Side Event 6 - Agro-industry

Background/objective

Agro-industries provide a means of converting agricultural raw materials into value added products while generating income and employment and contributing to overall economic development in both developed and developing countries. The production relationship between agriculture and industry is a key element for economic growth in Africa. Africa imports agricultural and food products in large quantities due to undeveloped agro-industry even though it is suitable for producing a broad range of diverse agricultural product thanks to climate conditions and fertile soil. Thus, undeveloped agro-industry causes loss of agricultural potential, food insecurity and unemployment.

In this context, agro industry is vital for Africa not only for economic development but sustainable rural development, foreign trade and welfare as well. It can be said that agro industry is beginning of rapid agricultural development for developing countries.

Processing of agricultural products converts relatively bulky, perishable and typically inedible raw materials into more useful, shelf-stable and palatable foods or potable beverages. By way of agricultural processing, a lot of sub sectors such as logistic, retailing, storage, etc. will be more sophisticated and secure than before.

The side event will provide a platform for sharing Turkish experience in agro-industry

Target participants: All participants

Key messages

A. Establishing Agroindustry in Africa and Turkey's Contribution to that
- Turkey has vast experience in downstream agricultural activities and ready share it with African public and private sector.

Provisional Agenda
28 April 2017
Moderator: tbd

Welcoming remarks   African Union Representative

Presentation on the Usage of Agricultural
Inputs in Africa and Problems

Importance of Logistics and Turkish
Experience

Cold Storage for Africa

Discussion

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