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CSP Strategic Outcome 4: Selected developing countries assisted in enhancing food security and nutrition in line with their prioritized SDG 2 targets by 2030

Starting from 2016, WFP China Office functions as a Centre of Excellence to enhance South-South and Triangular Cooperation. The Centre helps to share China's rich experience in food security, nutrition improvement and poverty alleviation with other developing countries to achieve the 2030 SDG.

The WFP Centre of Excellence in China works **in four major prioritized thematic areas**: Value chain development and market access for smallholder farmers; Supply chain strengthening, including processing, postharvest loss management, and storage systems; Climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and resilience building, and Implementation of national zero-hunger and nutrition strategies.

We work at **three levels of policy, institutional and grass-root**, in order to provide policy support, technical solutions and practical knowledge on food security and nutrient for other developing countries through policy dialogue, consultations, national programming, knowledge sharing and knowhow transfer.

WFP China is also formulating a South-South Cooperation initiative as **"DAA"** with objective to foster rural entrepreneurship for young generation and help youth employment in agricultural related sectors in Asian countries. Apart from our efforts on **Post-Harvest loss reduction and storage management, E-commerce and value chain development** to enable smallholder farmers' better access to market is one of the most prioritized engagement to absorb more valuable experience and solutions from China for innovative rural transformation and digital agricultural development in other developing countries.

Major Events in 2019

SSC Activities Organized by WFP China Centre of Excellence

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| 1 | Side event at BAPA+40: Collaboration between China and WFP: Fostering Farmers' Leadership for Enhanced Resilience through South-South Cooperation | 22-26 March | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| 2 | Workshop for Youth Leadership in Agriculture for Belt and Road (YLPA) | 18-20 Apr. | Yunnan |
| 3 | Seminar on Sharing China's Food Security Policy and Experience | 24-25 Apr. | Beijing |
| 4 | Workshop on Sustainable Mechanization for Smallholder Farmers in Asia and Africa | 12-15 May | Guangxi |
| 5 | Study Tour on Grain Marketing and Storage Management at 2019 Grain Trade Conference | 20-22 June | Henan |
| 6 | Workshop for Ecuador on Integrated Farming and Marketing | 22-30 Sep. | Hunan |
| 7 | Seminar on Good Practices and Innovative Technologies for PHLM for Food Security and Nutrition | 22-24 Nov. | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire |
| 8 | Seminar on Value Chain Development and Policy Dialogue on E-commerce | 9 Dec. | Hainan |
| 9 | Workshop for Sri Lanka on Strengthening Resilience to Climate-Related Shocks | 22-29 Dec. | Jiangsu |
| 10 | Study Tour for Rural Value Chain Development | 19-20 Dec. | Yunnan |

Advocacy and Promotion for South-South Cooperation

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| 11 | 1st China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo | 26-28 June | Hunan |
| 12 | 25th Lanzhou Investment & Trade Expo | 3-5 July | Gansu |
| 13 | CIS Regional Green Economy Conference | 8-10 July | Tashkent, Uzbekistan |
| 14 | 1st Agricultural and Rural Water Efficiency Conference | 21-23 Aug. | Shaanxi |
| 15 | 7th Taobao Village Forum | 30-31 Aug. | Shandong |
| 16 | 4th China-Arab States Agricultural Cooperation Forum | 5-8 Sep. | Ningxia |
| 17 | 4th China-ASEAN Agricultural Cooperation Forum and "Belt and Road" Investment Forum | 21-22 Sep. | Guangxi |
| 18 | WFP Global SSC Consultation meeting | 14-15 Oct. | Rome, Italy |
| 19 | China Poverty Reduction International Forum | 16 Oct. | Beijing |
| 20 | Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum | 17 Oct. | Beijing |
| 21 | 2019 International Agricultural Machinery Exhibition | 28-30 Oct. | Shandong |
| 22 | 6th Global Forum of Leaders for Agricultural Science and Technology | 11-14 Nov. | Sichuan |
| 23 | 24th Annual Meeting for South-South Cooperation Network | 17-18 Nov. | Fujian |
| 24 | COP 25 | 3-5 Dec. | Madrid, Spain |

