

Forum On Agricultural Sustainable Development In The Global South

Date: November 6th, 2025, 14:00

Venue: Silk Road Hall, Hall 4.2, National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai)

Hosted by: Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China

Organized by: CMG Agriculture and Rural Affairs Programming Center

School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences, Peking University

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Overview:

Focusing on the core theme of "China actively fulfills its international obligations, contributing Chinese wisdom, solutions, and strength to addressing issues such as poverty reduction, agricultural development, and food shortages in Global South countries, and jointly forges a future of shared prosperity", the sub-forum will facilitate in-depth cross-border dialogue and exchange as well as media initiative among heads of international organizations, renowned domestic and international experts and scholars, media representatives, and business elites. The objective is to build consensus and pool strength for promoting sustainable agricultural development in the Global South.

Program:

Proposed Discussion Topics: Discussion on the Current Situation and Prospects of Agricultural Development in the Global South

Pre-forum exchange in the VIP room

Segment I. Opening Addresses

Segment II. Keynote Speeches

1. Speech Tile: Scientific Innovation and Tech Transfer Focused on Agriculture

Speaker: Michael Levitt, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Professor of Stanford University

2. Speech Tile: Developing Hybrid Rice Technology, Jointly Building a Food Basket for the Global South

Speaker: Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Party Committee Secretary of Hunan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (HAAS)

3. Speech Tile: Empowering the Global South: Making Trade Work for Sustainable Agriculture

Speaker: Escipión Oliveira-Gómez, Director of the Division of Country Programmes (DCP) ITC

4. Speech Tile: Pooling Partnership Strengths to Promote Agricultural Sustainable Development

Speaker: Zhao Bing, United Nations World Food Programme Representative and Director

5. Speech Tile: Rural Economic Transformation and Policies in Global South Countries

Speaker: Huang Jikun, Fellow of the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Dean of the School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences of Peking University

6. Speech Tile: Investment Opportunities in the Agriculture Sector

Speaker: Michelle Umurungi, Chief Investment Officer of Rwanda Development Board (RDB)

7. Speech Tile: Green, Productive and Efficient Crop Production: China's Experience, Global Reach

Speaker: Cui Zhenling, World Food Prize Laureate, Executive Vice President of the Science and Technology Development Institute at China Agricultural University

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Segment III. Practical Exploration

1. Speech Title: Deepening the Integration of Digital-Intelligent Technologies and Industries to Contribute SINOMACH's Wisdom to Agricultural Modernization in Global South Countries

Speaker: Ding Hongxiang, Director and Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of China National Machinery Industry Corporation Ltd. (SINOMACH)

2. Speech Title: Strengthening South-South Cooperation, Jointly Building the Foundation for Agricultural Sustainable Development in the Global South

Speaker: Kong Fanxin, Party Committee Secretary and Chairman of China National Agricultural Development Group Co., Ltd. (CNADC)

3. Speech Title: Building a Resilient Future: Louis Dreyfus Company's Exploration of Sustainable Agricultural Practices in the Global South

Speaker: Thomas Counteaudier, Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) Chief Strategy Officer

4. Speech Title: Innovation Driving the Future: Cargill's Practical Exploration in Advancing Sustainable Agriculture in the Global South

Speaker: Lily Guan, President of Cargill China

Segment IV. Roundtable Dialogue

Exchange Theme: CIIE Driving a Sustainable Agricultural Future for the Global South

Moderator: Liu Chengfang, Associate Dean of the School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences, Peking University, Boya Distinguished Professor

Discussion Topics:

How to solve the sustainability challenges of agriculture in the Global South?

How can the CIIE platform catalyze the high-quality development of agricultural trade in the Global South?

Participants:

Jia Guangdong, President of China Association for the Promotion of International Agricultural Cooperation (CAPIAC)

Alexandra Brand, Syngenta Group Executive Vice President, Sustainability & Corporate Affairs and Transformation

Laudemir Andre Muller Head of Agriculture Business of ApexBrasil

Li Lin, Vice President of Joy Wing Mau Chile Spa

Segment V. Special Media Moment

Launch Ceremony for the foreign language versions of the CMG key project 'China in the Villages'