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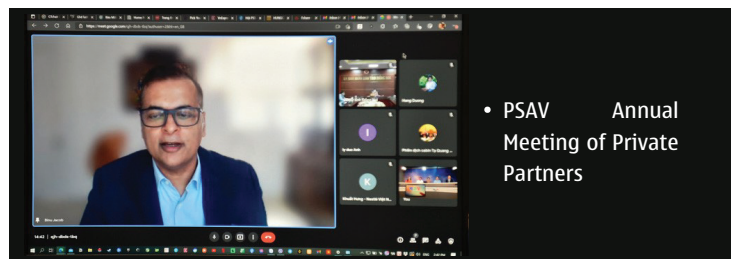


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New research supports a gender-equal recovery through low-carbon innovation

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Over the next three years, 13 new research projects supported by IDRC will address the gender barriers that hinder women's access to economic opportunities, while supporting sustainable climate resilient recovery.

1 PPP Task Force on Coffee:

Launching a Code of Reference for Sustainable Coffee

In the fourth quarter of 2021, the Global Coffee Forum (GCP) issued a Code of Reference for Sustainable Coffee, to promote the fundamental principles of sustainable coffee production. The Code provides common information and understanding that enables farmers, producers and partners such as donors, NGOs, financial institutions and government agencies to strengthen cooperation and effective implementation of their activities, thereby promoting sustainable development of the coffee industry.

The Code of Reference provides stakeholders with a simplified framework to enhance understanding of the fundamental principles of sustainable coffee production. The Code addresses current sustainability issues in coffee production at the regional level while contributing to addressing critical issues such as climate change, crop diversification, equity and integration.

Annette Pensel, Executive Director of GCP shared “this Code is built by the coffee community and for the coffee community, and ultimately seeks to promote the well-being of farmers, ensuring social security and nature conservation”. The Sustainable Coffee Code of Reference will help promote and connect the activities of the whole industry, thereby reaching more farmers, promoting sustainable coffee production.”

2 PPP Task Force on Vegetables and Fruits:

Virtual training on farming techniques for mango in compliant with VietGAP



Virtual training on farming techniques for mango in compliant with VietGAP

On October 4-5, 2021, the Department of Crop Production in collaboration with the German Organization for International Cooperation (GIZ) and the Southern Fruit Research Institute (SOFRI) organized an online training course on cultivation techniques for mangoes according to VietGAP standards for 50 agricultural technicians and farmers in Hau Giang and An Giang provinces.

The training course is part of the project “Promoting sustainable agricultural product value chains in ASEAN” (referred to as ASEAN AgriTrade) sponsored by the German Organization for International Cooperation (GIZ). At the training session, the trainees were lectured by the Southern Fruit Research Institute that shared processes as mango farming to apply new technical advances, pest control, flowering treatment and cultivation process according to VietGAP standards towards safe products for consumption and export.

Within the framework of the project, representatives of public and private partners collaborated to develop and disseminate a set of guidelines on cultivation techniques according to VietGAP standards for 10 key fruits of Viet Nam, including: oranges, pomelo, longan, litchi, pineapple, banana, jackfruit, durian, dragon fruit, mango.

3 PPP Task Force in Fisheries:

Virtual Meeting on solutions to develop shrimp industry of Viet Nam

On December 10, 2021, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development held an online meeting on solutions to develop shrimp farming in the last months of 2021 and 2022, which worked out solutions to overcome difficulties and increase value for the shrimp industry in the near future. Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Phung Duc Tien directed the meeting which was attended by the Directorate of Fisheries, Department of Animal Health, Department of Agricultural Product Processing and Market Development and other agencies, localities, associations and businesses related to the shrimp industry.

In 2021, although the aquaculture industry in general and shrimp industry in particular, faced many difficulties and challenges due to the impact of weather, unusual climate and the Covid-19 pandemic, but with the support of the Party, Government, leaders of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, ministries and localities to intervene, promptly remove difficulties and obstacles and reach consensus, join hands and share difficulties of people and businesses, the aquaculture results in 2021 was good. Accordingly, the brackish water shrimp farming area was estimated at 740,000 ha, of which the area for raising black tiger shrimp was 630,000 ha, the rest was the area for whiteleg shrimp, the shrimp production was estimated at more than 902,000 tons in the first 11 months of 2021, an increase of nearly 2% compared to 2020. Shrimp export turnover in the first 10 months of 2021 reached 3.2 billion USD (up 2% over the same period in 2020). Shrimp export turnover for the whole year was estimated at 3.8 billion USD (up 2.7% compared to 2020).