I. South-South Cooperation Strategy Shaping

1. Policy Dialogue and Knowledge Sharing

The **Seminar on Sharing China's Food Security Policy and Experience** was held on the 24th and 25th of April in Beijing. The **Report on China Food Security Policy Evolution and Practice was released**. The Seminar promoted mutual exchange and policy dialogue between China and other developing countries to jointly explore and share national experience and challenges in food security.

- A **SSC Knowledge Sharing Platform** has been developed focusing on China's policy reference, technical solutions and expert roster, which will function as a knowledge sharing platform to enhance peer learning and know-how sharing.

2. Global Consultation on South-South Cooperation

WFP Global Consultation Meeting on South-South Cooperation was held during 14-15 October 2019.

It outlined the general situation of WFP's South-South Cooperation and needed actions for future engagements.

- Actions will be in need to institutionalize the global setting up for WFP's South-South Cooperation, sharp the corporate strategy, and enhance global platform for knowledge sharing, so as to fully facilitate the implementation of G2 (second generation) CSP after 2020.
- Coherence and systematic approach should be in place to enable WFP COE for South-South Cooperation. Efforts and coordination are in need to better align among different disciplines under WFP mandate.

3. Six Steps of Engagement with WFP China

To better facilitate the engagement with COE, it is proposed a **SIX STEPs of ENGAGEMENT**:

Country Offices are encouraged to put forward their SSC Initiative/ Concept Note /Proposal under the framework of **the Four Thematic Areas within the Three Modalities**.

Consultation with host government and scoping for **SSC needs analysis** is in need before submission of SSC Initiative/ Concept Note/Proposal upon advice by Regional Bureau and technical units of HQ.

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- **Step ONE on SSC Demand:** Country Office proposes Initiative/Concept Note/Proposal (or through Regional Bureau) to China COE.

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- **Step TWO on SSC Supply:** China COE reviews the initiative and conduct consultation including discussions with Chinese partners.

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- **Step THREE on SSC Match:** China COE works with HQ, Regional Bureau and Country Office together to identify technical support, expertise, and resources.

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- **Step FOUR on SSC Endorsement:** Country Office enters into agreement on SSC engagement with China COE and Chinese government partners.

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- **Step FIVE on SSC Implementation:** China COE supports implementation by facilitating expert recruitment and dispatch, coordinate for capacity development activities, and conduct technical cooperation.

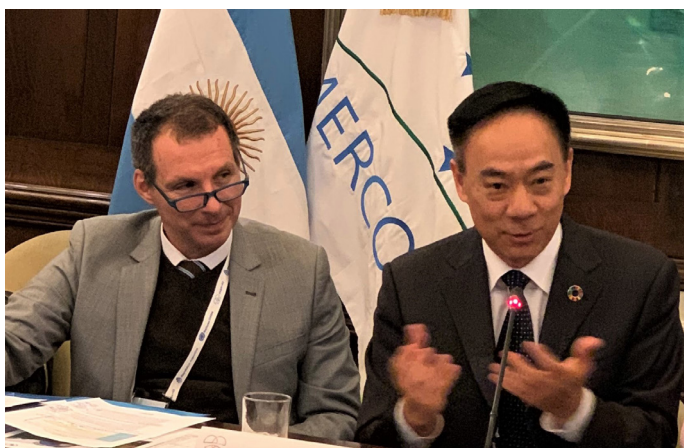
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- **Step SIX on SSC Feedback:** China COE works together with Country Office to review and summarize, collect feedback, and picture follow-ups for further actions/ scaling-ups if needed.

