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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and has the honour to forward herewith the CICA Concept Paper on implementation of confidence building measures in the priority area of Agriculture and the associated Action Plan, developed by the People's Republic of China in its capacity as Coordinator of confidence building measures in the above mentioned priority area.

The Secretariat would appreciate receiving feedback on the above mentioned draft Concept paper and Action Plan by 10 February 2022. In the absence of any comments, the draft Concept paper and Action Plan will be submitted for CICA Special Working Group consideration.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CICA Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nur-Sultan, 11 January 2022



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Секретариат был бы признателен за получение комментариев и предложений к вышеуказанным проектам документов до 10 февраля 2022 года. В случае отсутствия каких-либо комментариев, проекты названной Концепции и Плана действий по ее реализации будут направлены на рассмотрение Специальной рабочей группы СВМДА.

Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить государствам-членам СВМДА уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

город Нур-Султан, 11 января 2022 г.



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Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2022 жылғы 11 қантар

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ  
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНІҢ МҮШЕ  
МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕРІ**

# **CICA Concept Paper on Implementation of Confidence Building Measures in the Priority Area of Agriculture**

## **I. Background**

This Concept Paper is developed based on the new *CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures* adopted during the 6<sup>th</sup> CICA Ministerial Meeting in October 2021, as well as other basic CICA documents, with the aim of facilitating exchange and cooperation among CICA Member States in the area of agriculture.

Agricultural cooperation is an important component of CICA cooperation on confidence building measures. CICA Member States are rich in agricultural resources and potential for agricultural development. Agricultural cooperation among Member States, which is consistent with the need of integrating into the international industrial chain and ensuring food security, is both relevant and promising.

## **II. Objectives**

Promote agricultural exchange and cooperation to establish and improve the mechanism of agricultural cooperation among Member States; to promote agricultural transformation and upgrading; to increase agricultural output and improve the processing of agricultural products; to guarantee employment and income generation in the rural area; to boost the international competitiveness of the region's agricultural sector and allocation of agricultural resources; and to enhance the ability for ensuring food security.

## **III. Principles**

1. Consensus;
2. Voluntary participation and equality;
3. Mutual benefit;
4. Science and technology first.

## **IV. Areas of Cooperation**

1. Crop breeding, cultivation and planting;
2. Cross-border animal and plant disease prevention and control;
3. Livestock and aquatic product breeding;

4. Dryland farming;
5. Storage, transportation, processing and trade of agricultural products;
6. Agricultural machinery manufacturing;
7. Quality safety of agricultural products;
8. Digital agriculture and agricultural intelligence;
9. Agricultural economic policies and information;
10. Agricultural scientific research and personnel training.

(II) Implementation measures:

1. Exchange agricultural policies and agricultural research and innovation results, and disseminate practical agricultural technologies;
2. Organize agriculture-related training courses or seminars;
3. Make presentation or exhibition on new agricultural technologies;
4. Study and develop international agricultural cooperation and development projects, and promote the implementation of key international agricultural cooperation projects in the region;
5. Study, develop and implement common agricultural investment projects;
6. Promote exchange of information on the quality safety (QS) standards of agricultural products;
7. Encourage the development of digital agriculture and agricultural e-commerce;
8. Support partnership building between agricultural businesses of Member States.

**CICA Action Plan on the Implementation of Confidence Building  
Measures in the Priority Area of Agriculture  
(for 2022-2023)**

This Action Plan is developed based on the new *CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures* adopted during the 6<sup>th</sup> CICA Ministerial Meeting in October 2021 and the actual need of the current regional and international agricultural cooperation, with aims of advancing exchange and cooperation among CICA Member States in the area of agriculture and achieving the goals and expectations proposed in the *CICA Concept Paper on the Implementation of Confidence Building Measures in the Priority Area of Agriculture*.

Currently, the COVID-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented risks and challenges to the development of human society. Strengthening agricultural cooperation, safeguarding food supply and boosting economic recovery are of great significance for CICA Member States. CICA, as the largest platform for cooperation in Eurasia, boasts great potential for promoting agricultural cooperation. China is the coordinator of CICA confidence building measures in the area of agriculture and recommends the following aspects to expand agricultural cooperation for the period of 2022-2023:

I. Continue to hold various kinds of agricultural exchange events. Invite CICA Member States to hold or participate in agricultural seminars and training courses. Push for the high-yield varieties cultivation, product quality improvement, brand-building and standardized production in the region. Share experience on poverty-alleviation and accelerate agricultural modernization.

II. Take proactive measures to combat COVID-19, safeguard agricultural production and supply. Ensure smooth agricultural cooperation via both online and offline channels. Building connectivity to promote information sharing on the production, transportation and sale of agricultural products and further integrate regional supply chain. Actively participate in environmental protection campaign, properly handle climate change, control desertification and prevent various kinds of

natural disasters. Study to join or cooperate with Food Coalition proposed by the FAO to buffer the impact brought by the COVID-19 pandemic on food security.

III. Carry out agricultural policy research and coordination in the region. Organize workshop on agriculture through CICA Think Tank Forum. Select key agricultural cooperation areas to initiate joint research. Exchange on agricultural standards within multilateral frameworks like the Codex Alimentarius. Coordinate policies on the import and export of agricultural products, currency settlement and others.

IV. Actively join global agricultural cooperation, improve international competitiveness. Study on effective ways and specific measures to deepen agricultural cooperation with regional and global cooperation initiatives, such as the Belt and Road Initiative and Global Development Initiative, in place. Advance cooperation with multilateral agricultural institutes like the FAO and facilitate multiple channels to gain access to agricultural fund and technology. Respond positively to multilateral initiatives like the “Zero Hunger” goal and the Transformation of Global Agri-food System.

V. Foster farsighted vision on the post-pandemic era, boost the recovery of agricultural production. Strengthen agricultural S&T exchange and cooperation, encourage innovation, build and develop a fully digitized agricultural platform, introduce high- quality projects, share demand information, find business partner and diversify financing channels.