

# CHINA/FAO SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

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### 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 USD30 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

## SSC Workshop and Training on Hybrid Rice Technology Successfully Held in China

The High Level Workshop (HLW) on Sustainable Improvement of Rice Value Chain and Training on Hybrid Rice Integration in Africa within the framework of FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SSC) Programme, hosted by FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture of China and executed by the Centre of International Cooperation Service of the Ministry of Agriculture of China and Hunan Hybrid Rice Research Centre, was successful held in Changsha, Hunan Province during 23 June – 19 July 2014. The 7-day HLW was organized to discuss the impact of research and development investments in hybrid rice to-date, constraints and further research needs, generate political support and target continued investment in hybrid rice research for integration in rice value chain development in Africa. A set of recommendations and a roadmap for hybrid rice technology development and integration into regional and national programmes in Africa were elaborated. Following the HLW, a 3-week Training Course on hybrid rice development was conducted through the main modalities of lectures, laboratory work and field visits. A total number of 19 participants from 11 African countries attended the HLW and Training.





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## 31 SSC Chinese Experts and Technicians Repatriated from Uganda

According to the Tripartite Agreements signed between China, Uganda and FAO in December 2011 for the Implementation of the SSC Programme in support of the National Programme for Food Security in Uganda, a total number of 31 Chinese experts and technicians have successfully completed their assignments for SSC technical assistance in Uganda and have been repatriated from the host country in August 2014.

The 31 cooperants were fielded to the host country during 2012-2014. In the past years, they provided the most appropriate and practical technologies in the main modalities of micro-project, field demonstration and hands-on training to maximize the technical assistance in the main fields of cereal production, horticulture, livestock, aquaculture, foxtail millet, etc.

The SSC Programme in Uganda aims at building local capacity among farmers and counterparts, which makes a significant contribution to improving national agricultural production and food security. In addition to the field activities in the host country, two study tours to China were organized, which provided access to agriculture related experience and expertise of China and facilitated the efficient and effective programme implementation. The Government of Uganda highly commended the outstanding achievements made by the cooperants and placed a request to the Government of China and FAO for a second phase of the Programme.

A review meeting for the completed Programme in Uganda was held in Chengdu, Sichuan Province on 28 August 2014 with the attendance of the Ministry of Agriculture of China, the repatriated cooperants and local authorities to exchange information and views on the programme implementation. The certificates for successful completion of SSC assignment, jointly issued by FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture of China, were awarded to the cooperants at the meeting.





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