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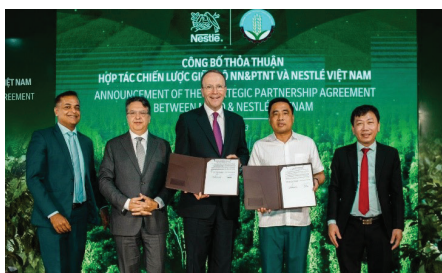


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- Promote the strategic framework and vision of South-South Cooperation

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- Organize field visits to models of successful application of green solutions to adapt to climate change in the Central Highlands
- Organize the seminar "Promoting innovation in agricultural production"
- Organize the workshop "Empowering women in rice production and responding to climate change in the Red River Delta"
- Organize an international seminar to kick off the project: "Strengthening capacity and sharing experiences of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models for sustainable agricultural development"

1 PPP TASK FORCE (TF) ON COFFEE

Announce the strategic cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Nestlé Viet Nam



Deputy Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Development Nguyen Quoc Tri (right) and CEO of Nestlé Global Mr. Mark Schneighder (left) at the ceremony to announce the strategic cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Nestlé Viet Nam.

On June 20, 2023, in Dong Nai province, a ceremony to announce the strategic cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Nestlé Viet Nam Co., Ltd. took place. According to the Agreement of Cooperation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Nestlé Viet Nam Co., Ltd. will work together to promote and share regenerative agriculture practices, low-emission agriculture, and climate change response; promote technology transfer, research, development and digital transformation; promote multi-party cooperation.

On the same day, Nestlé Viet Nam Co., Ltd. officially launched the Project "Agroforestry and Reforestation in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam", aiming to plant more than 2.3 million trees by 2027, contributing in Viet Nam's 1 billion tree planting program. The project aims to contribute to bringing economic and environmental value to coffee growers.

Signing the Memorandum of Understanding between Plant Protection Department and Global Coffee Forum

On the afternoon of June 21, 2023, the Plant Protection Department (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) took place in the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for technical assistance: "Evaluating the impact of intercropping in coffee gardens on major pests and promoting responsible use of pesticides to develop sustainable coffee production in the Central Highlands provinces of Viet Nam" under the Initiative "Responsible use of agricultural materials in Viet Nam's coffee industry" - CAI Project of the Global Coffee Forum (GCP).

The Memorandum of Understanding has an implementation period of 18 months (until December 2024), is a component of a series of technical assistance activities under Component II of GCP's CAI Project, focusing on solving the following issues; related to the management and use of agricultural materials, towards sustainable coffee production in Viet Nam such as: investigating, monitoring, managing harmful organisms and using pesticides for intercropped coffee gardens; improve management capacity and prevent harmful organisms for technical staff and coffee farmers; improve inspection capacity for plant protection staff and raise awareness and responsibility for environmental protection for pesticide production and trading establishments in the Central Highlands.



Signing the Memorandum of Understanding between Plant Protection Department and Global Coffee Forum

Within the framework of Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture in Viet Nam (PSAV), the Plant Protection Department, representing the public sector, is the Co-head and member of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Task Forces on Pepper, Coffee, Tea, Agricultural chemicals. The Plant Protection Department has actively connected participants in the agricultural industry to share experiences, jointly develop the value chains of key agricultural products of Viet Nam.



2 PPP Task Force (TF) on Pepper and Spices:

Searching for solutions to reduce emissions, absorb carbon and impact directions in coffee and pepper production in the Central Highlands

IDH organization - Co-head of the private sector in collaboration with the Department of Crop Production - Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development co-organized the workshop "Emissions, carbon sequestration and impact directions in coffee and pepper production in the Central Highlands" with the aim of sharing the results of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration potential in districts with large areas of pure coffee growing and intercropping with pepper in the Central Highlands. At the same time, the

workshop also consulted the parties on the application of results and intervention directions in low-emission coffee production in the Central Highlands and subsequent activities. The Workshop attracted the participation of many agencies and units interested in the topic of CO2 emissions, including technical experts from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Institute of Agricultural Environment, the Center for Sustainable Forest Certification, the Viet Nam Academy of Agriculture, the National University of Resources and Environment, representatives of USAID Green Invest Asia, Eneveritas, and NGOs (WWF, SNV, UNDP, PanNature, IRR).

Integrated crop health management of pepper

IDH Organization - Co-head of the private sector in collaboration with the Plant Protection Department - Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development held a consultation workshop on the process of compiling the document “A guidebook for farmers on management integrated crop health management on pepper” to present and consult on the process, method, and expected contents to compile documents and plans for coordination between the related parties and the implementation schedule of introduction and pilot training on the application of this document to pepper farmers in IDH’s project area in the Central Highlands. The workshop attracted the participation and sharing of expertise of professional officials and technical experts from the Department of Plant Protection, FAO, Viet Nam Pepper and Spices Association (VPSA), and especially from companies like McCormick, Nedspice, etc....

