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Enhanced Competitiveness of Tajik Agribusiness Programme (ECTAP) with the joint support of the EU Delegation to Tajikistan and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan will organise the Fourth Agribusiness Investment Forum in Tajikistan on 5 December 2017

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Building on the success of the Agribusiness Investment Fora in 2010, 2011 and 2012, the Enhanced Competitiveness of Tajik Agribusiness Project (ECTAP), funded by the EU and the EBRD, is organizing the Fourth Agribusiness Investment Forum in Tajikistan. Under the heading “Seizing opportunities in the Tajik beef and dairy sector”, the Forum aims at promoting local and foreign investment in the beef and dairy industry.

Given the strong economic growth in Tajikistan, beef and dairy consumption is expected to increase in the next years. For that reason, local dairy companies are seeking to strengthen their productive capacities both by upgrading of their processing equipment and by strengthening their procurement base. In this context, the Forum offers a platform for local stakeholders in the beef-and-dairy value-chain (farmers, agro processors such as dairy companies or meat factories, input suppliers as well as food quality laboratories) to connect with key foreign partners and to facilitate the modernization of the beef and dairy sector in an efficient, quick and socially-inclusive manner. Overall, the Forum contributes to ECTAP’s main objective to promote economic growth and reduce poverty in Tajikistan.

As outlined above the organizers can build on their experience in organizing three large scale investment fora in Tajikistan gathering more than 300 stakeholders from the Government, the donor community as well as local and international enterprises active in the agricultural sector. There has been a very positive follow-up as many international enterprises that came to those Fora are currently engaged in specific projects, such as sale of inputs, acquisition of goods from Tajikistan, and/or direct investment.

The Fourth Agribusiness Investment Forum will take place on 5 December 2017 at the Serena Hotel Dushanbe (14 Rudaki Avenue, 734003 Dushanbe, Tajikistan). Registration starts at 08:30 a.m.

Please note that participation in the Forum is free of charge. However, due to the limited capacity of the conference venue participation is restricted. Only participants who have registered in advance and received a confirmation of registration can be admitted to the Forum.

Further details about the event can be obtained from the organisers at the following address:
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