At the meeting, Director General of the Directorate of Fisheries Tran Dinh



The virtual meeting

Luan, co-chair of the PPP Task Force on Fisheries, commented: Although the shrimp industry has achieved many mentioned-above results, in fact in the last month of 2021, there are still many things to deal with. Shrimp processing and exporting enterprises need to make good use of the opportunity to quickly recover from the prolonged social distancing period. The fact that Viet Nam participating in 16 new-generation Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) is also a favorable opportunity to improve the capacity of production organization along the chains, to ensure traceability from breeding, feed, animal husbandry, veterinary medicine for disease prevention, biosecurity to harvesting, preliminary processing and processing for export.

In order to achieve the aquatic production plan in 2022, Deputy Minister Phung Duc Tien suggested that localities should promote organization of production in the direction of vertical linkage between houses, industries and production facilities to ensure safe production, reduce costs; strengthen monitoring and application of new science - technology to improve productivity, product quality and production efficiency, to

4 PPP Task Force on Pepper:

Inception Workshop of the Project on scaling sustainable production and trade of pepper in Viet Nam

On November 25, the Plant Protection Department (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development), the Vietnam Pepper Association and the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) co-organized a seminar to introduce the project "Promoting sustainable pepper production and trade in Viet Nam". Attending the workshop were representatives of relevant departments, agencies and institutes under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, representatives of the Delegation of the European Union to Vietnam, relevant units and representatives of leading domestic and international companies in the field of pepper production and processing.

The project "Promoting sustainable pepper production and trade in Viet Nam" is within the framework of the ARISE Plus Program sponsored by the European Union to support the Government of Viet Nam in achieving the benefits from bilateral trade commitments, which focuses on the implementation of the EVFTA and promotes the export of high quality products and services from Viet Nam to Europe.

The project is co-implemented by IDH Viet Nam, Viet Nam Pepper Association, and European Spice Association. The project will promote the active participation of stakeholders in the pepper industry in activities such as: Capacity building, raising awareness about sustainable farming for farmers; supporting training, monitoring sustainable farming practices; managing responsible use of agrochemicals...

Speaking at the seminar, Mr. Nguyen Quy Duong, Deputy Director General of Plant Protection Department representing the PPP Task Force on Pepper affirmed: "It is time for Viet Nam's pepper industry to transform from production by quantity to focus on improving the quality and improving the production system for better quality pepper, and at the same time helping farmers have a sustainable income. The support of the European Union through this project is very important and timely, acting as a bridge between domestic and European businesses participating in a common goal of developing sustainable pepper industry".

VPA held the Congress and received the Government's Emulation Flag

On December 18, the Vietnam Pepper Association (VPA) - Co-chair of the private sector in the PPP Task Force on Pepper held the VIIth Congress of the term 2021-2023 and the Government's Emulation Flag reception ceremony.

5 PPP Task Force on Agro-Chemicals:

Cooperative program for effective and safe use of pesticides

On December 8, 2021, at three stations in Hanoi, Dong Thap and Ho Chi Minh City, a signing ceremony for the implementation of the cooperation program on safe and effective use of pesticides took place between the Plant Protection Department, Dong Thap Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Vietnam CropLife Association. The program would be implemented within 5 years from 2021 to 2025 with close cooperation from those 3 agencies.

The program on safe and effective use of pesticides in Dong Thap province was developed with the aim of supporting local farmers to access and be trained on the principles of safe, effective and responsible use of pesticides, thereby helping to raise farmers' awareness and habits of responsible use of agro-chemicals, reducing overuse of the chemicals; at the same time,

meet the needs of domestic and international markets. The Deputy Minister noted that the sector needs to effectively implement a number of approved projects and programs, and emphasized that it is necessary to proactively develop appropriate response scenarios in each phase to ensure that production of brackish water shrimp is not passive in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.



