

Side Event 4 - Agricultural Trade and Investment

Background/objective

International trade and investment are an integral part of the modern world economy. For many developing countries, progress from low income to middle and upper middle-income country status rests heavily on successful trade in regional and global markets. In terms of agriculture, trade and investment are one of the key instruments for developing agriculture sector not only for providing cash flow but also for innovation and mitigating unemployment.

Africa is emerging as an attractive investment destination and a key market for goods and services but also an important raw material exporter. On the other hand, Turkey is also an important exporter, importer and investor in agricultural sector. With this background, Turkey and Africa partnership in agricultural trade and investment presents profitable opportunities for both sides.

As is known for developing agricultural trade and investment, public and private sector cooperation is vital. In this cooperation especially public intuitions have an important role in creation of suitable climate for trade and investment and also in organization of private sector. In this regard, “Turkey-Africa 1st Agriculture Ministers Meeting and Agribusiness Forum” sets a good example for this cooperation and public role.

The side event will provide a platform for Turkish and African government officials to discuss Turkey and Africa partnership in agricultural trade and investment and help them to define priority areas for promoting trade and investment.

Target participants: All participants

Key messages

A. Importance of holding Agribusiness Forums between Turkey and African Countries

- Helps making connections between private sectors.
- Africa is an emerging market and Turkish agricultural sector is ready to make cooperation with his counterparts.
- Turkey is also an important market for agricultural products.

B. Turkey's investment to Africa in the field of Agriculture

- Turkish public and private sector would like to invest African agriculture sector which will supposedly bring Turkish investment and expertise to Africa.

Provisional Agenda

28 April 2017

Moderator: tbd

Welcoming remarks African Union Representative

Presentation on the African Agriculture

Land Leasing TİGEM Representative

Role of Turk Eximbank in Africa Eximbank Representative

Importance of Agricultural Insurance MFAL, Agricultural Insurance
Role in Agricultural Financing and Department
Credits

Discussion

Language: The Side Event will be interpreted in English and French.