II. SSC Activities Organized by WFP China Centre of Excellence

CSP Activity 4: Provide governments with expert advice and policy support on food security and nutrition issues

1. On **21 March 2019** a side event themed as ***Collaboration between China and WFP: Fostering Farmers' Leadership for Enhanced Resilience through South-South Cooperation*** was held in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**. Guest speakers invited by WFP China COE were Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China, ESCAP-CSAM, World Bank, and Alibaba Group. WFP representatives from HQ, RBP and Country Offices of Bolivia and Zimbabwe WFP attended the event. The side event also gathered representatives from Ministry of Commerce of China, UNOSSC, Economic and Social Council as well as UNICEF. The event highlighted China and WFP's collaboration for zero hunger and poverty reduction through South-South Cooperation. Strategic partnership is flagged in South-South Cooperation to achieve effectiveness and efficiency to support smallholders value chain development.



2. During **24 and 25 April 2019**, the ***Seminar on Sharing China's Food Security Policy and Experience*** was held on in **Beijing**. On the Seminar Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and WFP jointly released the Report on China Food Security Policy Evolution and Practice. The Seminar has invited around 70 participants from 11 countries including Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Senegal, Bolivia, Indonesia. Experts from both China and International academies and organizations presented keynote speech at the seminar. Representatives from WFP Country Offices and HQ also attended the event. The Seminar promoted mutual exchange and policy dialogue between China and other developing countries to jointly explore and share national experience and challenges in food security.



The seminar was followed by **two days field visit on 26 and 27 April in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province**. 36 participants from overseas governments, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural

Affairs, and WFP joined the field visit. After meeting with Agricultural Department of Jiangsu Province, participants visited Nanjing Yuanwang Selenium-rich Agricultural Products Co., Ltd, Agricultural E-commerce Centre of Luhe District and Liyou Agricultural Machinery Service Cooperative. Oversea representatives were exposed to China's solutions and models through South-South Cooperation that could help address government needs and advance country-led progress towards the effective hunger reduction and food security in line with the strategic direction shaping up under WFP Country Strategic Plans.

3. On **9 December 2019**, a thematic **Seminar on Strengthening South-South and Triangular Cooperation to Enhance Value Chain Development and Policy Dialogue on E-commerce** was convened as a side event of the First China-Africa Cooperation Forum in **Sanya, Hainan province**. 60 participants from 4 countries including Tanzania, Rwanda, Zambia and RoC participated the event.



Jointly organized in the name of UN Rome Based Agencies to flag the collaboration among WFP, FAO and IFAD for further deepening China-Africa Agriculture Cooperation, this side event is believed to be an efficient pathway for stakeholders

to concretize joint efforts to reflect FOCAC commitment.

During the Seminar, the Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of WFP-China Cooperation was jointly held by WFP China Office and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA). Meanwhile, the South-South Cooperation Knowledge Sharing Platform was launched to systematically expose the participants to the successful experience in food security, nutrition and poverty alleviation. Insights and perspectives have been shared through the discussion on value chain development and E-commerce of China and Africa.

CSP Activity 5: Knowledge-sharing through study tours, training, technology transfer and online exchange platforms

4. During **18 to 20 April 2019**, a **Training Workshop for Youth Leadership Program in Agriculture for Belt and Road/South-South Cooperation (YLPA)** in 2019 was held in **Mengla County, Yunnan Province**. 36 participants from 7 countries including Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kenya, Zimbabwe participated the event. As the second edition of capacity building program under "Youth4South" program by UNOSSC and themed as "Managing Rural Transformation", YLPA 2019 is aimed at enhancing the young professionals' capacity on managing new trends and addressing development challenges of rural transformation through learning and sharing good practices among China and other Asian countries. Dr. Sixi Qu addressed the opening at Session 2 under the same theme by elaborating WFP's mandate and WFP China Centre of Excellence's priorities in South-South Cooperation, calling for more joint efforts through co-organized programs to support rural youth leadership and entrepreneurship fostering by involving more diversified partnership.

