



## **FAO South–South Cooperation benefits from Asia–Pacific development experience and technical know-how**

**07/03/2016 Putrajaya, Malaysia** – The Asia–Pacific region has accumulated highly appropriate technical know-how and a diverse set of experiences in strategies and policies on rural poverty, agriculture, trade and institutional development, which can be transferred to many other developing countries to help grow their economies, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization said today at an event promoting the Organization’s South–South Cooperation (SSC) initiative.

The comments came during a side event held during the 33rd Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC33), underway in Putrajaya, Malaysia 7-11 March. The APRC is FAO’s regional governing body, bringing together Ministers of Agriculture and their senior officials from some 46 countries in the region.

According to FAO, many countries in the region have gained middle-income status in a short period of time, substantially reducing poverty. Developing countries around the world are keen to adopt the technical expertise of Asia-Pacific’s remarkable accomplishments to modernize their own agriculture sectors.

FAO’s South–South Cooperation approach to food and agriculture development has successfully facilitated the exchange of development solutions and capacity development, including technical know-how and institution building, which underpins the success story in Asia and the Pacific.

The side event aimed to spread greater understanding of SSC and encourage countries to take advantage of the FAO initiative to extend sustainable poverty alleviation by sharing successfully tested policy and institutional experiences and cutting-edge technical know how.