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INVITATION TO ISG PLENARY MEETING 2016
“International Cooperation for a Sustainable Agriculture Adaptable to Climate Change and Weather Extremes”

Dear Sir/Madam,

ISG Plenary Meeting is the annual Meeting of MARD and international Community in Viet Nam to share the important policies and country strategy for development of Viet Nam agriculture and rural sector. At present, MARD is making great efforts to implement the Agricultural Restructuring Plan (ARP) for enhancing agricultural sustainable growth and new rural development. However, in the last year, agriculture and rural development sector have faced with many challenges caused by climate change and weather extremes.

Responding to negative impact of extreme weather and climate change is not a nation concern but the global. Therefore, MARD would like to invite you and your colleagues to participate in the ISG Plenary Meeting 2016 with the theme **“International Cooperation for a Sustainable Agriculture Adaptable to Climate Change and Weather Extremes”**:

Objectives: (i) Review the results, challenges and lessons learnt from the cooperation in implementing emergency respond and recovery plan between MARD and international community recently, and (ii) identify the priorities for future cooperation to climate change adaptation.

Time: 8.00 - 12.00, Tuesday, 6th December 2016

Venue: Melia Ha Noi Hotel, 44B Ly Thuong Kiet Str., Ha Noi

Co-chairpersons: Minister of MARD,
UNDP Country Director,
German Ambassador to Viet Nam

We are pleased to enclose herewith the tentative agenda of the meeting for your reference. Please confirm your participation by email or phone best before **30th November 2016** to ISG Secretariat: # 101, B4 building, MARD, No. 2 Ngọc Hà, Ha Noi; Email: ismard@mard.gov.vn; Tel: (04) 37711736; 0986936116 (Ms. Hanh); 0919131189 (Mr. Thanh).

Sincerely Yours,


Le Quoc Doanh
Vice Minister

TENTATIVE AGENDA: ISG PLENARY MEETING 2016
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Ha Noi, 6th December 2016

Chair: Minister Mr. Nguyen Xuan Cuong
 UNDP Country Director
 The German Ambassador to Viet Nam

Time	Content	Responsible by
8.00-8.30	Registration	ISG/ICD
8.30-8.35	Introduction and approval the meeting agenda	DDG of ICD, MARD
8.35-8.45	Openning speeches	Minister Mr. Nguyen Xuan Cuong UNDP Country Director The German Ambassador to Viet Nam
8.45 - 9.15	<i>International cooperation priorities for susbtainable agriculture development in the context of climate change and weather extremes</i> - Reviewing results, challenges and lessons learnt in cooperation in implementing emergency respond and recovery plan between stakeholders recently - International cooperation priorities adaptable to climate change and weather extremes for susbtainable agriculture development in Vietnam.	Leader of Water Resources Directorate
9.15 - 9.30	Mekong Delta Climate Resilience Initiatives	Representative of GIZ
9.30 - 9.45	UNDP's Initiatives in policy and technical supports to adapt to climate change and weather extremes	Representative of UNDP
9.45 - 10.00	Sharing the results of COP 22 and INDC Plan of agricultural and rural sector.	Head of MARD team in Viet Nam Delegation for UNFCCC
10.00-10.15	Coffee Break	
10.15-11.45	Dicussion: - The challenges and lessons learnt in coordination of implementing emergency assistance and recovery plan; activities and solutions needed to better support the national sectoral strategies in the context of climate change and weather extremes. - National/sectoral policies to enhancing production development adapting to climate change and weather extremes. - Perspective and action plan of development partners supporting to priorities adaptable to climate change and weather extremes for sustainable agricultural development in Vietnam.	All participants
11.45-12.00	Summary and conclusion	Minister Nguyen Xuan Cuong
12.00-13.00	Lunch	