5. During **12 to 15 May 2019**, a **Training Workshop on Sustainable Mechanization for Smallholder Farmers in Asia and Africa in Support of the Sustainable Development Goals** was held in **Nanjing, Jiangsu Province**. Representatives of 15 countries are participating the workshop, including 3 from Africa and 12 from Asia. WFP has invited participants from Africa including Cameroon, Niger and Zimbabwe. The training program was unfolded by a Seminar on Agricultural Mechanization Practices and Prospects for Smallholders in Asian and African Countries. Country presentations were shared among the participants. Views were exchanged on challenges and constraints for agricultural mechanization, and good practices and experience were also shared among delegates. This training workshop

aims to promote agricultural mechanization in Asia and Africa, in particular for smallholders and contributing Sustainable Development Goals.

As the co-organizer of this event, WFP China has enjoyed excellence partnership with ESCAP-CSAM. This year's training workshop on smallholders' agricultural mechanization has been the third edition of its kind since 2017 with technical support of Nanjing Research Institute of Agricultural Mechanization, a branch of China Academy of Agricultural Sciences. This training workshop is well designed to proceed through an integrated way, a diversified approach including lectures, exchange of view and visit to enterprise on agricultural machinery. WFP is willing to join force with ESCAP-CSAM and NRIAM to further promote pragmatic collaboration in South-South Cooperation in agricultural mechanization with expansion of the partnership.



6. During **20 to 22 June 2019**, a **Study tour on Grain Marketing and Storage during 2019 Grain Trade Conference** was successfully conducted in **Zhengzhou, Henan Province**. On the **20th of June**, **WFP and China's National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration (NAFRA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** to strengthen South-South Cooperation and share China's experience in

food security. According to the MOU, the two sides will work together to share China's technology and experience in grain reserve management, post-harvest grain loss reduction and management, and enhance linkages with other developing countries to promote global food security.



During the mission, 7 participants from the WFP Egypt Country Office, Egypt government and Sri Lanka Government attended the opening ceremony of the Second China Grain Trade Conference and joined the exhibition tour. The participants also visited Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange, Henan Maosheng Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd. and Sino-Grain Depot Co., Ltd. The mission exposed participants to the Chinese approach to food security solutions integrated with hi-tech and policy support. It served as an entry point for future South-South Cooperation between China and other developing countries.

7. During **22 to 24 November 2019**, a **Seminar on "Investing in Good Practices and Innovative Technologies to Reduce Post-Harvest Loss and Improve Food Security and Nutrition"**, was held in **Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire**, as a side event of the International Exhibition of Agriculture and Animal Resources (Salon international de l'Agriculture et des Ressources Animales - SARA).

Lasting for a day and a half, the workshop brought together over 60 people from WFP HQ, Regional Bureau of West Africa, WFP Country Offices of ROC, Uganda and Ghana, representatives of ECOWAS, regional counterparts of Africa Union, FAO and IFAD, private sectors and NGOs, to join the inspiring discussions on post-harvest loss management (PHLM) and how it is related to nutrition, food system, value chain and rural transformation. Dr. Issa Sanogo, Director of CERFAM and Dr. Sixi Qu, Country Director of WFP China delivered welcoming remarks at the opening by emphasizing on bringing forward the partnership of the centres together with other partners in the region and China.



8. The **Global Solicitation for Good Practice and Best Solutions for Poverty Reduction** was jointly released in collaboration with FAO, IFAD, and IPRCC, World Bank and Asia Development Bank at the **China Poverty Reduction International Forum in October**.

The first batch of best case studies on good practice and best solutions for poverty reduction were released at the 2019 Seminar on Global Poverty Reduction Partnership in Rome. Two of WFP China cases were selected. One is the Connect Smallholder Farmers to Markets, another one the Kiwi-fruit Value Chain Development.

