Seminar on Agricultural and Rural Digitalization and Development for Developing Countries

Program name	Seminar on Agricultural and Rural Digitalization and Development for Developing Countries						
Organized by	Foreign Economic Cooperation Center of Ministry of Agriculture						
Time	2025-10-31 2025-11-13			Language	used	English	
Countries invited	Developing Countries						
Planned number of participants	25						
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 45 for officials at or under director's level; Under 50 for officials at director general's level.					
	Health condition	In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.					
	Language competence	Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English during the training				nglish during the	
	others	Family members or friends shall not follow					
Venue	Beijing			Weather conditions	10°C~25°C		
Cities to be visited	Nanning City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region			Weather conditions	Nanning Cit	y:10°C~25°C	
Remarks	 Please prepare the discussion materials related to the theme of the program; Please wear formal or traditional ethnic clothing or working uniform to formal activities; Please carry a small amount of common medications; The Chinese side will not provide computers, please bring your own if necessary; It is generally prohibited to alter international flight tickets personally. If necessary, please consult the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese embassy in your country to handle the process of flight ticket change; If unexpected circumstances prevent your timely departure, or if your connecting flight is delayed, please contact the Economic and Commercial Office or the contact person of the organizer in a timely manner and inform them of the latest flight information for pick - up arrangements; When transferring flights, please confirm whether you need to recheck your luggage; After collecting your luggage upon landing, please wait patiently at the international arrival exit or domestic arrival exit. Our staff will pick you up with a sign bearing the name of the organizer. If the wait exceeds 15 minutes, you can contact with the contact person of the organizer by phone; It is recommended to download and register WECHAT in advance. 						
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The Foreign Economic Cooperation Center (hereinafter referred to as FECC) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA), People's Republic of China, is a pivotal agency for agricultural foreign economic cooperation. FECC also serves as a key organizer of agricultural foreign aid training programs under the Ministry of Commerce. As a pioneer in advancing international agricultural cooperation, the FECC dedicates to serve China's "agriculture, rural areas and farmers", with core operations spanning four domains: International Cooperation, Investment Promotion, Development Assistance, and Think Tank Research. It is supported by robust institutional strengths, including clear functional positioning, accurate demand assessment, extensive management expertise, strong resource integration capabilities, state-of-the-art facilities, and a highly qualified workforce. The FECC has 16 departments and 92 staff members, including 26 PhDs and 45 masters, 36 professors. The FECC's multidisciplinary team convers agricultural economics and management, rural and regional development, industrial economics, political economics, finance and accounting, international relations, animal husbandry geography, human resources management, English, French and etc. The FECC has also established three affiliated institutions: the Sino-German Agricultural Center, the Lancang-Mekong Agricultural Cooperation Center, and FAO South-South Cooperation Coordination and Research Training Reference Center. The Training Division leads the coordination among region cooperation divisions (African, Americas-Oceania, Asian, and Eurasia Cooperation Divisions) to jointly held foreign aid training initiatives. The FECC has organized 232 foreign aid training programs, benefiting 6993 administrators

About the Organizer

and technical personnels from 139 countries and regions as well as international organizations. To better align with China's diplomatic strategies and deepen human resource cooperation, the FECC has signed "Collaborative Agreements on Joint Development of Foreign Aid Training Programs" with 13 institutions across 11 provinces. It also established "Translation Internship Partnerships" with 3 institutions in 3 provinces, consolidating translation resources to build a multilingual talent pool of 85 translators (English, French, Russian and etc). The Center maintains long-term collaborations with 173 senior lecturers from leading Chinese universities, research institutes, and government agencies, curating 408 specialized courses in fields such as agricultural policy planning, rural poverty reduction and development, and smart agriculture. It has also forged stable partnerships with international organizations, including FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization), WFP(World Food Program), IFAD(International Fund for Agricultural Development), The World Bank, Asian Development Bank(ADB) and etc. By leveraging the strengths of its partners in technical expertise, human resources, project management, and information consulting, the FECC actively drives the in-depth development of foreign aid training initiatives. With proven project management experience, precise needs assessment, mature operational teams, and state-of-the-art facilities, the Center's sustained efforts have yielded remarkable training outcomes, earning widespread acclaim from participants worldwide.