VPA Executive Committee of the VIIth term

During the sixth term, the Vietnam Pepper Association has done very well its tasks. First, the Association's activities have created high solidarity and unity and always received support of its members in all aspects, both materially and spiritually. For the Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development, Industry and Trade, the authorities of the key pepper producing provinces, the local associations, the Associations have good relationships to all, cooperate in exchanging information and solving problems related pepper sector.

The Congress elected the Executive Committee for term VII with 19 members. Ms. Hoang Thi Lien, former Executive Director of the International Pepper Association (IPC) was elected as the President of the Viet Nam Pepper Association for the seventh term.

During the VII term, the Viet Nam Pepper Association will promote the activities on information gathering, market research, and the tastes to provide good information to help farmers have the right orientation, processing and export enterprises develop effective strategies for production and export, adding value and reducing risks for Viet Nam's pepper industry. VPA will work closely with State management agencies, central and local Ministries to promptly handle issues from production to trade and export of Viet Nam's pepper industry within and outside the country; Coordinate with the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) and the European Spices Association to implement the project: "Promoting sustainable production and trade of Vietnamese pepper" funded by the European Union and IDH;

In order to implement sustainable activities, VPA will deploy more activities, focusing on closely coordinating with the agricultural industry, promoting cooperation and association with pepper farmers through farmers' organizations to manage and control the production process from cultivation to harvest, handling, processing, preservation ... according to GAP, GMP so as to have clean pepper without chemical residues that importing countries do not allow.



PPD Leader to sign the program on cooperation for effective and safe use of pesticides.

build models for producing safe, high-quality agricultural products that meet standards for granting planting area codes. On that basis, the program would be implemented with three main contents as follows: (i) Training on safe and effective use of pesticides for farmers and local officials, focusing on principles of pesticide use, preparation techniques, spraying and handling, IPM principles, instructions on the use of protective equipment when in contact with chemicals; and instructions on collection and treatment of drug packages after use; (ii) Develop models of economical, safe and effective use of pesticides, and models with farmers to protect the environment: build storage tanks, launch collection days; and (iii) Inspection and examination of the trade and use of pesticides

in the locality. The first phase of the program would focus on the province's key crops including rice and fruit trees.

Through this cooperation program in Dong Thap province, the Department of Plant Protection, Dong Thap Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as well as the Viet Nam CropLife Association hope to further strengthen public-private partnership to support awareness raising and equip Dong Thap farmers necessary knowledge and skills to use agricultural inputs including pesticides properly and do the farming in responsible manner, thereby helping to increase the value of agricultural products of Dong Thap province in particular and the international position of Vietnamese agricultural products in general.

CONSULTATION MEETING FOR FOOD INNOVATION HUB IN VIET NAM

On October 29, the Department of International Cooperation (ICD) in coordination with the Secretariat of the Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture Viet Nam (PSAV) to organize a hybrid consultation meeting on the establishment of the Food Innovation Hub in Viet Nam (FIH) offline in Ha Noi and online. The meeting was attended by the Director of the Global Coordinating Secretariat of Food Innovation Centers - the World Economic Forum (WEF), General Director of Nestlé Viet Nam cum PSAV Co-Chair, Program Director of Grow Asia, together with representatives of PPP Task Forces and domestic and international departments, organizations and corporations.



The consultation meeting

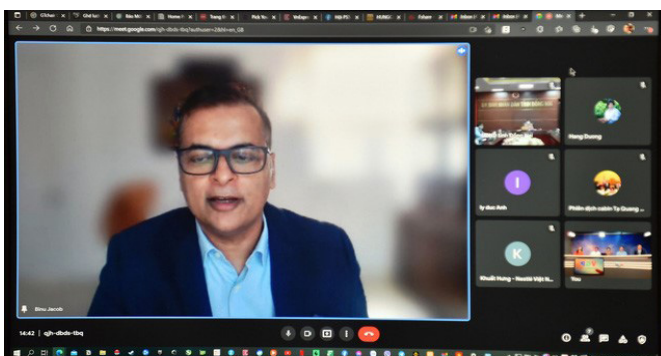
The meeting proposed key areas of activities of the Food Innovation Hub in Vietnam, the organizational structure at the national and local/regional levels. The 3 main areas of activities of the FIH at central and local/regional levels are (i) Innovation Platform; (ii) Start-up incubators; (iii) Investment promotion. Local/regional innovative FIHs will be associated with key regional sectors, evolving based on the willingness of private and development partners to participate in the hub.

