

**Press Release**

## **Agriculture will be the theme of the 4th Brazil Africa Forum**

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The Brazil Africa Forum, in 2016, comes to its fourth edition and will be dedicated to the potential of agriculture. Internationally recognized for its leading role in the sector, Brazil has developed in recent decades, technologies to become self-sufficient in food production and is currently the third largest food exporter in the world and the leading food supplier of Africa.

Agribusiness accounts for over 50% of Brazilian exports and African countries are important partners with regards to South-South relations in Brazil, which negotiates with thirty-three different nations in Africa. Angola, South Africa and Mozambique are formidable target markets for exports from Brazilian companies to the continent, accounting for 16% of bilateral trade with Brazil. However, there is potential to further advance. Trade between Brazil and the African countries grew 416% between 2002 and 2012.

With an average annual growth of 5% and expected to improve even further in the coming years, the African continent has been at the radar of investors since Africa does not just want to import food, but also invest in technology and logistics to have its own development tools.

Even though Africa still depends on food imports, the African role in global agriculture is remarkable as they are the main providers of cashew, cotton, tobacco, coffee, sugar and cocoa. Parallel to that, Brazil supplies the world with meat, fruit, biscuits, chocolates, premium coffee, organic produce, honey, dairy products, nuts and many other items.

## **The Event**

The 4th Brazil Africa Forum: Strategies for the Development of Agriculture in Brazil and Africa will be held 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Itaipu's Technological Park (PTI), in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. The event will bring together authorities, business leaders and other stakeholders interested in strengthening relations between Brazil and African countries. Technology exchange, financing policies and strategic partnerships in the industry are among the subjects set out in the schedule. The Brazil Africa Forum is developed and produced by Brazil Africa Institute, a non-profit organization, focused on South-South cooperation projects, based in Fortaleza and with offices in Sao Paulo and Luanda.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

### **The 4th Brazil Africa Forum: Strategies for the Development of Agriculture in Brazil and Africa**

Date: November 03 - 04, 2016

Venue: Parque Tecnológico de Itaipu (PTI), Foz do Iguaçu, Brasil

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