

EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION: DRAWING LESSONS FROM AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

AGENDA FOR A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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OVERVIEW

Improving the quality of international development co-operation is an objective for both China and the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC). In its *White Paper on Foreign Aid*, the Chinese government stressed that it will make efforts to optimise the country's foreign aid structure and improve the quality of foreign aid. As part of its mandate, the DAC seeks to enhance the quality and effectiveness of development assistance, particularly regarding pro-poor economic growth and poverty reduction.

"Quality aid" is well-managed aid. It is:

- Strategic, i.e. provided in support of developing countries' own strategies and implementation processes.
- Implemented effectively, i.e. is good value for money, has low transaction costs, is delivered promptly and does not duplicate or overlap with the actions of other external partners.
- Pays attention to sustainably, i.e. to the environmental impact and social consequences.
- Has a development impact, i.e. contributes to promoting economic growth and reducing poverty.

How are China and DAC members/observers providing their international assistance? What can they do to improve the quality and make their international development co-operation more effective? What lessons can China and DAC members/observers share with each other? To provide a basis for answering these questions, the China-DAC Study Group organised joint study visits to Tanzania and Zimbabwe, countries with very different sets of characteristics. Agricultural development provided the specific sectoral context for the studies conducted. The findings and observations from these visits will be an important input for discussions at this Roundtable.

The China-DAC Study Group was formed in 2009 to share knowledge and exchange experiences on promoting growth and reducing poverty in developing countries, including how international development co-operation can be effective in supporting this objective. It comprises experts and officials from China and DAC members/observers with detailed knowledge and operational experience of providing development co-operation to foreign countries. The Study Group is supported by the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) and the OECD, which form a joint secretariat and provide its Co-Chairs.

Participation in this Roundtable is by invitation. The Roundtable will bring together around 100 high and senior-level officials and development practitioners from Africa (including from Tanzania and Zimbabwe), China and DAC members/observers, as well as academics and researchers. The specific objectives are to:

- Improve mutual understanding on the main characteristics of China's and DAC members/observers' international support for agricultural development, especially in Tanzania and Zimbabwe.
- Share views on some of the main challenges related to providing effective international support for development - including issues related to conditionality, sustainability and the management of development co-operation.
- Identify areas where fruitful co-operation between China and DAC members/observers will help improve the quality of their international development co-operation.

DRAFT AGENDA

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Facilitating mutual learning on promoting growth and reducing poverty in developing countries is a key objective of the China-DAC Study Group. The joint study visits to Tanzania and Zimbabwe showed some differences in the approaches of China and DAC members/observers. They also showed that Africa's partners are facing some similar challenges, for example in ensuring sustainability, in using the "right" mix of financing instruments and in managing their external assistance effectively. There is much experience that China and DAC members/observers can share with each other on addressing these challenges. This session will provide the context for the work of the China-DAC Study Group and introduce the main issues to be discussed during the day.</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Zuo Changsheng, Director General, IPRCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Erik Solheim, Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) (10 minutes)• Mr. Modibo Traoré, FAO Representative to the African Union and UN Economic Commission for Africa and Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa (10 minutes) <p style="text-align: center;">Keynote presentation</p> <p>Characteristics of China and DAC members/observers' support for agricultural development in Africa - Main findings from the joint study visits to Tanzania and Zimbabwe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Li Xiaoyun, Senior Advisor to IPRCC and the China-DAC Study Group (20 minutes)</p>
10:30-10:45	Tea and coffee break
10:45-12:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 1. Good practices to improve the impact of international development co-operation</p> <p>China and DAC members/observers face common challenges to improve the financial, social and environmental sustainability of projects and programmes as well as to find the "right" mix of financing instruments to use. The discussion is expected to identify good practices that China and DAC members/observers can share with each other to improve the impact of their international development co-operation.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Liu Haifang, Deputy Director, Centre for African Studies, Beijing University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr William Makotose, Deputy Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanisation & Irrigation Development, Zimbabwe (10 minutes)• Mr. Tang Shengyao, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, PR China (10 minutes)• Mr. Pradepp Itty, Head of East Asia Division – Regional Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (10 minutes) <p>Open discussion</p>
12:15-13:30	Lunch

<p>13:30-15:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2. Good practices to improve the delivery of international development co-operation</p> <p>China and DAC members/observers face common challenges to ensure that their international development co-operation is effective, including cost effective, and is channelled to the “right” counterparts, who have strong ownership of the project or programme. The discussion is expected to identify good practices that China and DAC members/observers can share with each other to improve the delivery of their international development cooperation.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Naohiro Kitano, Deputy Director, JICA Research Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Joyce Mapunjo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Tanzania (10 minutes) • Ms. Mao Xiaojing, Deputy Director, Department of Development Assistance, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, PR China (10 minutes) • Ms. Jennifer Adams, Director of Office of Donor Engagement, USAID Policy, Planning and Learning Bureau(10 minutes) <p>Open discussion</p>
<p>15:00-15:15</p>	<p>Tea and coffee break</p>
<p>15:15-16:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 3. Towards fruitful co-operation between China and DAC members/observers to improve the quality of international development co-operation</p> <p>There are many ways that China and DAC members/observers can work together to make their international development co-operation more effective, ranging from policy dialogue, to greater co-ordination, to trilateral/triangular co-operation, to joint activities. The discussion is expected to identify some fruitful ways that China and DAC members/observers can co-operate more effectively in the short term to improve the quality of their international development co-operation.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Joyce Msuya (Regional Co-ordinator for East Asia & Pacific, The World Bank Institute)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cristina Matusse, Deputy Director, National Planning, Ministry of Planning and Development, Mozambique (10 minutes) • Mr. Zhang Yahui, Deputy Director, Foreign Economic Cooperation Centre, Ministry of Agriculture, PR China (10 minutes) • Mr. Serge Tomasi, Deputy Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD (10 minutes) <p>Open discussion</p>
<p>16:45-17:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Findings from Discussions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Li Xiaoyun, Senior Advisor of IPRCC and China-DAC Study Group (15 minutes)</p>
<p>17:00-17:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing remarks</p> <p>Chair: Ms. He Xiaojun, Deputy Director, IPRCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Joyce Mapunjo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Tanzania Senior representative from Africa (5 minutes) • Mr. Chris Chalmers, Head, DFID China (5 minutes) • Mr. Li Chunguang, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, The State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (5 minutes)

17:30 – 18:30 Cocktail Reception at the Grand Hyatt