9. The prototype of the **SSC Knowledge Sharing Platform** was developed and shared to WFP country offices for testing and comments. The content of the SSC Knowledge Sharing Platform has been adjusted and replenished. It was launched at the China-Africa Agricultural Cooperation Conference in December.

CSP Activity 6: Foster leadership among a new generation of smallholder farmers

10. During **22 to 30 September 2019**, the **Training workshop for Ecuador on Integrated Farming and Marketing** was successfully delivered in **Changsha, Hunan Province**. Five participants from Ecuador, including two MAG technicians, two lead farmers and one WFP Ecuador staff participated the training. The training course was designed by HAU based on project requirements, with inputs from WFP colleagues from Ecuador, Panama, Rome and China. Lectures, hands-on training and field trips were arranged to expose participants to techniques of rice planting and animal feeding under the integrated rice production system.

During the field visit to demonstration bases at Mingyue Village of Changsha County, large-scale rice-duck production



farms at Hanshou County and an organic fertilizer factory, the participants had opportunities to discuss with Chinese farmers on rice production, field management and market strategy. The training, aiming to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Ecuador (MAG) in support of small-holder farmers to enhance their rice production and their access to different markets, was well designated to strengthening technicians' skills of rice-duck-fish co-production.

11. During **22 to 29 December 2019, Sri Lanka Project's Training on Strengthening the Resilience to Climate-Related Shocks** was unfolded in **Nanjing, Jiangsu Province**. 12 farmer leaders, government officers from Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance, Economy & Policy Development and regional agricultural authorities, expert from research institutions and WFP Sri Lanka Office participated the training. The training course was organized by the Centre of International Cooperation Service and Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Science, Nanjing Institution of Agricultural Mechanization etc. With in-house lecture, field visit and on-site demonstration, the participants were exposed to China's technology and experience in post-harvest management, farmer's market access and rural e-commerce.



III. Highlights on Advocacy and Promotion for South-South Cooperation

1. During **26 to 28 June 2019**, the **1st China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo** was held in **Changsha, Hunan Province**. Dr. Sixi Qu, Country Director of WFP China Office, Dr. Yan Jia, Programme Policy Officer, and Ms. Zhang Su, Programme Policy Officer, attended a series of events at the Expo, including the Ministerial Workshop on Food Security for Developing Countries and the Seminar on China-Africa Agricultural Cooperation and Development. Dr. Sixi Qu gave a keynote speech at the opening session, explaining WFP's mission, China's achievement in agricultural development and how China COE contributed to the global food security agenda through South-South Cooperation (SSC). In the afternoon, Dr. Qu was interviewed by Xinhua News Agency. He elaborated on WFP's role, its historical engagement with China and current priorities of WFP China Office. Recent development on SSC was also mentioned, including the signing of MOU with the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration.



2. During **3 to 5 July 2019**, the **25th Lanzhou Investment & Trade Expo** was unveiled in **Lanzhou, Gansu Province**, bringing together representatives from 42 countries and



a number of international organizations. The expo is themed on “Deepening Economic and Trade Cooperation to Jointly Build Green Silk Road”. Assistant Minister of Ministry of Commerce addressed the opening of the Expo by pointing that, the 2019 Expo is a concretized action of national efforts to support Belt & Road, in particular to well align support of Gansu province and northwest of China. The **Belt & Road Food Security Forum** was convened on the afternoon of **5 July 2019**. The Forum aims to enhance alignment of public and private sector's endeavour on foodstuff production to support Belt & Road Initiative, well leverage market resources both international and domestic. Dr. Sixi Qu addressed the opening of the Belt and Road Forum, which elaborated WFP's mandate and WFP China Centre of Excellence's priorities in South-South Cooperation, calling for deepening collaboration with private and public sectors for food security and grain value chain through South-South Cooperation under the framework of Belt & Road Initiative.



