

# **Joint Declaration of the Second Meeting of BRICS Ministers of Agriculture and Agrarian Development**

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1. We are committed to enhancing the coordination and communication with international and regional organizations, including G20, FAO, WFP, OIE, CGIAR, etc, with the goal of concerted views of the international community on food security
2. [We are committed to enhancing the coordination and communication with international and regional organizations, including G20, FAO, WFP, OIE, CGIAR, etc, with the goal of concerted views of the international community on] climate change
3. [We are committed to enhancing the coordination and communication with international and regional organizations, including G20, FAO, WFP, OIE, CGIAR, etc, with the goal of concerted views of the international community on] environmental protection
4. [We are committed to enhancing the coordination and communication with international and regional organizations, including G20, FAO, WFP, OIE, CGIAR, etc, with the goal of concerted views of the international community on] trade promotion
5. [We are committed to enhancing the coordination and communication with international and regional organizations, including G20, FAO, WFP, OIE, CGIAR, etc, with the goal of concerted views of the international community on] other hot topics in the field of global food and agriculture, and continuing to make joint efforts for world food security.
6. We actively support the global endeavor to combat hunger
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8. We are committed to making best efforts to help African countries improve their food production capacity so as to enhance food security, particularly among smallholder farmers, through technical cooperation
9. [We are committed to making best efforts to help African countries improve their food production capacity so as to enhance food security, particularly among smallholder farmers, through] policy dialogue
10. [We are committed to making best efforts to help African countries improve their food production capacity so as to enhance food security, particularly among smallholder farmers, through] agricultural technology demonstration and transfer
11. [We are committed to making best efforts to help African countries improve their food production capacity so as to enhance food security, particularly among smallholder farmers, through] personnel training

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13. [We are committed to making best efforts to help African countries improve their food production capacity so as to enhance food security, particularly among smallholder farmers, through ] food aid
14. We will actively enhance the coordination and cooperation with other countries in the field of agriculture jointly striving for the reduction of poverty-stricken population with a view to realizing the UN MDGs and promoting world stability, prosperity and development.
15. We reiterate our commitment to carry out closer cooperation on food security within BRICS
16. [We] will further explore ways to provide more accurate long-term market forecast for food producers and purchasers to reduce excessive speculative activities.
17. We are committed to developing agriculture actively, strengthening coordination and cooperation
18. [We are committed to] helping other developing countries to improve food productivity while ensuring domestic food security and generation of income and jobs in rural areas, paying particular attention to smallholder farmers, women and youth, so as to make joint efforts to improve world food security.
19. We reiterate that we will strengthen capacity building for food security and, in particular, improve food access for the most vulnerable population.
20. We are committed to increasing comprehensive food productivity of farmers including smallholders by relying on scientific research and technology transfer,
21. [We are committed to increasing comprehensive food productivity of farmers including smallholders by] creating favorable environment for investment
22. [We are committed to increasing comprehensive food productivity of farmers including smallholders by] and sustainable utilization of agricultural resources
23. [We are committed to increasing comprehensive food productivity of farmers including smallholders by] and promoting agricultural products trade to improve food access.
24. We agree to develop bio-energy while ensuring food security by giving consideration to the factors of energy demand, environmental protection and sustainable development.
25. We will advance sustainable agriculture in an effort to achieve the sustainable use of natural resources, land, water resources, and bio-diversity in particular.
26. We, therefore, will unleash each others' advantages and strengthen cooperation in utilization of waste to develop bio-mass energy, e.g., biogas, so as to promote a virtuous ecological cycle, alleviate the damage to forest, reduce soil erosion, improve soil fertility through proper use of fertilizer and preserve bio-diversity.
27. We undertake to intensify the exchange and cooperation in areas including advanced technologies, equipments and technical human resources with social inclusion, to improve the overall agricultural technology capacity of countries.
28. We will intensify our efforts in developing high-quality, high-yield and stress-resistant crops, [stressing the importance of both modern and traditional agriculture for sustainability]

29. [We will intensify our efforts in] boost water-saving [stressing the importance of both modern and traditional agriculture for sustainability]
30. [We will intensify our efforts in] farmland protection and clean production, [stressing the importance of both modern and traditional agriculture for sustainability]
31. [We will intensify our efforts in] promote environment-friendly and resource-saving agriculture, stressing the importance of both modern and traditional agriculture for sustainability
32. We shall strengthen exchange and cooperation in the biotechnology sector
33. We agree to carry out agricultural human resources exchanges in a variety of forms, including establishing research and development centers and joint laboratories, creating cooperation platforms, implementing joint research projects, organizing exchange visits and adopting joint post-graduate programs, through which strengths of every member in agricultural research will be put into best use to facilitate technical exchange and develop human resources that excel in modern agricultural technologies, contributing to technology advances and agricultural development across the world.
34. We agree to establish the "BRICS Strategic Alliance for Agricultural Research and Technology Cooperation", which will pool our efforts in addressing major challenges faced by the world in agricultural technologies. The Alliance will receive guidance and support from the agricultural ministries of the countries.
35. We agree to share information on, inter alia, price and output of agricultural products
36. [We agree to] constantly improve the reliability, accuracy, timeliness and comparability of the data on production and consumption of agricultural products
37. We undertake to boost business investment and trade cooperation by means of, inter alia, exhibition and forum on trade and investment, encourage and support the participation of enterprises in economic and trade promotion events organized by BRICS countries.
38. For a closer BRICS agricultural cooperation with more clearly defined targets and higher effectiveness, we adopted the Action Plan 2012-2016 for Agricultural Cooperation of BRICS Countries, which identified five priority areas and direction of cooperation Each area will be coordinated by one country respectively.