



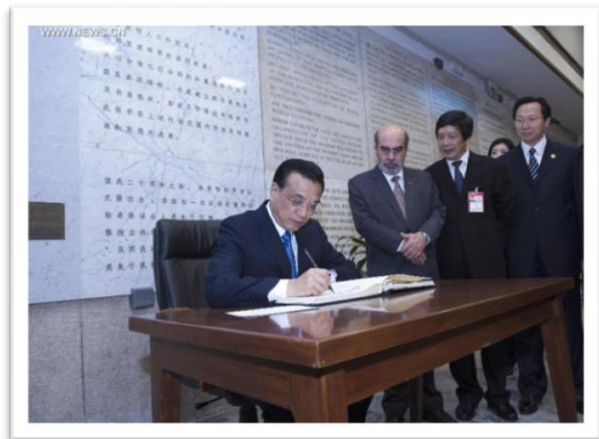
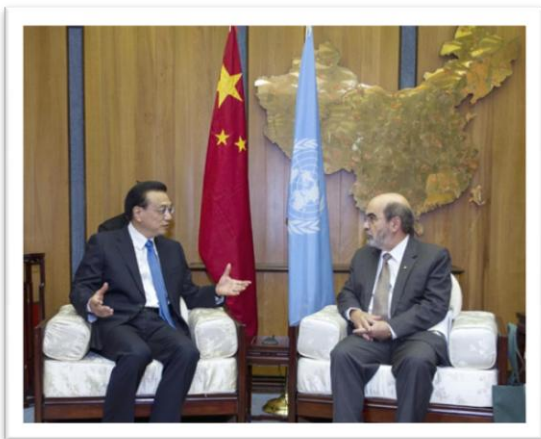
## SSC EVENTS

- 1996: *FAO'S SSC Initiative launched*
- 2006: *A Letter of Intent on forming Strategic Alliance signed between the Government of China and FAO*
- 2008 : *A donation of USD30 million Trust Fund to FAO announced by the Government of China*
- 2009: *General Agreement on the USD30 million Trust Fund signed between the Government of China and FAO*
- 2014: *A donation of USD50 million Trust Fund to FAO announced by the Government of China*

## **China Pledges \$50 Million in Support of South-South Cooperation on Agricultural Development**

On the occasion of the World Food Week, H.E. Li Keqiang, Premier of State Council, the People's Republic of China, visited FAO Headquarters in Rome and met with FAO Director-General, Dr. José Graziano da Silva on 15 October 2014. It was Premier Li Keqiang's first visit to a UN agency since assuming office. In his keynote speech on "Promoting Agricultural Modernization through Family Farming", Premier Li announced a donation of USD 50 million to FAO to support the Organization's South-South Cooperation (SSC) Programme to improve food security and promote sustainable agricultural development of developing countries over the next five years.

The Premier underlined China's accomplishments and contribution to global food security and agricultural development. China's success on food security has been achieved through a combined approach, the Premier said, including providing incentives to family farmers to unleash their productive potential, supporting science and technological innovation, as well as implementing institutional reforms and providing support for agricultural extension and farmer cooperatives.





# CHINA/FAO SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

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China has been actively engaging in FAO's SSC since 1990s. To date, about 1,000 Chinese agricultural experts and technicians have been fielded to other developing countries to provide SSC technical assistance. In 2008, it contributed USD 30 million to FAO to establish a Trust Fund for SSC, which has supported the development of national and regional food security programmes in Asian and African countries. Under the Trust Fund, 185 Chinese agricultural experts and technicians have been deployed to nine countries, over 400 practical agricultural technologies have been transferred, 268 new varieties of crops and vegetables have been tested and found suitable for local production, 174 sets of agricultural machinery have been introduced, and 1300 hands-on training seminars have been organized.

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva thanked China for its vigorous support to the FAO and praised China's efforts to tackle food insecurity both at home and abroad. He noted that the country has already achieved the 1st Millennium Development Goal's hunger target of halving the proportion of its population experiencing chronic hunger, ahead of the 2015 deadline.