3. During **8 to 10 July 2019**, the **Green Economy Conference** was held in **Tashkent, Uzbekistan**. The main purpose of the conference is to create an open and conducive knowledge sharing setting aimed to support the participants in further improving their understanding on the trends and opportunities on the way towards advancing Green Economy agenda in the Europe/CIS Region. Mr. Jorge Chediek, Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation delivered welcome and opening remarks at the opening ceremony. Mr. Jorge Chediek reaffirmed the contribution of South-South Cooperation for developing economies and the supporting role to enhance collaboration of all sectors for green economy

and sustainable development. The three-day conference was featured by one and half day ministerial dialogue in form of panel discussion and one and half day of executive training on green economy, sustainable development and national capacity development in six separate modules.



4. During **21 to 23 August 2019**, the **1st Agricultural and Rural Water Efficiency Conference** was held in Yangling, **Xi'an, Shaanxi Province**. Dr. Sixi Qu, Country Director of WFP China Office, Dr. Yan Jia, Programme Policy Officer, and Ms. Ruya Wang, Business Assistant attended the conference. The Conference, aiming to bring great minds to share visions, potentials and solutions for arid farming, water efficient improvement under the big picture of climate change faced by human beings has invited more than 300 representatives



from government, research institutes and academies, and private sectors. Dr. Sixi Qu delivered a keynote speech at the opening of first Agricultural and Rural Water Efficiency Conference. His speech elaborated WFP's mandate and commitment to SDGs, in particular SDG2 and relative SDGs, through South-South Cooperation to strengthen climate change resilience and enhance capacity development of smallholders.

5. From **August 30 to 31 2019**, the **7th Taobao Village Forum** was held in **Huimin County, Binzhou City, Shandong Province**. Themed as "New Rural China: A Digital and Inclusive Rural Growth Path", the event gathered about 1500 representatives from international and domestic think-tanks, government agencies, most successful Taobao Villages/Towns and researchers on E-commerce. Dr. Sixi Qu, Country Director of WFP China Office, Dr. Yan Jia, Programme Policy Officer, and Ms. Zhang Su, Programme Policy Officer, attended the Forum. Dr. Qu delivered a keynote speech at the Forum by extending congratulations to Alibaba Group for such a grand event gathering the most featured models of China's rural economic dynamics.



6. During **5 to 8 September 2019**, the **4th China-Arab States Expo** was held in **Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region**. Themed as New Opportunity, New Future, the 2019 China-Arab States Expo aims to facilitate trade and investment cooperation between China and Arab states. Mr. Stanlake Samkange, Senior Director of Strategic Coordination of WFP HQ, was invited to address the Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue of the Expo. Mr. Stanlake Samkange reiterated that WFP would enhance its support through South-South Cooperation by China Centre of Excellence's endeavour in the four priority areas of value chain development, post-harvest management, resilience building against climate change and national strategy for food security and nutrition improvement.



7. During **21 to 22 September 2019**, the **4th China-ASEAN Agricultural Cooperation Forum** and **“Belt and Road” Investment Forum** were held in **Nanning, Guangxi Province**. The mission was joined by Dr. Sixi Qu, Country Director of WFP China, Dr. Bing Zhao, Global Focal Point for P4P Program, and Dr. Yan Jia, Program Officer for SSC of WFP China. Dr. Qu addressed opening of the China-ASEAN Agricultural Cooperation Forum. His speech indicated that WFP is making great efforts with its new development strategy for rural economic advancement based on new technology and innovations. A bilateral meeting was held with Mam. Ma Hontao with regard to further enhance support by MARA to WFP’s engagement. Dr. Bing Zhao took the opportunity to brief



DDG Ma on Purchase for Progress Program and WFP’s endeavor to assist smallholders by targeting 10 % of food procurement from smallholders globally.