Training and technical support for pepper farmers in the three provinces of Dak Lak, Dak Nong and Gia Lai

Within the framework of the project “Promoting sustainable pepper production and trade” of IDH funded by the EU, members of the PPP Task Force on Pepper and Spices coordinated training activities, technical support for farmers in the three provinces of Dak Lak, Dak Nong, and Gia Lai.

- Result:

- + Deployed 30 training courses for 1,475 farmers with training contents on sustainable pepper farming techniques, safe spraying techniques, weed management, occupational safety, child labor and gender, etc....
- + Guidelines for application of sample practice on core



Training on sustainable pepper farming techniques for farmers



Design and install 2 signs of landscape cluster model

intervention for pepper farmers (through training activities, monitoring and practical guidance in fields, visiting, sharing and learning...), help farmers: control fertilizer, reduce fertilized based on soil analysis and guidance of experts; control pesticides (do not use banned drugs, replace with new drugs, yeast, biological drugs), intercrop, increase shade for pepper towards increasing income; conserving water and soil with effective interventions such as reducing irrigation water by water-saving practices and technologies; support farmers to make their own intervention plans on household gardens.

- + Design and install 2 signs of landscape cluster model of Tran Chau company and Vinh Hiep company.

5 PPP Task Force on Rice:

Sustainable development of 1 million hectares of high-quality specialized rice in the Mekong Delta

On the afternoon of April 7, 2023, in Vi Thanh city, Hau Giang province, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Minh Hoang hosted the workshop “The project of sustainable development of 1 million hectares of high-quality specialized rice associated with the growth of greening the Mekong Delta”.

Attending were experts, leaders of provinces in the Mekong Delta, representatives of international organizations, the International Rice Research Institute, businesses and cooperatives in the field of rice.

The project’s goal is to form a specialized high-quality rice production area with a production system organized along a value chain, applying sustainability standards to adapt to climate change, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve the efficiency of the production and business system, income of rice farmers, ensure national food security, stabilize society, and improve the quality and reputation of Vietnamese rice products on the global market.



“Over the years, the rice industry has been constantly developing with positive changes in all stages from production to trade. However, the current rice industry still has limitations that need to be overcome in order to achieve sustainable and efficient production.”

6 PPP Task Force on Agro-Chemicals

Build and share initiatives on smart agriculture, reduce environmental impact and protect soil health



Syngenta Viet Nam - a member of the PPP Task Force on Agro-chemicals has cooperated with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Can Tho City, the Sub-Department of Crop Production and Plant Protection of Kien Giang Province to successfully organized the Program "Clean environment, green life" on the occasion of World Environment Day in June 5th and June 6th of 2023 - collected and destroy more than 10 tons of pesticide packaging after use with the participation of nearly 2,000 farmers and implemented guidelines for safe, effective and responsible use of pesticides according to Principle 4 Rights and 5 Golden Rules for 250 farmers.

Develop a strategic cooperation program on a sustainable pesticide management framework

On April 21, 2023, PSAV Secretariat had a meeting with Croplife Viet Nam - Private Co-head of the PPP Task Force on Agro-chemicals to discuss cooperation agreements to implement practices of the pesticide management framework in a sustainable way, closely following the "Strategy for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development 2021-2030, vision to 2050" of the Prime Minister. To achieve this, Croplife Viet Nam develops a plan to introduce and implement the "Sustainable Pesticides Management Framework in Viet Nam" to protect human health, the environment and promote agricultural production to address the three major global challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and food security. The Project is expected to have a term of 5 years and will be implemented at the end of 2023 after the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Croplife Viet Nam sign a cooperation agreement in the third quarter of 2023.

7 PPP Task Force on Livestock:

Consult and finalize the quick assessment report to establish the PPP Sub-Group on Pig Production

After 02 field surveys by the research team in Bac Giang and Dong Nai provinces to assess the current status of the pork value chain and public-private partnership. On April 12, 2023, the representative of the Department of Livestock -

Implement activities to use pesticides safely and responsibly

In Quarter II/2023, Croplife Viet Nam - Private Co-head of the PPP Task Force on Agro-chemicals coordinate with the Plant Protection Department and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap province to continued carrying out activities on guiding farmers to use pesticides responsibly. Results achieved by the end of June: completed training for 13/20 classes for farmers, 5/5 classes for agents; Implemented a model of responsible drug use on durian trees in Chau Thanh district with 50 farmer households participating, completing a quarter of training courses for farmers in the model; Carried out a quarter of the inspection in 4 districts/cities: Hong Ngu, Tan Hong, Thanh Binh, and Hong Ngu City at 50 pesticides production and trading establishments, tested with 12 random samples (pending test results).



