



Agricultural Policy Dialogue

**Workshop on Agricultural Support
Policies in Germany and China**

17 August 2017

SAVE-THE-DAY

Location tbd, Beijing

Dear Friends and Partners,

The DCZ cordially invites you to a workshop on Agricultural Support Policies on 17 August 2017 in Beijing (location tbd). The event marks the third step and final activity of 2017 Agricultural Policy Dialogue (APD) between China and Germany under the topic "Agricultural Subsidies".

Germany has a long history of supporting and protecting the agricultural sector. The EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has experienced several changes and developed a sophisticated system, nowadays relying mainly on direct payments, cross-compliance rules and rural development measures.

China historically had taxed its agricultural sector. After the removal of these farmer's taxes, China successively introduced different support policies from the early 2000 years. Agricultural policy has to justify the high expenditures in view of budget, production, rural income, environmental effects and efficient administration.

The objective of this final event in Beijing is to share the experience and findings of the previous activities with a broader audience in China: Are European Experiences useful for China to further develop its agricultural support policy? Furthermore it serves to identify and define possible follow-up activities to be implemented by DCZ in coming months.

Previous steps were (i) a preparation visit of German experts to China, and (ii) a study tour of a MOA delegation to Germany.

- I. A preparation visit to China and workshop had taken place 9.-13. May 2017
 - Give an introduction to the EU and German agricultural support policy, including policy framework and a short historical outline.
 - Enquire the structure and challenges of the Chinese subsidy system

- II. A study tour to Germany and The Netherlands took place 18.-24. June 2017. The delegation led by Mr. Zhao Changbao (DDG, Dept. of Sectoral Policy and Law of MOA) talked to institutions on political and implementation level, farmers and experts. Authentic actors and decision makers provided first-hand information:
 - German Ministry of Agriculture (BMEL): The political reasoning and historic evolution of agricultural support policy, policy framework, conformity with WTO rules, budget.
 - Ministry of Agriculture of Saarland State: Implementation and administration: institutional set-up, rules and procedures; farm income, costs and profits; Monitoring, supervision and sanctions
 - Visits to farms: effects of support policy on production, farm management and farm income
 - Views of research institutions, business community and agricultural associations, Trends, challenges and future development of CAP

On the Chinese side the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development (IAED) of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science (CAAS) is assigned by MOA/FECC as the Chinese technical counterpart institution for this APD 2017.

On the German side, the University of Hohenheim is supporting the APD through expertise. Dr. Dietrich Guth, the political director of DCZ personally contributed, as a former BMEL responsible civil servant for this topic.

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Draft Program

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30	Registration	Chair Part 1: Conrad Hoyos, DCZ
9:00	Opening by German Embassy and MOA	Rainer Klepper, DeuBo <i>tbc: Mr. Wu Lifeng, MOA, DIC</i>
9:30	Key note: General Approach of the Chinese Agricultural Support Policy	<i>tbc: Mr. Ye Xingqing, State Council Research Center</i>
10:00	History, development and political reasoning of EU CAP	Dr. Dietrich Guth, DCZ
10:30	Coffee Break and Networking	
11:00	<i>Tbc: Financing of Agricultural Support Policies in China</i>	<i>tbd: N.N., MOF</i>
11:30	Questions and answers	
12:00	Lunch	Chair Part 2: Tang Zhishao, FECC
13:30	Approach, instruments and challenges of current EU support policy	Dr. Heinrich Hagel, University of Hohenheim
14:00	Reflections on the visit to Germany and overview and challenges of current Agricultural Support Policies of China	Mr. Wang Xiudong, CAAS
14:30	Coffee Break and Networking	
15:00	Options for Chinese Agricultural Support Policy from an European view point	Prof. Dr. Reiner Doluschitz, University of Hohenheim
15:30	Discussion	Moderation Tang Zhishao and Conrad Hoyos
16:30	Closing, including reflections on the first Phase of DCZ	Dr. Dietrich Guth, DCZ
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17:00	Buffet Reception	

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Chinese at the workshop

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