8. During **14 to 15 October 2019**, **WFP Global SSC Consultation meeting** was held in **Rome, Italy**. WFP China COE, along with other COEs and Cos, was invited to join the consultation. The mission is joined by Dr. Sixi Qu, Country Director of WFP China, and Dr. Yan Jia, Program Officer for SSC of WFP China. The first day of the consultation focused on strategic positioning of WFP and policy dialogue with Director of South-South Cooperation of FAO and IFAD. Director of PDP, STR shared their views towards South-South Cooperation to support the second generation of CSP. The second day meeting was more on pragmatic management for WFP to augment its structural functions, coordination mechanism and institutionalization for South-South Cooperation.



9. **China Poverty Reduction International Forum** was held on **16 October 2019** and **Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum** was held on **17 October 2019**. The two events are initiated by the International Poverty Reduction Centre of China and China Internet Information Centre, aiming to share best practice on poverty reduction and facilitate exchanges on global poverty governance.

Dr. Bing Zhao, Director of Purchase for Progress Coordination participated in the China Poverty Reduction International Forum on 16 October and delivered speeches on the Forum.



10. During **28 to 30 October 2019**, the **2019 International Agricultural Machinery Exhibition** was held in **Qingdao, Shandong Province**. More than 30 events, workshops and seminars were organized during the Exhibition. Prior to the Machinery Exhibition, the **5th ReCAMA Training and Study Tour for Agricultural Manufacturers and Distributors** was co-organized with the China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association, China Agricultural Mechanization Association and China Association of



Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers during 28 Oct.– 3 Nov. 2019 in Qingdao. Dr. Qu, Country Director of WFP China addressed the opening by highlighting the importance of agricultural mechanization’s contribution to food security and rural transformation. As honoured guests, Dr. Qu witnessed the farm machine donation to counties in Hubei and Sichuan Provinces.

11. During **17 to 18 November 2019**, the **24th Annual Meeting for South-South Cooperation Network** was held in **Fuzhou, Fujian Province**. Themed as “Promote Knowledge Sharing, Capacity Building and Technology Transfer through South-South Cooperation”, the 24th annual meeting of the SSC Network in 2019 targets to provide the participants with the opportunity to present progress and achievements of technical centres for South-South Cooperation. Upon invitation by CICETE, WFP China attended the first Steering Committee Meeting of the Global SSC Development Centre and the 24th Annual Meeting of South-South Cooperation Network in Fuzhou, during 18-19 Nov, 2019. Dr. Yan Jia, Program Officer for South-South Cooperation took the mission.

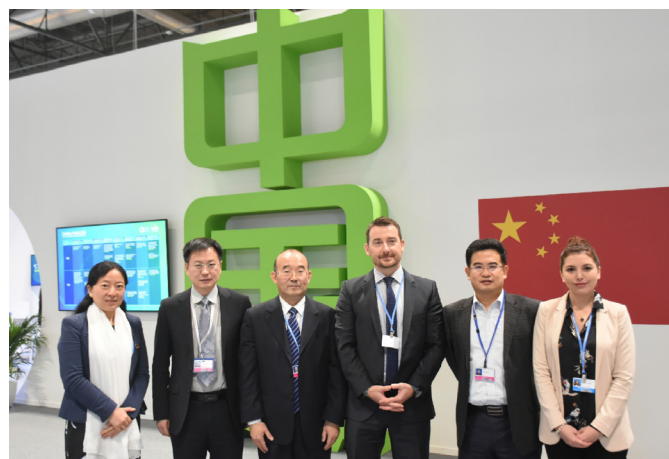
12. From **December 3 to 5 2019**, **COP 25** was held in **Madrid, Spain**. With “**Time for Action**” as its motto, the event gathered 150 ministers of nations who heard new calls for



urgent action to confront the climate emergency. And a total of fifteen countries presented the latest information on their climate actions. The major task of the conference is to discuss Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, the measures to promote voluntary international cooperation by paying a price on carbon emission trading schemes and other

