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2. FUTURE FOOD FORUM in Berlin

The forum for the future on global nutrition

K+S is organizing the second FUTURE FOOD FUTURE FOOD FORUM in Berlin on 13 October and is thereby offering a platform for the exchange of ideas and strategies for combatting hunger and the long-term securing of global nutrition. Prominent speakers such as the Nobel Peace Prize winner Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Prof. Klaus Töpfer and Charles Ogang (World Farmers Organization) will be providing the stimulus for an active dialog.

Each year, the global population grows by 80 million people. In 2050 there will be less than half of a football field available to supply food for each citizen. Every ten second one child dies of hunger somewhere in the world. At the same time, one seventh of the world's current population of 7.2 billion people are malnourished – in rich countries, many are overweight or have diabetes.

Feeding the world poses enormous challenges for agriculture, industry and all of society. K+S, one of the world's leading producers of natural fertilizers based on potash and magnesium, is hosting its second FUTURE FOOD FORUM on 13 October 2016 in the run-up to World Food Day, which provides a platform for the most urgent questions pertaining to the future in the context of population growth and global nutrition. The aim is to promote active dialogue between central, national and international stakeholders drawn from politics, science and NGOs.

"Wars and climate change, quantitative and qualitative issues with the use of water, damaged soils and the loss of ecological stability are dramatically exacerbating the situation on the planet," comments Prof. Klaus Töpfer, long-standing Federal Environment Minister and Executive Director of the United Nations environmental program based in Nairobi. As one of three keynote speakers in Berlin, Klaus Töpfer will be focusing on the issue of whether or not it will be possible to feed the estimated nine billion people in 2050, and how. One of the prerequisites for this, according to Töpfer, is that mankind uses the scientific and technological advances in a responsible manner for a "new agricultural revolution", including an effective, environmentally friendly and versatile fertilization of fields across all continents.

Nobel Peace Prize winner and science professor Muhammad Yunus, known as the founder of the microloan provider Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, will report at the FUTURE FOOD FORUM on the worldwide activities of Yunus Social Business. In his opinion, the economic system has since "repeatedly proven that it is unable to solve the basic problems of our world, such as poverty, inequality, disease, unemployment or environmental degradation." As a consequence of this, Yunus Social Business, which was founded in 2011, is promoting sustainable development projects in countries such as Albania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, India, Haiti, Colombia and Brazil – and is thereby providing its financial expertise to assist in the agricultural industry.

The third keynote speaker at the FUTURE FOOD FORUM 2016, Charles Ogang, is member of the Board of Directors of the World Farmers' Organization, WFO, President of the Farmers' Association of Uganda and owner of a 600 hectare farm on the Nile, and comes directly from the agricultural practice of a developing country. Part of his personal "Agenda 2030" is, for the former social worker, "the increase in household income and food security – for this we must above all invest in the education sector and ensure that our girls also profit from this."

In addition to the three keynote speeches, the FUTURE FOOD FORUM on 13 October will also play host to two discussion panels with other interesting participants. In the morning, the topic of “Efficient Development Cooperation – Solidarity Reaching Its Goal?” will be discussed by Bärbel Dieckmann, President of World Hunger Aid [Welthungerhilfe] (Bonn), Sara Nuru, Ambassador of the “People For People” [“Menschen für Menschen”] Foundation, Munich, Dr. James Shikwati, Development Aid Critic from Nairobi, Heino von Meyer, Head of the OECD Berlin Center, and Christel Weller-Molongua, Head of the Department for Agricultural Development, Agriculture in the Global Domain at GIZ in Eschborn.

The second discussion panel of the afternoon is dedicated to “Efficient Agriculture And Food Economy – Productivity Sufficient For All?”. The participants: Dr. Luis I. Prochnow, Brazil Program Director International Plant Nutrition Institute IPNI (Sao Paulo), Martina Fleckenstein, Head of Agriculture and Land Use Change at the World Wildlife Fund (Berlin), Ajay Pandey, CEO der Sehgal Foundation (Neu-Delhi), Valentin Thurn, Author and Director (Cologne) and Philip Freiherr von dem Bussche, Farmer from Bad Essen. Further information on the program, speakers and registration: www.future-food-forum.de

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