Thirty-ninth session of the Governing Council of IFAD
Invitation to a side event organized by IFAD with the support of China

Briefing by China on the G20 Presidency

Tuesday, 16 February 2016, 11.00 to 12.30 – Plenary Room at IFAD headquarters

This side event is being organized by IFAD, with the support of China, in the context of China’s hosting of the G20 Summit in 2016. Food security and agricultural development are among the top priorities of the G20. At a time of weak global economic recovery and with the international community transitioning from the Millennium Development Goals to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is important for the G20 to accelerate agricultural growth and provide underlying support for an innovative, invigorated, interconnected and inclusive world economy.

During its presidency of the G20 in 2016, China will actively build political consensus and foster common action among G20 members in the field of agriculture to boost innovation-driven agricultural development, improve world food and agriculture governance and contribute to the achievement of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. The briefing will provide Governing Council delegations with information about arrangements for the 2016 G20 Summit, in particular with regard to the G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting, the G20 Agriculture Deputies Meeting, the Meeting of G20 Agricultural Chief Scientists and the G20 Agricultural Entrepreneurs Forum. Guest speakers will focus on key meeting themes and China’s domestic agricultural development. The briefing will also highlight China’s poverty reduction achievements and international agricultural cooperation process. Finally, the Ambassador will be available to take questions from all those in attendance about the forthcoming G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting and related issues.

Programme of the event

- Introduction by Ms Josefina Stubbs, Associate Vice-President and Chief Development Strategist, Strategy and Knowledge Department of IFAD
- His Excellency Niu Dun, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations Rome-based agencies: Briefing on the G20 Presidency
- Q&A session with the floor
- Closing remarks by His Excellency Niu Dun, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations Rome-based agencies
- The session will be facilitated by Mr Raşit Pertev, Secretary of IFAD

Interpretation services will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish.

Traditional Chinese foods and tea will be served after the event at 12.30 p.m.