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Statement from Director-General QU on SSTC

“Hand-in-hand development cooperation among the Southern countries should be expanded. Having different strengths in agricultural resources, technology and market development, Southern Countries can complement each other and achieve common development. Existing cooperation should be extended in order to share agricultural development concepts, policy measures, practical technologies, and farmers’ innovations via the FAO South-South and triangular cooperation portals.”

— Director-General QU

FAO-China South-South Cooperation Programme

South-South cooperation (SSC) is an effective means to achieve a world without hunger. In 2009, China donated USD 30 million to establish the FAO-China SSC Programme, followed by a second donation of USD 50 million in 2015. Over the past ten years, the Programme has had wide-ranging positive impacts. To date, 243 Chinese experts and technicians have directly supported sustainable development initiatives in eleven countries, and over 1000 participants from over 100 countries have benefitted from the Programme’s capacity development activities. Looking forward, the Programme will be up-scaled to incorporate innovative approaches to reduce hunger and rural poverty.



Programme Highlights

FAO-China SSC 8th Annual Consultation Meeting

The 8th Annual Consultation Meeting (ACM) of the FAO-China SSC Programme was jointly hosted by FAO and China at FAO headquarters in March 2019. As the governing body of the Programme, the ACM reviewed the major achievements and progress of 2018 and approved the Work Plan for 2019. All parties expressed their complete satisfaction with the activities and results achieved so far, and emphasized the importance of exploring innovative modalities to meet the diverse development needs of countries in the global south.



First Triangular Cooperation Agreement Signed

On 27 June 2019, the first Triangular Cooperation Project was signed within the FAO-China SSC Programme, between FAO, the People's Republic of China, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The project aims to strengthen aquaculture production and value chain development in Ethiopia. This triangular project will strongly advance the partnership between these countries, while contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 2: Zero Hunger.



Ministerial Forum on Global South-South Cooperation in Agriculture

The Ministerial Forum on Global South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (MFASSC), jointly organized by FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) of China, was held in Changsha, China, in November 2018. Delegations from over 29 countries and 12 international organizations attended the Forum, which served as an excellent platform to exchange perspectives on how to better promote sustainable SSC, learn new modalities, and advance innovative approaches. The participants unanimously adopted the Changsha Declaration, which defined clear ways to integrate SSC principles into national policies.



SSC Mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo

In February 2019, a backstopping mission was conducted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to ensure the successful completion of the FAO-China SSC project in the DRC. It was recognized that the desired results of the project have been achieved. The project fielded 13 Chinese experts and technicians to provide trainings on grain and vegetable planting, fisheries, animal husbandry and mechanization.



First Meeting of the Regional TAD Project

The Inception Meeting of the [FAO-China SSC Project](#) on Transboundary Animal Disease (TAD) Control in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS) took place in Bangkok, Thailand, from 30 January to 1 February 2019. Fifty-nine participants from China, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, FAO, the World Animal Health Organization, relevant research institutions and livestock traders attended the Meeting. Participants agreed on project implementation arrangements and coordination mechanisms, the responsibilities of relevant stakeholders and the 2019 work plan.



New Projects in Madagascar and Sri Lanka

In November and December 2018, two tripartite agreements and project documents were signed under the FAO-China SSC Programme with Madagascar and Sri Lanka, respectively. These two projects aim to contribute to national food security by increasing household incomes, boosting agricultural production and promoting investment, agribusiness and trade. Nineteen Chinese experts and technicians will be deployed to the countries in 2019.



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