



CHINA

Sino-German Agricultural Centre (DCZ)

The DCZ is the central contact and information point for coordinating German-Chinese cooperation in the agricultural and food sector.



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Agriculture in China

Agriculture is of central importance in China due to limited arable land and high supply requirements. The current focus is on stabilising rural areas and securing food supplies, supported by advances in seed technology and digitalisation. Given the size of the market, global value chains and common challenges such as increasing efficiency and sustainability, cooperation with China is particularly relevant for international agricultural development.

The Project

The dialogue serves as a platform for political and technical exchange with the aim of developing practical recommendations for action. A key annual event is the Sino-German Agricultural Week. Its target audience is all stakeholders relevant to the agricultural and food sector who can support the DCZ in terms of content and networking. Other priorities of the DCZ include the sustainable and climate-resilient development of agriculture and rural areas, with a focus on soil health, biodiversity, sustainable animal husbandry and the use of digital technologies as well as support for companies in the agricultural and food industry.

Project Goals

- Formulation of agricultural policy recommendations for the development of a sustainable, environmentally and climate-friendly agriculture and food industry
- Deepening the dialog and strengthening the exchange between expert organizations from politics, science and economics
- Strengthening the scientific exchange between both countries



Opening of the 11th Sino-German Agricultural Week by State Secretary Markus Schick and Tao Huaiying, China's chief veterinary officer at vice-ministerial level, in Chengdu, Sichuan.



PORTRAIT CHINA

Covering a total area of approximately 9.6 million km², China is highly diverse with regard to climate. From the subarctic northeast to the tropical south of Hainan Island, a wide variety of conditions prevail, which have a direct impact on agricultural production and agricultural policy.

Results and Successes

- Annual Sino-German Agricultural Week at deputy ministerial level and attended by high-ranking representatives from business partners and science
- Expert exchange on climate-resilient agriculture
- Establishment of an expert network
- Strengthening of scientific cooperation between German departmental research and the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Project Partners and Cooperations

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)
- Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development in Agriculture (IEDA, CAAS)
- Rural Energy and Environment Agency
- China Agricultural University
- Civil society organisations such as Foodthink & Farmers' Seed Network

Project Partner on Operational Level

- Foreign Economic Cooperation Center (FECC)
- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)

Implementing Organisation

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