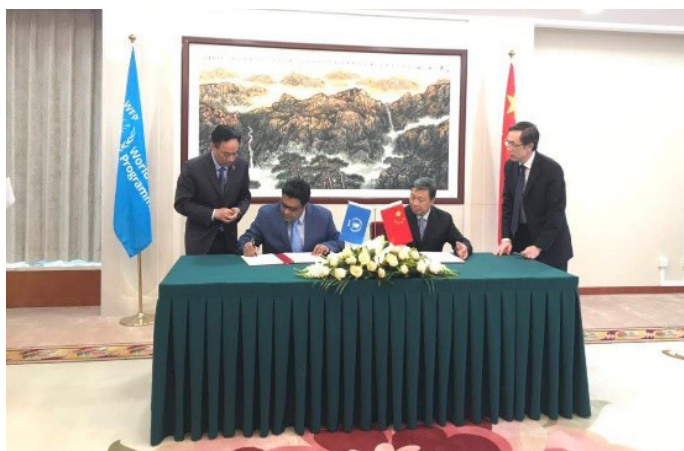


market mechanisms. During the Conference, relevant meetings and events were attended by Yan Jia, including the side event of GEF on program funding, side event of Madagascar's pavilion on gender issue against climate change, Africa's development agenda under climate change, and youth empowerment by UNDESA.



IV. Partnership and Networking for South-South Cooperation

1. In **April of 2019**, a MOU has been signed with **Ministry of Emergency Management**. Which covers collaboration between WFP and MEM to leverage China's knowledge and experience in emergency management through South-South cooperation for simulations-training, emergency management related capacity development for other developing countries, sharing best practices; and increasing investment on awareness raising.

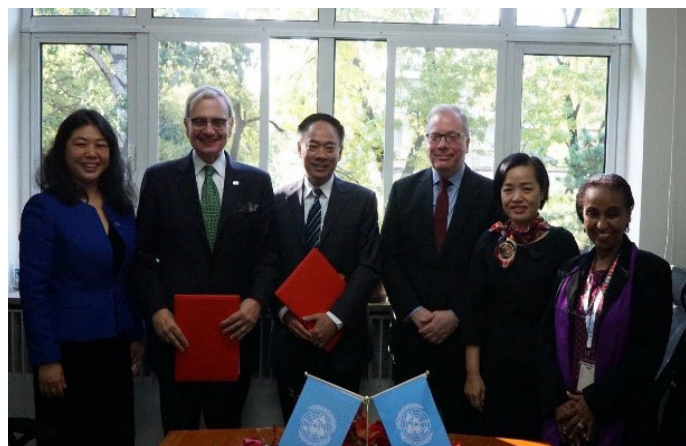


2. On **20 June 2019**, WFP and **NAFRA (National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration)** signed a MOU to strengthen South-South Cooperation. According to the MOU, the two sides will work together to share China's technology and experience in grain reserve management, post-harvest loss reduction and management, and enhance linkages with other developing countries to promote global food security.



3. Another MOU on South-South Cooperation is under preparation with **Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China**, the management authority of South-South Cooperation Fund for Climate Change. WFP China has been actively participating in the China Pavilion at COP for the last three years. Aiming at better alignment with China's Belt & Road Initiative for a common ecological and sustainable development through South-South Cooperation, WFP China is committed to join Chinese government for SDG 2, 7, 11, 13, and 17 against climate change.

4. **WFP China and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)** committed to a new partnership focusing on youth and cities on **25 October 2019**. During a meeting in Beijing the two parties agreed to collaborate under the framework of the Youth4South Programme and the South-South and triangular cooperation Silk Road Cities Project. UNOSSC and WFP China will support capacity development of youth, smallholder farmers and entrepreneurs, as well as city administrations and authorities from developing countries, and facilitate the transfer of affordable and applicable technologies. WFP China is now working with UNOSSC to support Nepal Project under City Project, collaborating with UNOSSC on YES program to foster youth employment and rural entrepreneurship.



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