

# Ministerial Workshop

ON DIGITAL AGRICULTURE AND RURAL  
REVITALIZATION FOR BELT AND ROAD  
COUNTRIES

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a red and black plaid shirt, is kneeling in a field of green plants. She is holding a tablet computer and looking at the screen. The background is a lush green field with rows of plants. The image is framed by a dark green border with stylized leaf shapes.

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# MINISTERIAL WORKSHOP

## Digital Agriculture and Rural Revitalization for Belt and Road Countries



### Background

The world is gradually entering the era of digital development, where unprecedented innovation in new generation information technology is driving profound changes including in agricultural and rural development. Digital technology is playing a prominent role in areas such as agricultural production and management, agricultural environment, rural governance and revitalization, enhancing the level of management services and scientific decision-making capabilities in the agricultural and rural sectors. This aids farmers in increasing overall productivity while reducing negative environmental impacts. Digital agriculture and rural development, within the scope of the digital economy, involve the restructuring of traditional agricultural industries and rural governance through digitalization, greatly improving agricultural productivity, reducing production costs, and promoting the achievement of sustainable development goals.

Over the past decade, China has made significant achievements in digital agriculture development, forming a knowledge system that can be referenced globally in utilizing digital technology to promote poverty reduction and rural revitalization. Cooperation in the field of digital agriculture with poverty reduction is also an important area within China-Africa, China-ASEAN, China-Central Asia, and China-Latin America cooperation frameworks. Strengthening policy exchanges and dialogues between the digital agriculture and rural development sectors and poverty reduction sectors through training workshops and seminars is of great significance for promoting the digital transformation and development of agriculture and rural areas in countries along the Belt and Road, implementing global development initiatives, and promoting poverty reduction and sustainable inclusive development.

The Ministerial workshop on Digital Agriculture and Rural Revitalization for Belt and Road Countries, sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) and co-organized by Academy for International Business Officials, MOFCOM (AIBO) and Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), is scheduled to be held in Beijing and Chongqing, China on 13th -22nd October.



### Invited Participants

Approximately 14 ministerial-level officials from agricultural sectors of Belt and Road Countries



### Major Activities

- (a) Officials will engage in discussions and exchanges with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, etc.
- (b) Officials will participate in high-level meetings held in China and communications with local government officials.
- (c) Participants will deeply experience Chinese traditional culture, visit famous cultural landmarks and gain comprehensive insights into China.



### Schedule

Scheduled to be jointly held with the International Poverty Reduction and Development Forum, the 8th CIAR International Agricultural Research Conference and other dialogues from October 13 to October 22, 2024.



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