The WEF representative also shared some lessons for Viet Nam, specifically: (1) The local/national leadership role of stakeholders; (2) Build FIH on existing initiatives; (3) The role of parties to support and catalyze the development of an innovative and creative ecosystem.

Speaking at the meeting, Ms. Marian Geluk, World Economic Forum (WEF) shared that there was a sharing of innovation concepts, which include both local and traditional knowledge, as well as the importance of innovation in terms of policy, institutions, partnerships, society and entrepreneurship.

On behalf of the leaders of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, concluding the workshop, Mr. Nguyen Do Anh Tuan wished to continue receiving the support and active participation of domestic and international businesses and organizations, making Viet Nam to become a green and sustainable innovation center, not only for the development goal of Viet Nam but also for Southeast Asia region.

PSAV MEETING OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR



Mr. Binu Jacob, Director General of Nestlé Việt Nam

On November 12, the Secretariat held the PSAV annual Private Meeting in virtual format. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Binu Jacob, General Director of Nestlé Vietnam and Co-Chair of the Private Sector of the Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture Viet Nam (PSAV). Attended the meeting was 40 representatives of the Private Sector in the PPP Task Forces under PSAV.

At the meeting, the private partners shared difficulties, challenges, lessons learned and discussed mechanisms to promote PSAV's performance. The Chairman of the meeting agreed on recommendations from the private partners on a number of solutions to effectively promote the role of PSAV in promoting sustainable development of the agricultural sector in Viet Nam. Specifically:

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development should have a mechanism to create conditions for PPP Task Forces under PSAV to consult and contribute ideas to the process of developing regulations and policies on agriculture, especially in the fields of the individual PSAV's PPP Task Forces.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and PSAV Secretariat need to study mechanisms, share information and create conditions for representatives of PPP Task Forces under PSAV (or PSAV members) to participate in the related events and conferences organized by the Ministry.
- Allow PSAV Secretariat to hold "Policy Dialogue" between representatives of the Public sector (relevant Departments, Institutes of the Ministry) and the Private sector (representatives of

PPP Task Forces under PSAV) at least once per year.

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development should have a mechanism to share information with representatives of the Private Sector of PPP Task Forces on programs and projects managed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, related to commodity sectors so that the members and the partners can have

the opportunity to work with the Public sector, thereby bringing greater efficiency, impact and more sustainability.

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development should study and consider the establishment of cross-sector PPP Task Forces on climate change (carbon emission reduction) and regenerative agriculture.

VIRTUAL TRAINING ON “CAPITAL FOR BUSINESSES”

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On December 17, the PSAV Secretariat together with Beacon Fund held an online training on “Capital for businesses”.
The training focused on the following main topics:
- Equipping businesses with knowledge to support decision-making and fund-raising.
- In-depth sharing of experts on the advantages and limitations of each type of capital.

WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE CINNAMON DEVELOPMENT IN VIET NAM



The Workshop on Sustainable Cinnamon Development in Viet Nam

Besides, there is also an increase in activities related to purchasing, processing and exporting cinnamon between domestic and foreign enterprises. Without strategic, timely and sustainable directions for management and development of the cinnamon industry, it will lead to confusion for local management agencies, difficulty in meeting quality barriers, price risk, output market, etc. This can negatively affect cinnamon growers and cinnamon processing and exporting businesses in Vietnam.

Mr. Bui Chinh Nghia, Deputy Director General of the Directorate of Forestry affirmed: “Currently, the demand for cinnamon is increasing, the cinnamon growing area in Vietnam is also expanding and developing strongly to meet the market demand. However, without timely orientations, there is a risk of facing unsustainable development.”

