

The 11th Sino-German Agricultural Week

“Agri-Food Systems in Rural Areas: Green Solutions and Business Opportunities”

3 - 5 September 2025

Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Wednesday, 3 September 2025		
Field Visits		
Time	Agenda	Venue
From 9:00 (All day)	Field visits (limited seats, for registered participants only)	Shuttle bus leaving at Holiday Inn
11:15-13:00 (parallel event)	Agribusiness roundtable with St Schick (upon invitation of BMLEH)	Waldorf Astoria
Thursday, 4 September 2025		
Opening Day		
Location: Chengdu Century City New International Convention & Exhibition Center (CCNICEC) 成都世纪城新国际会展中心		
Time	Agenda	Venue
9:50-10:50	Opening Ceremony	CCNICEC Hall no. 7
	Chairperson: GUO Naying, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs	
	Opening Speech TAO Huaiying, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs	
	Opening Speech Markus SCHICK, State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Regional Identity (BMLEH)	

	Opening Speech HU Yun, Vice Governor, Sichuan Provincial Government (TBC)	
	Opening Speech Julian LASINGER, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General Chengdu	
	Opening Speech CHEN Yanfu, Deputy Secretary, Chengdu Municipal Committee	
10:50–11:30	Keynote Speeches	CCNICEC Hall no. 7
	Chairperson: JIN Ke, Director General, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center (FECC), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs	
10:50-11:10	ZHANG Hecheng, Member of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Title: Rural Revitalization – A Priority for Chinese Modernization	
11:10-11:30	Thomas Cherico WANGER GUERRERO, Agroscope & Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy Title: Transforming Food Systems - Opportunities from the Past for the Future	
11:30-14:00	Visit of Sichuan Ag Expo & lunch break	
	Schedule at participants’ own disposal	Lunch at Holiday Inn
14:00-15:00	Transfer to Tianfu Agricultural Expo Park	Departure from Holiday Inn
15:00-15:30	Check-in	
15:30-16:00	Tea break	
16:00-18:15	Thematic Session 1: Aligning for Rural Development —Insights from Crop Production and Bioenergy	Tianfu Ag Expo Park, Pavilion G1, Lixia Hall
	Session focus: This session provides a platform for strategic discussion on how to reconcile rural land use for food production and bioenergy.	
	Chairperson: Jürgen RITTER, Sino-German Agricultural Centre (DCZ)	

16:00-16:15	HE Mingxiong, Biogas Institute of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Title: Development of Biomass Industry Contributes to Food Security	
16:20-16:35	WANG Xiaoxi, Zhejiang University Title: Synergies between Agricultural Production and Bioenergy – Pathways for Green Transition and Rural Revitalization	
16:40-16:55	Heinz-Peter MANG, University of Science and Technology Beijing (USTB) Title: Development and Concept of Bioenergy Villages in the Context of Sustainable Rural Development	
17:00-17:15	MENG Xiangjie, BASF Title: Green Innovation Drives Sustainable Agricultural Development	
17:20-17:50	Kerstin WYDRA, Erfurt University of Applied Sciences Title: The Potential of Agrivoltaics for Climate-Resilient Agriculture	
17:55-18:15	XIA Fang, China Agricultural University (CAU) Title: Low-Carbon Transformation of Agrifood Systems and Rural Revitalization	
16:30-18:15 (parallel event)	Business Matchmaking	Tianfu Ag Expo Park, Pavilion G1, Jingzhe Hall
18:30	Welcome Banquet	Tianfu Ag Expo Park, Pavilion G1, Liqiu Hall
	Evening activity with show and accommodation at Tianfu Agricultural Expo Park	

Friday, 5 September 2025 Thematic Sessions 2 & 3 Location: Tianfu Agricultural Expo Park 天府农博园		
Time	Agenda	Venue
9:00-12:00	Thematic Session 2: From Principles to Practice – Exploring Pathways for a Sustainable Rural Transformation	Tianfu Ag Expo Park, Pavilion G1, Lixia Hall
	Session focus: This session connects agroecological principles with strategies for rural revitalization, focusing on entrepreneurial solutions and practical implementation. It is grounded in the core principles of agroecology.	
	Chairperson: Jerry SUN, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)	
09:00-09:20	XUE Yinghao, Rural Energy and Environment Agency (REEA) Title: Presentation of ecological farms in China (TBC)	
09:25-09:45	LIU Ji, Chengdu Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences Title: Development of Green Planting Models Based on Precision Bio-Agriculture and Innovation in Green Agricultural Inputs	
09:50-10:10	Gerald SCHWARZ, Thuenen Institute Title: Opportunities and Challenges of Integrating Agroecological Principles in Farming and Food Systems - Experiences from Germany and the EU	
10:10-10:30	Tea Break	
10:30-10:50	Laura Carolin RHEINFELS, Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy (ATB) Title: Demonstration-Led Extension - The Case of Integrated Crop Management in Brandenburg, Germany	
10:55-11:15	ZHANG Xuezhi, A Zhi Farm, Qingbaijiang District, Chengdu Title: Youth Crafting Smart Agriculture – Farming Together for Shared Prosperity	
11:15-12:00	Panel discussion Moderator: Jerry SUN, IAMO Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XUE Yinghao 	

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12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-16:00	Thematic Session 3: Sustainable Animal Farming – Health, Welfare and Resource Use	Tianfu Ag Expo Park, Pavilion G1, Lixia Hall
	Session focus: This session explores strategies for sustainable animal farming, highlighting animal health, welfare, and efficient resource use. It examines how a modern livestock sector can support rural development.	
	Chairperson: ZHU Qing, President of the Sichuan Animal Husbandry Association, Sichuan Agricultural University	
13:30-13:45	Fiona FAN, Boehringer-Ingelheim Title: Promoting Green Pig Farming for Shared Health	
13:50-14:05	XU Chuang, China Agricultural University Title: Progress in Dairy Cow Welfare and Farm Practices	
14:10-14:25	Catherine CUI BAGNAUD, Phytobiotics Title: Nutrition Innovation and Ecological Synergy - Strategic Reflections on the Future of Animal Farming and Crop Farming	
14:25-14:50	Tea Break	
14:50-15:05	YAO Huichao — Vice President, Sichuan Dekon Agriculture & Animal Husbandry Food Group Title: Connecting and Empowering Farmers – Building Sustainable Development in the Livestock Industry	
15:10-15:25	Sandra BLOME, Friedrich Loeffler Institute (FLI) (online) Title: From Early Warning to Containment - Germany's Blueprint for FMD Preparedness	
15:30-15:45	Elisabeth HUBA, German Society for Sustainable Biogas and Bioenergy Utilisation (FnBB) Title: Closing Nutrient Loops for Sustainable Rural Development	

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15:50–16:00	Closing Remarks Rebecka RIDDER, BMLEH LIU Zuxin, MARA (TBC)	
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