



SSC EVENTS

- 1996: *FAO's SSC initiative launched*
- 2006: *A Letter of Intent on forming Strategic Alliance signed between the Government of China and FAO*
- 2008: *A donation of USD 30 million Trust Fund to FAO announced by the Government of China*
- 2009: *General Agreement on the Trust Fund signed between the Government of China and FAO*

22 SSC Chinese Experts and Technicians Depart for Nigeria

According to the Tripartite Agreement signed between China, Nigeria and FAO in October 2008 for the Implementation of the South-South Cooperation (SSC) Programme in support of the National Programme for Food Security (NPFS) in Nigeria, a total number of 22 Chinese experts and technicians, as the 4th batch of SSC cooperants under Phase II of the SSC Programme in Nigeria, have departed for Nigeria on 11 February 2012.

A pre-departure training for these Chinese experts and technicians, hosted by Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) of China and executed by Agricultural Department of Fujian Province, was held in Fuzhou, Fujian Province on 10 February 2012 with the attendance of the representatives from MOA, FAO China and local authorities.

Mr. Huang Huakang, on behalf of Agricultural Department of Fujian Province, briefly introduced the provincial agricultural situation and the SSC tasks undertaken by the Province.

Mr. Qu Sixi, on behalf of the Department of International Cooperation, MOA, shared with the experts and technicians some information on the current trend and mission of China's agriculture and international cooperation with highlighting the SSC achievements under the framework of FAO's Special Programme for Food Security. The cooperants were requested to further improve their understanding on SSC, enhance cooperation and solidarity with the host country and attach high attention to their personal safety.





Mr. Zhang Zhongjun, on behalf of FAO China, emphasized significance of FAO's SSC initiative and highly commended the impact of the SSC Programme in Nigeria. The cooperants were expected to closely liaise and work with their local counterparts to draw up the work and M&E plans, set up the micro-projects and reporting mechanism, tailor their technical assistance for the special interest and needs of the host country, as well as facilitate the publicity and visibility of SSC Programme.

Mr. Zhang Yahui, on behalf of the SSC implementing agency of MOA, advised the cooperants from the aspect of the programme management.

The deputy team leader of the SSC Chinese team in Nigeria and the MOA official gave presentations on the SSC Programme Implementation in Nigeria and SSC Management Regulation respectively. The pre-departure training was broadcasted by the local media.

Upon the arrival of the 22 cooperants, a one-week orientation workshop will be organized in Nigeria and a series of sessions will be arranged, including NPFS implementation, security, financial issues, SSC micro-projects, M&E and reporting on SSC projects, etc.