Mr. Huynh Tien Dung, Director of IDH in Vietnam shared: “Recently, IDH has actively cooperated and coordinated with relevant units of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, localities, associations and organizations, domestic and foreign enterprises in promoting the sustainable development of Vietnam’s agricultural industries, including tea, pepper, coffee and seafood. Recently, a number of associations and many domestic and international businesses have approached and asked IDH to open an additional program to support cinnamon products. After carefully assessing the needs of the world market, the potential of Vietnam, the challenges of the industry, we officially included cinnamon as a new support program of IDH in Vietnam for period 2021-2030. This workshop helps IDH identify priority issues that need support, contributing to the sustainable development of Vietnam’s cinnamon industry in the future.”

On December 10, the Directorate of Forestry (MARD) and the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) co-organized the workshop on “Sustainable cinnamon development in Viet Nam”. The workshop was held both offline and online with the participation of representatives of key cinnamon growing provinces, international funding agencies, NGOs, European Spice Association and American Spice Association, many domestic and international enterprises in the field of cinnamon production, processing and trade.

According to the FAO report, Vietnam’s total cinnamon production in 2019 reached 41,408 tons, accounting for 17% of global production. Demand for cinnamon is growing faster than estimated global supply growth of 8-12%. The imbalance between supply and demand has caused the price of cinnamon to increase, especially from 2016 up to now. This situation may lead to the massive transformation of cinnamon development in Vietnam.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN AGRICULTURE - THAT MUST BE DONE.

The mandate of the Steering Committee for Digital Transformation in the agricultural sector is to direct the implementation of the tasks of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development specified in Decision No. 749 of June 3, 2020 of the Prime Minister.

- Study and propose to promulgate policies, management and administration mechanisms; formulate programs, plans, master

plans and strategies to integrate contents of agricultural digital transformation; create conditions to promote individuals and enterprises engaged in production and trade in the agricultural value chains towards the direction of digitization, building smart new rural areas across the country.

- Review and propose amendments, supplements, and promulgate new legal documents in specialized fields to meet

the requirements of adjusting new relationships arising in the process of digital transformation; encourage innovation and initiatives in agricultural digital transformation.

- Directing agencies and institutions under the Ministry to build data systems of the sector, implement digitization in each specialized field: agricultural land, crops, livestock, fisheries, forestry, processing, management of food safety and hygiene, irrigation, natural disaster prevention and control...

- Applying digital technology in forecasting, market warning, planning management; apply digital technology to automate production, business, management and monitoring processes, product supply chain, ensuring the activities implemented quickly, transparently and accurately; consider piloting implementation of the initiative "Each farmer is a trader, each cooperative is an enterprise applying digital technology".

- Urging and coordinating implementation of digital transformation activities in the agricultural sector; Synthesizing, examining and evaluating results from the practical implementation and directing the timely handling of difficulties and problems in the process to implement agricultural digital transformation in the whole sector...

- Digital transformation in agriculture aimed at raising awareness of the mission, necessity and urgency of digital transformation in the Agriculture and Rural Development sector and synchronous action at all levels with the participation of all staff, civil servants, officials and employees in the entire Agriculture and Rural Development sector successfully implemented the national digital transformation program.



Launching Ceremony of the decision to establish the Steering Committee for Digital Transformation in agricultural sector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

At the Launching Ceremony, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development announced the decision of MARD Minister to take August 19 every year as Digital Transformation Day in Agriculture. Based on the annual agricultural and rural digital transformation task, the Digital Transformation Steering Committee of the Ministry determines the digital transformation theme of the year, develops a framework plan and guides the agencies and Institutions under the Ministry to organize the digital transformation activities to respond to Digital Transformation Day (August 19) appropriately, practically and effectively; launch an emulation movement to perform digital transformation tasks to strive to achieve, exceed and finish early the basic targets and comprehensively implement the tasks and solutions in the Prime Minister's Decision No. 749 to approve the National Digital Transformation Program to 2025, with a vision to 2030".