Public Co-head of PPP Task Force on Livestock and the PSAV Secretariat had a session with the livestock research team to determine the interests of the parties (public and private) in the value chain of Viet Nam's pork industry in forming partnerships/ public-private partnership, thereby creating a basis for proposing the establishment of a PPP Sub-Group for the Pig Production and developing a plan for the Sub-Group

PROMOTING A VISIONARY FRAMEWORK FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION



South-South cooperation is a form of cooperation to promote effective development through learning and sharing of experiences, practices and technologies among developing countries. The international community agrees that South-South cooperation plays an important role in the global partnership for development in general and for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). South-South cooperation provides specific solutions to common global development challenges; share best practices, fund pilot projects, provide funding for scaling up successful projects, deliver public sector goods, develop and apply technologies.

On the sidelines of the 4th Global Conference on Sustainable Food System Program held in Viet Nam, the Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture Viet Nam (PSAV) in collaboration with Growth Asia organized the “Ministerial Inter-Regional Roundtable on Digital Transformation for Food Systems” with the participation of the Ministers of Agriculture and Food of Viet Nam, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Rwanda, the Island nation St. Vincent and Grenadine as well as many senior leaders of international organizations. At the conference, many important contents to promote sustainable investment, innovation, digital transformation, opportunities for gender mainstreaming in food systems through South-South cooperation were agreed. Minister Le Minh Hoan expressed his belief that the presence of ministers from many Asia, African, Latin American countries and representatives of many countries and donor organizations will be an opportunity for Viet Nam to exchange, share experiences and build technical assistance projects, towards jointly building a world without poverty, protecting and developing a green planet.

SEEKING COMPREHENSIVE DIGITAL SOLUTIONS IN CLIMATE FINANCE

From May 29 to 31, 2023, supported by the World Economic Forum (WEF), Grow Asia in collaboration with Bain & Company co-organized the workshop “Finding comprehensive digital solutions in climate finance” with the participation of Partnership for Sustainable Agriculture ASEAN (PSAV, PPSA, CPSA); Policy makers, international investors share and discuss applying the public-private partnership model to promote digital finance between the government and small and medium-sized enterprises, smallholder farmers. The workshop focused on high-impact value chains that are of interest to participants in the public-private partnership chain and significantly contribute to ensuring food security, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



Ms. Pham Thi Hong Hanh, Manager of PSAV Secretariat spoke at the workshop

PROMOTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

On May 16, 2023, PSAV Secretariat members had a meeting with Mr. Nguyen Do Tuan Anh - Director of PSAV Secretariat to review and re-evaluate the operation of the Secretariat and PPP Task Forces in the first 6 months of 2023, and at the same time make detailed plans for activities for the last 6 months of 2023, specifically:

- Focus on perfecting the institution and implementation mechanism of the Food Innovation Hub in Viet Nam (FIH). Plan specific activities in the short and medium term. Clearly define the roles of the public, private and stakeholder sectors. Connecting PSAV partners participating in FIH.

- Continue to support PSAV members to deploy and replicate public-private partnership activities, digital transformation for sustainable agriculture development, value addition and emission reduction, contributing to the implementation of emission of the Prime Minister's commitment to reduce net emissions to zero by 2050.

- Organize information and communication activities on public-private partnership to promote sustainable agricultural development and attract initiatives to apply technology in agriculture through FIH.

OTHER RELEVANT EVENTS

VIET NAM HOSTED THE 4TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM.

This is a Ministerial Conference, first held in 2017 in South Africa, the second was in 2019 in Costa Rica, and the third time was in 2021 held virtually. The 4th Global Conference was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam in collaboration with the Government of Switzerland, the United Nations Environment Program, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Food System Coordination Center.

