



CHINA

# Sino-German Agricultural Centre (DCZ)

Central contact and information point for the coordination of Sino-German cooperation in the agricultural and food sector

## The Agriculture in China

Agriculture and food self-sufficiency are strategically important to China's government, with the country relying on trade due to limited land. The ruling Communist Party's annual Strategy Document No.1 is usually devoted to agriculture. The main topics are currently the revitalization and stabilization of rural areas and food security – flanked by the development of an innovative seed system and digitalization in agriculture.

## The Project

The main topics of the DCZ are environmentally sound, sustainable agriculture and its contribution to climate protection and adaptation, rural development and food security. Subtopics are, e.g., environmentally friendly animal husbandry, seeds and smart agriculture. The dialogue serves as a technical and political exchange on new developments with the aim of developing practical recommendations for action. The central DCZ annual event is the Sino-German Agricultural Week. The target group is all actors relevant to the agricultural and food sector in both countries, whom the DCZ can support in terms of content and networking.

## Project Goals

- Formulation of agricultural policy recommendations for the development of a sustainable, environmentally and climate-friendly agriculture and food industry
- Deepening the expert dialogue and strengthening the exchange between expert organizations from agricultural policy, science and economics
- Strengthening the scientific exchange between institutions of practice-related research of both countries



Major events such as the Sino-German Agricultural Week and the Agribusiness Conference are organized in hybrid form and reach an increasingly wide audience in Germany and China.

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Seed Sector Development, Seed Law and Plant Variety Protection

Animal Welfare and Animal Husbandry

Rural Development

Climate Adaptation and Climate Protection

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#### PORTRAIT CHINA

Covering a total area of approximately 9.6 million km<sup>2</sup>, China is highly diverse with regard to climate. From the subarctic northeast to the tropical south of Hainan Island, a wide variety of conditions prevail, which have a direct impact on agricultural production and agricultural policy.

## Results and Successes

Besides conferences, seminars and dialogue formats, the DCZ also organizes expert information trips to Germany and China. A wide range of studies, short analyses and news is published on the DCZ website and LinkedIn. Due to the pandemic, face-to-face events are complemented by innovative online formats, e.g., the interview series on Smart Agriculture in Germany with its own website and workshop modules.

## Project Partners and Cooperations

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)
- Department of Policy and Reform of MARA
- Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development in Agriculture (IEDA, CAAS)
- Sino-German Animal Breeding and Husbandry Cooperation Project
- Sino-German Crop Production and Agrotechnology Demonstration Park (DCALDP)
- Sino-German Exchange Programme for Young Professionals in the Agricultural Sector

## Project Partner on Operational Level

- Foreign Economic Cooperation Center (FECC)
- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)

## Implementing Organisation

Consortium of

- IAK Agrar Consulting GmbH
- and the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)



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