

## China-Africa intensifies cooperation in tropical agricultural R&D and technology

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The Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS) and the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreeing to extend mutual cooperation surrounding Agri-tech during the visit of AAS President Dr. Felix Dapare Dakora to the CATAS at Haikou, Hainan Province in Feb 2023.

MoU aims to intensify cooperation between China and Africa in tropical agricultural science and technology and food security, through new strategic partnerships.

A number of areas for cooperation are identified by the both countries, including the selection, breeding, and extension of plant varieties, environmental protection, pest, disease, and weed control, establishment and promotion of a sustainable agriculture system, livestock, agricultural products processing technologies, agricultural machinery research and development, agriculture economy, and human resources. Through personnel exchanges, dispatching experts, training, cooperative research, technology cooperation, and field demonstrations, the two sides agreed to increase tropical agricultural productivity.

In During his meeting with AAS President Dakora, CATAS Vice President Liu Guodao explained that the CATAS has been involved in China-Africa agricultural science and technology cooperation for many years, establishing the China-aided Agricultural Technology Demonstration Center in the Congo and launching the China-Africa Tropical Agriculture S&T Innovation Alliance.

The CATAS is one of the first groups with accredited qualifications for demonstration and training in modern agricultural technology under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and has trained nearly 3,000 agricultural technicians for Africa. CATAS is into its efforts to unveil a large number of new technologies, new products, and new equipment in Africa.