Opening celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the G77 & China:
Ministerial Level Event
Rome, 17 June 2014

As part of the celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of the G77 & China (1964 – 2014), the Rome Chapter organized a Ministerial Level Event, during the 149th Session of FAO Council.

The event was initiated with a Ministerial meeting moderated by H.E. Dominique Awono Essama, Ambassador of the Republic of Cameroon and Chairperson of the G77 & China–Rome Chapter. It counted with distinguished speakers: Mr. José Graziano da Silva, FAO Director-General; H.E. Essimi Menye, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Cameroon in representation of the Africa Regional Group; H.E. Abdullah Al-Islam Jakob, Deputy Minister for Environment and Forests of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh in representation of the Asia Regional Group; H.E. Antolín Ayaviri Gómez, Ambassador of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to FAO, IFAD and WFP in representation of the G77 & China – New York Chapter and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC); H.E. Saywan Barazani, Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Republic of Italy in representation of the Near East Regional Group; Mr. Raşit Pertev, Secretary of IFAD; H.E. Gladys Urbaneja Durán, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to FAO, IFAD and WFP on behalf of the former Chairpersons of the G77 & China – Rome Chapter; and Mr. Jong-Jin Kim, Director of South-South and Resource Mobilization Division (FAO).

The meeting was followed by the unveiling of a memorial marble plaque, with the message “On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Group of 77 and China, Member States of the Rome Chapter, united in their ideals of peace and solidarity for cooperation among countries of the South, reaffirm their common will to fight against hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, for the prosperity of their peoples for living well”.

Finally, a reception took place with traditional dishes from the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.