The theme of the 4th conference was "Transforming the food system into a healthy, sustainable, and adapting to climate change in the context of the new crisis" with the participation of more than 300 delegates, including nearly 200 international delegates from many countries, United Nations agencies, and international organizations. In terms of senior leadership, the Conference was attended by the Ministers of Switzerland, Malawi, Rwanda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Deputy Minister of Cambodia, Ghana. In addition, the Costa Rican Minister of Agriculture and the FAO Director-General attended online. On the Vietnamese side, the Conference was attended and hosted by Deputy Prime Minister Tran Luu



Deputy Prime Minister Tran Luu Quang delivered the opening speech at the conference

Quang, leaders of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Viet Nam Farmer's Union and relevant agencies at central and local levels; with corporations, large enterprises both domestic and abroad. The goal of the Conference is to find effective, inclusive and breakthrough solutions to jointly transform a healthy, sustainable and adaptive climate change food system; focusing on the following four issues: i) Global model/architecture of the food system; ii) National and local policies and governance on the food systems; iii) Consumption and production patterns of the food system; iv) Methods of converting the food system. In addition, the Conference would introduce good, typical models of food system transformation in countries and international initiatives.

On the morning of April 25, 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology held a conference to implement the “Strategy for development of science, technology and innovation in the Agriculture and Rural Development sector until 2030, with a vision to 2050” with the theme: Bringing Vietnamese knowledge for the sake of Vietnamese agriculture. Minister Le Minh Hoan, Deputy Minister Phung Duc Tien and Deputy Minister of Science and Technology Tran Van Tung co-chaired the conference.

Determining that the development of science, technology and innovation is an important task to create the foundation and driving force for the development of ecological agriculture, vibrant countryside and innovative farmers, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development had set the target spend by 2030, the contribution of total factor productivity to the growth of the agricultural sector in more than 50%; the percentage of value of agricultural products produced according to good agriculture practices (VietGAP) reaches more than 40%; the rate of results of science and technology tasks applied

STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNTIL 2030, WITH A VISION TO 2050



Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Minh Hoan spoke at the Conference

into practice will reach more than 90% by 2025 and more than 95% by 2030. At least 60% of research results are recognized as technical progress and applied to production. The total value of technology transfer and commercialization of research results for enterprises will increase by 20% in the 2021-2025 period and 35% in the 2026-2030 period.

SOME OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING TIMES

- Organize field visits to models of successful application of green solutions to adapt to climate change in agriculture in the Central Highlands (focusing on coffee, pepper, vegetable and potatoes). Expected to be held in September 2023 in Gia Lai and Dak Lak.

- Organized the workshop “Promoting innovation in agricultural production” to identify challenges in applying technology to farming and agricultural production and successful processes/technologies which need to be shared, replicated. The result of this workshop will be reported at the 2023 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28). The expected to be held at the end of October 2023 in Ho Chi Minh City.

- To find out about gender issues and climate change adaptation of the rice industry, especially the role of woman and men participating in the rice value chain; promoting and scaling up women’s empowerment and gender transformation in the low-carbon rice value chain, PSAV

Secretariat will organize a workshop on “Strengthening the role of women in rice production for response to climate change in the Red River Delta”. Expected to be held at the end of August 2023 in Ninh Binh Province.

- Organize an international workshop to kick off the project: “Strengthening capacity and sharing experience of public-private partnership (PPP) models for sustainable agricultural development” with the aim of introducing the overview and approach of the project; report on the results of the first survey and the outputs of the project, and the intervention activities to address the finding from the first survey; increase knowledge about market-based production (official linkages, contracts,...); discuss the role of project stakeholders to have a good coordination in the process of project implementation. Expected to be held in Dong Thap province

1. Decision: 2466/QĐ-BNN-VP dated June, 06th, 2023, announced administrative procedures in the fields of Science, Technology and Environment, Forestry, Agriculture, Irrigation, Fisheries, Dike Management and Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, Quality Management of Agro-Forestry and Fisheries Products under the management function of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development



Scan the QR code to see the full context of the Decision.

2. Decision: 2027/QĐ-BNN-CĐ dated May 23rd, 2023 about the Digital Transformation Assessment Index of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

The Decision will take effect from May 23rd, 2023



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3. Decision 1837/QĐ-BNN-CĐ dated May 11th, 2023 about the digital transformation plan of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in 2023

The Decision will take effect from May 11th, 2023



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4. Decision 1687/QĐ-BNN-KHCN dated April 27th, 2023 about the improvement of the list of orders for scientific and technological tasks to implement "National program to support enterprises to improve productivity and quality of products and goods in the 2021-2030 period" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development starting from 2024

The Decision will take effect from April 27th, 2023



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5. Consolidated Document 07/VBHN-BNNPTNT dated April 26th, 2023 consolidated the Circular guiding the Livestock Law on Animal Feed to be promulgated by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

The Consolidated Document will take effect from April 26th, 2023



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6. Consolidated Document 04/VBHN-BNNPTNT dated March 10th, 2023 10/03/2023 consolidated the Decree on Fertilizer Management promulgated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

The Consolidated Document will take effect from March 10th, 2023



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