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PRC Fund Knowledge Sharing Webinar Series Developing Productive, Sustainable and Resilient Agriculture for Food Security: the PRC's Experience

Webinar 3 - Transformation to Sustainable and Resilient Agriculture

The PRC has lifted more than 850 million of the rural population out of extreme poverty. This is the result of rapid growth in the agricultural sector, following investments and the implementation of economic reforms in the 1970s. Agricultural production grew 5-fold in three decades. The PRC is also at the forefront of efforts to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Despite remarkable achievements, the agricultural sector in the PRC has been facing many challenges, including natural resources degradation, insufficient water quantity and quality, soil erosion, and many environmental problems due to unsustainable farming practices. Climate change impacts, with more frequent droughts and floods, have intensified the pressure on agricultural production and food security.

Transformation of agriculture and food systems is key to tackle these challenges, achieve environmental sustainability, and ensure long-term food security. The PRC has been increasing its effort to adopt a more balanced approach between production systems and the natural and human resources to build more resilient food systems that withstand environmental, climatic, and economic shocks. Together, the PRC and ADB have been supporting initiatives that promote rural revitalization, nature-based solutions, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and green financing for private sector engagement to achieve carbon neutrality, protect vulnerable people, and ensure a smooth transition from traditional small holders to modern sustainable agriculturalists.

In this third webinar, we will hear more about the PRC's experiences and lessons learned to ensure a smooth transition to a resilient, equitable and sustainable modern agriculture.

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