

Information Note of the BRICS Forum on Agriculture and Rural Development

In order to implement the consensus reached by BRICS leaders, further promote BRICS cooperation in the field of agriculture to achieve pragmatic results, continuously explore the potential of BRICS cooperation in the field of rural development, and comprehensively promote substantial progress of the BRICS in the field of rural development and poverty eradication, China proposes to hold a special BRICS Forum on Agriculture and Rural Development under the framework of BRICS agricultural cooperation. The Forum is envisaged as follows.

I. The Work Pattern

The Forum meeting is held irregularly and voluntarily by the BRICS presidency. The BRICS Agricultural Cooperation Working Group is responsible for the organization of the Forum meetings and the preparation of conference documents. The Forum highlights openness and inclusiveness. In order to expand the resources and influence of BRICS agricultural and rural development cooperation, in addition to BRICS vice agricultural ministers, representatives of major international organizations, relevant experts and scholars and representatives of important enterprises are also invited to the Forum meetings.

II. Objectives

As an important complement and improvement of BRICS agricultural cooperation, the Forum will focus on rural development, poverty eradication, disaster relief and reconstruction, land reform, food security, farmers' welfare, and the partnership with other regional and international organizations of the BRICS as a whole on agriculture and rural development, etc. Each session of the Forum will focus on a specific topic proposed by the presidency, and widely invite diverse stakeholders.

III. Cooperation Models

The BRICS Forum on Agriculture and Rural Development will be conducted in the format of a periodic seminar, symposium or workshop organized by the BRICS chairship on a voluntary basis and attended by representatives of BRICS countries and other invitees based on the consensus of the BRICS countries. There could be exhibitions or field trips as the component of the Forum according to the design of the host country and the suggestions from other BRICS members.

IV. Potential Results

Under the joint consultation and preparation by the Agricultural Cooperation Working Group chaired by the presidency, the results of the Forum could include but are not limited to: meeting minutes, agricultural and rural development initiatives, scientific research and academic exchange cooperation agreements, enterprise cooperation agreements, best practice cases, agricultural and rural development partnership agreements between the BRICS and regional or international organizations, etc.



This information note has incorporated thoughts and inputs from the BRICS countries, and the BRICS Agricultural Cooperation Working Group agreed to launch the Forum during the BRICS Symposium on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation on June 8, 2022.

