interacted with senior officials of the MoA&FW and the delegates of G20 AWG at the Cultural Evening held at Yadavindra Garden, Pinjore Haryana during the meeting.<sup>6</sup>

Furthermore, [Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, DA&FW briefed the media](#) on the key focus areas discussed during the third day of the meeting.<sup>7</sup>



A bilateral meeting between India and Argentina was also held on the sidelines of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADM Meeting of G20 at Chandigarh on March 30, 2023, to discuss cooperation in the area of Plant Protection between the two countries.<sup>8</sup>

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ADM of AWG Meet concluded on a positive note, with G20 nations converging to discuss crucial areas of sustainable agriculture, food security, and nutrition.

Delegates also explored the rich culture of Chandigarh through scrumptious local cuisine, folk performances, and excursions.<sup>9</sup>



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