



German-Sino Agricultural Center

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The German-Sino Agricultural Center (DCZ) is a joint initiative of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) of the People's Republic of China.

It was founded in March 2015 to provide a central point of contact, information and coordination for bilateral cooperation in the areas of agriculture and food between Germany and China. Its main objective is to achieve a mutually beneficial agricultural exchange by promoting dialogue and strengthening the agricultural cooperation between the two countries. It brings together policy-makers, agricultural practitioners, representatives from industry and science to facilitate knowledge exchange and networking on a wide range of topics, covering for example technological modernization, rural structural change, environmental friendly production and sustainable intensification.



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German federal minister for agriculture Christian Schmidt and Chinese agricultural minister Han Changfu at opening ceremony of the DCZ on 23 of March 2015.

Tasks and Objectives

With the founding of the DCZ both countries aim to further strengthen the Sino-German cooperation in the agricultural sector at large.

The focus of the Center focus lies on the:

- Establishment of an Agricultural Policy Dialogue (APD)
- Implementation of vocational education and training to support the development of China's agricultural sector
- Support and coordination of joint science and research activities in line with the objectives of the APD
- Coordination with the agriculture and food business sector to facilitate bilateral business activities
- Coordination with decentralized Sino-German projects
- Institutional coordination with selected public agencies
- Information dissemination and public relation

Activities include amongst others conferences, research exchange programs, international study tours, working groups and delegations, national workshops, training programs, brochures and other publications as well as match-making events for enterprises in the industry. In addition to that, the DCZ also offers consultancy services. The Center's approach includes cooperation with national authorities in the areas of food and agriculture from both countries.

Topics

The DCZ has been set up to coordinate bilateral cooperation in many different fields of agriculture and food. Topics include

- food security
- sustainable agriculture
- agricultural subsidies
- modernization of agriculture
- animal husbandry
- bioenergy
- organic production
- soil and soil protection



German and Chinese experts during a field visit in Yunnan province.

Photo: H. Vogt, JKI

German-Chinese Workshop on Prevention and Control of Spotted Wing Drosophila

An example of DCZ's work: In June 2015, the DCZ conducted a workshop on the prevention and control of the Spotted-Wing Vinegar Fly (*Drosophila suzukii*) in Beijing and Yunnan province. About 40 Chinese and German participants discussed strategies to reduce fruit infestations and harvest losses for fruit and wine growers and defined areas for future joint research on this topic.

Partners

The political leadership of the DCZ lies with BMEL and MOA. It is jointly implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Foreign Economic Cooperation Center (FECC).

Partner for the scientific component of the DCZ is the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS). The German Agriculture Society (DLG) is partner for the coordination with the agriculture and food industries of both countries.



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