DEVELOP GREEN PARTNERSHIP FOR A NEW AGRICULTURE



Mr. Rémi Nono Womdim, FAO Representative in Viet Nam and MARD Minister Le Minh Hoan

On the morning of December 16, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) held the plenary meeting of the International Support Program (ISG) with the theme "Green Partnership for a New Agriculture". The meeting was co-chaired by Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Minh Hoan and Mr. Rémi Nono Womdim, Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Vietnam. The meeting attracted the participation of representatives from embassies, international organizations, foreign non-governmental organizations and representatives of central ministries, agencies and sectors with nearly 200 online stations connecting to the main one at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The ISG Plenary Meeting was a high-level policy dialogue forum held annually between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the international donor communities, organizations, businesses and partners to exchange and share policy directions and priorities to promote international cooperation, strengthen coordination of resources to enhance agricultural development in Vietnam towards sustainability and "multi-value" integration.

ISG Plenary Meeting 2021 is an important event for the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to widely consult the contributions of international partners in order to perfect the "Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development in the 2021-2030 period, with a vision to 2050" and "National Action Plan for Transition to a Transparent, Responsible and Sustainable Food System in Vietnam 2021-2030". At the same time, the Ministry also shared results from the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) and called on international partners to continue accompanying with MARD and support MARD in the implementation of the Strategy, Action Plan and Vietnam's commitments in the Leaders' Glasgow Declaration on Forests and Land Use.

Speaking at the Meeting, Minister Le Minh Hoan pointed out that in order to transform, the agriculture sector cannot stand alone, doing it alone, it needs the sharing, companionship and support of other stakeholders, Ministries, central and local departments and especially the companion and support of the international community to build a green partnership for a new agriculture. At the same time, the Minister affirmed with "Innovative thinking" and "Action together", Vietnam's Agriculture and Rural Development sector would realize the aspiration of an ecological, advanced and integrated agriculture, multi-valued integration, harmoniously combining indigenous resources, cultural identity and social trust with science and technology, innovation and digital transformation, reaching out to become a "measure of the level of national sustainability".

On the occasion of this important event, Minister Le Minh Hoan and FAO Representative Rémi Nono Womdim signed the framework of the Vietnam - FAO cooperation program for the period 2022 - 2026. This cooperation framework represents the commitment to continue cooperation between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and FAO in the direction of promoting Vietnam's rural area and agriculture to develop sustainably in the direction of green, ecological and integrated agriculture with multi-value.

PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF COFFEE SECTOR



Promote to organize the production area to develop coffee in sustainable manner in the Central Highland

On the morning of December 19, in Pleiku city (Gia Lai), the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development held a workshop on “Promoting the organization of raw materials production to enhance and sustainably develop the Central Highlands coffee industry” in hybrid form (both online and offline) with the participation of representatives from 5 Central Highlands provinces, including: Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Kon Tum, Dak Nong, Lam Dong and the provinces in Southeast, South Central, North Central regions.

According to the statistics of the Department of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Vietnamese coffee is mainly a mass-produced Robusta coffee of medium quality, so every year, processing enterprises still import a large amount of Arabica coffee to mix in the production of roasted coffee. The area of coffee trees in the country currently reaches about 696.000 hectares, the yield is 27.7 tons/ha, the output is 1.764.000 tons. The most concentrated coffee areas are mainly in the Central Highlands (Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Dak Nong and Lam Dong) with an area of about 639,000 hectares (accounting for 92% of the whole country), productivity 28.5 tons/

ha (1.1 times higher than the whole country), the output is about 1.669,000 tons (accounting for 95% of the whole country). In the period 2014 - 2020, the Central Highlands replanted 120,000 ha, including 90,000 ha replanting and 30,000 ha grafting.

In general, the current situation of coffee production and consumption of Vietnamese farmers in general and farmers in the Central Highlands in particular is difficult and unsustainable, the production scale is fragmented and small, the deteriorated area accounts for a rather high rate; farming techniques are not reasonable; the processing and preservation stages are not synchronous; consumption and export are still weak, lack linkage with the consumption market; Coffee producers do not have the voice in industry linkages. In particular, input and output enterprises often suffer disadvantages and have not been able to protect their own interests. Although a number of farmer linkage models have been established recently such as: household groups, cooperative groups, cooperatives... but the scale is small, dependent on service providers. Effective value chains were yet formed, the focuses mostly on production and business activities, but have not yet promoted the voice and position of coffee farmers.

