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## Regional Workshop

### AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES AND TRADE POLICY IN CENTRAL ASIA: ISSUES AND PROSPECTS

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic  
26-28 May 2015

#### WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

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#### Background and objectives

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The countries of Central Asia are facing multiple challenges related to agricultural development, including fragmented production, low productivity, underdeveloped markets and weak institutional capacities and fiscal space to support agriculture. In this context, trade reforms, and the corresponding changes in trade and agricultural policy can have important implications for the adoption of agricultural technologies and the overall directions of agricultural sector development.

As the countries in Central Asia are becoming increasingly more engaged in international trade through membership in the WTO, Shanghai Cooperation Organization or the Eurasian Economic Union, the challenges of aligning domestic policies and programs with these processes become more and more pressing. The governments are tasked with ensuring that trade policy changes are consistent with the overall national growth and development goals. In this context, understanding the relevant provisions of the different agreements and their implications for the agricultural sector and food security become critical to making the appropriate policy decisions. Moreover, implementation of trade agreements requires updating regulatory frameworks where necessary and adopting accompanying measures, with better prioritization of agricultural support, to improve the overall competitiveness of the agricultural sector. In this context, adoption of agricultural technologies for boosting production and improving marketing plays a major role.

The training workshop will facilitate a greater understanding of the different processes of trade and economic integration affecting the agricultural sector in Central Asia. Given the different degrees of the countries' involvement in global and regional trading schemes, lessons learned from reforming agriculture will be drawn upon. Apart from experiences within Central Asia, emphasis will be placed on outcomes of agricultural and trade reforms in other countries. The lessons from international experience will provide valuable inputs to the discussion on the opportunities for developing the agricultural sector in Central Asia.

The three day training workshop with participation of experts from the region and neighboring countries will include a roundtable on the third day dedicated to regional cooperation on agricultural development and trade between the Central Asian countries and China. This will serve to establish a partnership for knowledge exchange among experts and targeted technical assistance from China to Central Asia through the FAO-China South-South Cooperation Program (SSC).

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## Expected outcomes

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The expected outcomes of the workshop are:

- Better understanding by the participants of trade rules on agriculture associated with the accession to the WTO and participation in the Eurasian Economic Union;
- Information on the current issues and challenges for agricultural and trade policies shared, and pros and cons of different approaches to trade and regional integration are clarified;
- Identified needs for developing and updating regulatory frameworks and adjusting agricultural policies in Central Asia to fulfill the obligations in these agreements while also contributing to agricultural development and food security;
- Roadmap for South-South cooperation on agricultural technologies and trade between China and Central Asia drafted.

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## Participants

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This event targets representatives from Ministries of Agriculture and Ministries of Economy/Trade; food safety, sanitary and phyto-sanitary authorities; other public sector institutions with responsibility of implementing trade and agricultural policies and support programmes in Central Asian countries. Experts from China and Russia, as well as representatives of producer associations and agro-industry, will also participate in the meeting.

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## TUESDAY, 26 MAY

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### 8:30 Participant registration

### 9:00 Opening and welcoming address

- Representative from Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan
- Dorjee Kinlay, FAO Representative in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan
- Pradeep Sharma, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Country Office in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan
- Yang Yi, Director-General, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, Ministry of Agriculture of China

### 9:30 SESSION 1: International and regional trade agreements (Moderator: Ekaterina Krivonos, FAO)

- Introduction to WTO's Agreement on Agriculture: Diwakar Dixit, WTO
- Coordination of agricultural policy in the Eurasian Economic Union and prospects of its development: Karlygash Tokraeva, Eurasian Economic Commission

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### 10:30 Coffee break

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### 11:00 SESSION 2: Agricultural policies in the context of trade agreements (Moderator: Iryna Kobuta, FAO)

- Mainstreaming agricultural and trade policies: Jamie Morrison, FAO
- WTO commitments on domestic support and agricultural in Central Asia: Ekaterina Krivonos
- Serbian agricultural policy in light of future WTO accession: Milos Milovanovic, FAO

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### 13:00 Lunch break

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### 14:30 SESSION 3: Regional integration: agri-food trade policy and regulation (Moderator: Roman Mogilevsky, University of Central Asia)

- Implementation of agri-food trade policy in the Eurasian Economic Union: Iryna Kobuta, FAO
- SPS measures and technical regulations in the WTO and the Eurasian Economic Union: Compatibility issues: Nuritdin Dzhamankulov, FAO consultant

### 16:00 Wrap up

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## WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY

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**9:00 SESSION 4: Changes in trade policy and agricultural development:  
Lessons from experience of neighboring countries**  
(Moderator: *Milos Milovanovic, FAO*)

- Russia's experience with WTO accession and agriculture: Dmitry Rylko, Institute for Agricultural Market Studies (IKAR)
- WTO and China's agricultural development: Yang Yi, Ministry of agriculture of China
- Discussion

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**10:30 Coffee break**

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**11:00 SESSION 5: Changes in trade policy and agricultural development:  
Experience of Central Asian countries**  
(Moderator: *Parviz Akramov, UNDP*)

- Kyrgyz Republic: Roman Mogilevsky, University of Central Asia
- Tajikistan: Mavzuna Karimova, Institute of Economics and Demography of the Academy of Science of the Republic of Tajikistan
- Discussion

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**12:30 Lunch break**

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**14:00 SESSION 5: Changes in trade policy and agricultural development:  
Experience of Central Asian countries (continued)**  
(Moderator: *Dmitry Rylko, IKAR*)

- Uzbekistan: Dariya Illina, Institute of Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research of Cabinets of Minister of Uzbekistan
- Kazakhstan: Nurlan Nurakhov, Analytical Center for Economic Policy in Agriculture, [tbc](#)
- Discussion

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**15:30 Coffee break**

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**16:00 SESSION 6: Trade, agricultural technologies and productive capacities**  
(Moderator: *Dariya Illina, Institute of Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research*)

- Aid for Trade project for Central Asia: Parviz Akramov, UNDP
- China's experience in developing capacity to increase productivity through the adoption of agricultural technologies: Liu Zhongwei, FAO
- Family Garden - intensive orchards, built on the principles of cooperation: Temirzhan Zhalgasbaev, Kazakhstan "Alatau Fruits Engineering"
- Discussion

**17:30 Wrap up**

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THURSDAY, 28 MAY

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**SPECIAL SESSION ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION BETWEEN  
CENTRAL ASIA AND CHINA**

**8:30 South-South and triangular cooperation**  
*(Moderator: Mischa Tripoli, FAO)*

- South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Fostering partnership among the global South: Peter Anaadumba, FAO
- The FAO-China South-South Cooperation Programme: Zhongwei Liu, FAO
- FAO-China SSC Programme: China's participation, experience, practices and prospects: Yu Haomiao, Ministry of Agriculture of China

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**11:00 Coffee break**

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**11:30 Round table: Way forward for regional cooperation on agricultural technology and trade between Central Asian countries and China – Roadmap for a cooperation program**  
*(Moderator: Jamie Morrison, FAO)*

- Yang Yi, Ministry of agriculture of China
- Zhongwei Liu, FAO-China SSC Programme
- Representatives of Ministeries from Central Asia (tbd)

**12:30 Conclusion**