The FECC is located between the Yansha and Chaoyang Park business districts, adjacent to the Landmark Tower(west) and Kempinski Hotel(north).Its prime location offers convenient access to 20km from Beijing Capital International Airport, 55km from Beijing Daxing International Airport, and 300m from metro line 10. Following the year 2021's redecoration and expansion, the FECC features apartments, meeting rooms and an international conference hall equipped with multi-channel simultaneous interpretation systems, audio-visual equipment and projectors ☐ fully capable of hosting global events and meeting foreign aid training requirements. Meanwhile, the Center maintains long-term cooperation with three-star or above hotels authorized to accommodate international visitors, including the Beijing Landmark

Hotel and Sichuan Wuliangye Longzhao Shu Hotel, as well as Beijing Shouqi Group Co, Ltd. for premium transportation services.

This seminar, themed "Agricultural and Rural Digital Transformation" will achieve its objectives through a structured blend of lectures, discussions, field visits and on-site teachings. A. Key Training Components

1.Common courses

- (1) An Overview of China: Introduce China's political, economic, societal and cultural basic information.
- (2)Xi's Discourses On Work Concerning Agriculture, Rural Areas And Farmer \Box Introduce the core tenets, guiding philosophy, multidimensional insights, and implementation guidelines. Introduce the Chinese government's efforts on poverty alleviation, implementation of the rural revitalization strategy, and its achievements.
- (3) China's Agricultural And Rural Development Policies: Introduce the achievements of the China's agricultural and rural development, and the key policies implemented.

2. Core courses

- (1) Development of Smart Agriculture in China: Introduce the development strategies and characteristics of China's smart agriculture. Introduce how the government strengthens its supports to leverage the role of enterprises, strengthens talent guarantee, combines smart agriculture with characteristic agricultural products, and increases the application of smart agricultural technologies in rural tourism, agricultural brand promotion, agricultural product e-commerce and other fields.
- (2) China's Agricultural Technology Promotion System: Introduce the composition, working mechanism, experience and inspiration of China's agricultural technology promotion system, as well as technological innovation and application in response to climate change.

Training content

- (3)Achievements and Experience of China's Smart Agriculture (Animal Husbandry and Fisheries) Farms: Introduce the overview of its development, major measures and experience, current challenges, as well as case analysis.
- (4)Digital Transformation of the Agricultural Industry Chain: Introduce the digital transformation of China's agricultural production entities, the implementation of the "Internet +" programme in rural areas, and the digital technology utilization in agricultural product quality and safety monitoring.
- (5)Smart Agricultural Equipment Technology and Its Application: Introduce the technology development and application of intelligent control of water and fertilizer, drones, agricultural robots, intelligent agricultural machinery, etc.
- (6)Digital Transformation of Rural Areas: Share the progress and achievements of China's rural digital transformation.

2.On-site Teaching

The participants will be organized to conduct on-site teaching in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, focusing on smart agriculture and sustainable agricultural and rural development, in order to combine theory with practice.

B. Visiting Arrangements

Activities in Beijing:

Participants will visit the famous tourist attractions or historical sites like Great Wall to know more about Chinese history and Chinese culture. Participants will visit the China Agricultural Museum to know more about the history and culture of Chinese agriculture.

Activities in other provinces and cities:

The participants will visit Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, to learn about the development of smart agriculture in Guangxi. Technical exchanges and discussions will be

conducted with relevant agricultural departments and enterprises. According to the schedule, the participants will also take part in activities including the Third Digital Agriculture Expo.
C. Discussions and Exchange
(1)Country-specific exchanges on participants' national agricultural development status, approaches and experiences in promoting agricultural and rural digitalization. (2)Discussions between Chinese agencies, enterprises, and participants on exploring opportunities for deepening cooperation in smart agriculture. (3)Participants exchange on learning outcomes, exploration of smart agriculture cooperation opportunities with China, and organizing seminar summary.
Materials needed to be prepared by participants: In order to ensure the communication with experts and participants from China and other countries, please prepare in advance the materials related to the topics such as: Introduction of the participants' major, occupation and organization; Presentation on the agricultural development of their countries; Presentation on the measures taken of promoting digital transformation of agriculture and rural areas in their countries; The suggestions and expectations of cooperation with China in the areas of agriculture and rural areas; And others.

The visiting cities may be adjusted according to the actual situation.