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Minh Hoan said that it is necessary to have solutions and prioritized actions to help develop a sustainable and effective coffee production organization, promote trade, develop commercial infrastructure (markets, supermarkets, wholesale and retail systems...), logistics system connecting manufacturers and distributors, promoting product consumption in the domestic market. Besides focusing on maintaining traditional export markets, it is necessary to quickly develop potential markets, especially the EU and countries participating in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), ASEAN countries. This is also the basis for the successful implementation of the “Pilot scheme to build areas of agricultural and forestry raw materials, meeting standards for domestic consumption and export in the 2021 - 2025 period” by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

NEW RESEARCH SUPPORTS A GENDER-EQUAL RECOVERY THROUGH LOW-CARBON INNOVATION

Women are among the groups that are disproportionately affected by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change. In providing solutions to support populations and planning for recovery, low- and middle-income countries have made many commitments to invest in building and developing low-carbon economies.

Canada's Center for International Development Research (IDRC) / CRDI-SIE has called for proposals on Women's Economic Empowerment through COVID-19 recovery solutions. 12 research projects were selected on the basis of their relevance, ability to meet local challenges, and their impact on policy making and implementation.

These projects will:

- Support pandemic recovery efforts involving vulnerable communities
- Help drive climate action
- Contribute to women's economic empowerment

Among the 12 research projects is the ASEAN Green Recovery through Equality and Empowerment (AGREE) Project, which supports the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) COVID-19 recovery plan through finding solutions, ways to promote green livelihoods and job opportunities for women in agriculture. The sector has been heavily affected by the pandemic, and seems



New research supports a gender-equal recovery through low-carbon innovation

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Over the next three years, 12 new research projects supported by IDRC will address the gender barriers that hinder women's access to economic opportunities, while supporting sustainable climate-resilient recovery.

to bring many impacts on gender equality. Stakeholders from the private sector, NGOs, and Governments involved will collaborate in the design of interventions to promote women's economic empowerment and achieve the climate goals.

The project will be implemented by Cambodia Sustainable Agriculture Partnership (CPSA), in collaboration with Growth Asia (Grow Asia), Philippines Sustainable Agriculture Partnership (PPSA), Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture in Vietnam (PSAV), the Asian Institute of Social Enterprises (ISEA) and the ASEAN Climate Response Network (ASEAN-CRN) over the next 30 months.

To learn more about IDRC-funded research projects, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3oZhyPr>

Circular No. 12/2021/TT-BNNPTNT of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: Guiding the collection and treatment of livestock waste and agricultural by-products reused for other purposes. The Circular will take effect from January 1, 2022

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bitly.com.vn/i1jgtw> to view the full text of the Circular



Circular No. 17/2021/TT-BNNPTNT of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: Regulations on traceability, recall and handling of unsafe food under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The Circular will take effect from February 2, 2022

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bitly.com.vn/57uuku> to see the full text of the Circular



Decision No. 3963/QĐ-BNN-TT dated October 1, 2021 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: Promulgating the National Plan on restructuring crops on rice land in 2021

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bitly.com.vn/373ccb> to view the full text of the Decision



Circular No. 14/2021/TT-BNNPTNT of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: Promulgating National Technical Regulations on Aquatic Breeds

The Circular will take effect from June 1, 2022

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bitly.com.vn/pn91hp> to view the full text of the Circular



Decree No. 92/2021/ND-CP of the Government: Detailing the implementation of Resolution No. 406/NQ-UBTVQH15 of the National Assembly Standing Committee, promulgating a number of solutions to support businesses and people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bitly.com.vn/k7iwsk> to see the full text of the Decree



Decision No. 1970/QĐ-BTTTT of the Ministry of Information and Communications: Approving the Scheme to determine the Indicators to assess the level of digital transformation by enterprises and promote digital transformation of enterprises. The project includes a set of indicators to assess the level of digital transformation by each enterprise nationwide and the tasks and solutions to be applied.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bitly.com.vn/hk53xg> to view the full text of the Decision



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