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Overview of Latest Rural Developments

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▪ **WTO and Neighbourhood Policy**

Ukraine's President of Viktor Yanukovych met with the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Nguyen Minh Chuhen. "Ukraine is ready to continue to develop bilateral relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Our countries are linked by decades of mutually beneficial cooperation. Relations between Ukraine and Vietnam can be characterised as friendly, whereas trade turnover potential is underused. This situation must be rectified", Yanukovych said. The two sides discussed prospects of deepening trade and economic relations between Ukraine and Vietnam. In addition, Presidents agreed on high level exchange of visits and discussed prospects of cooperation within the framework of international organizations in the context of Vietnam's presidency in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The Press Service of the President of Ukraine, 23.09.2010

Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine Pavlo Klimkin went on an official visit to Copenhagen to participate in Ukrainian-Danish bilateral political consultations, the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Meeting with Secretary for Trade and Corporate Affairs of Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs A. Steffensen is scheduled. Following these consultations, Klimkin will deliver speech on European perspectives of Ukraine before the Foreign Policy Society whose membership includes former foreign ministers, MPs and journalists of the leading Danish media.

RBC-Ukraine, 09.23.2010

The Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Borys Kolesnikov met with the Chairman of the Committee on Business Cooperation with Ukraine of Japan Business Federation "Keidanren" M. Oka. During the meeting, attended by heads of over 130 leading Japanese corporations and firms, the Japanese side expressed interest in investment projects in Ukraine, primarily in energy, agriculture and smelting industry upgrading. In turn, Borys Kolesnikov said that Ukraine's agriculture is a crucial and priority sector of national economy. According to Vice Prime Minister, the Government is interested in entering the domestic products to agricultural market of Japan. It was also agreed that in nearest future a meeting between the leaders of Japanese corporations and ministries of Agriculture and Industrial Policy of Ukraine, devoted to development of mutually beneficial projects discussion, would have place.

<http://www.unian.net/>, 24.09.2010

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) plans to implement three state-guaranteed projects in Ukraine, worth 2 billion euros, the Director of EBRD Delegation Vassili Lelakis announced during the meeting with the Chairman of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Volodymyr Lytvyn. He praised the current political stability in Ukraine and Government's desire to carry out reforms and assured that the EBRD in cooperation with other international financial institutions will continue to provide the necessary assistance to Ukraine in implementing reforms aimed at economic development.

RBC-Ukraine, 09.24.2010

September 28, 2010, talks were held between Ukrainian Minister of Agrarian Policy Mykola Prisyazhnyuk and U.S. Grain Council representatives. The sides discussed issues of bilateral cooperation in agriculture, including issues related to development of Ukrainian maize and livestock markets and bio-ethanol production.

American colleagues have expressed interest in the possibility of cooperation in the abovementioned fields and agreed to share experience on dairy industry reform. In addition, the U.S. Grain Council agreed to assist in reforming the ethanol related legislation .

MAP Press Service, 28/09/2010

European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Stefan Fuele, will visit Ukraine on the 1st of October in the framework of 7th Yalta Annual Meeting "Ukraine and the World: Rethinking and Moving Forward", Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Dikusarov said during the briefing.

According to Dikusarov, meetings with Ukraine's President and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Konstantin Gryshchenko are scheduled to take place during the visit. "The sides will discuss key issues pending on the agenda for cooperation between Ukraine and the EU in the context of preparation for Ukraine-EU Summit.

RBC-Ukraine, 28.09.2010

▪ **Food Safety**

September 28, 2010, on the World Rabies Day, Head of the State Committee of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine I. Bisyuk held the press conference "Measures taken by State Committee to prevent and eliminate zoonoses (including rabies)."

The press conference was attended by the Director of the Institute for Scientific Control of Biotechnology and Strains V. Ushkalov and General Director of UkrVetPromPostach (veterinary pharmaceuticals supplier) V. Solodchuk.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 29.09.2010

▪ **Market Infrastructure**

Meat prices increased by 3-5 UAH/kg , depending on region and type of meat, during the second half of September, "Ukrainian Agrarian Business Club " (UABC) reported.

Meat prices have increased, first of all, due to rise in prices for live-weight animals, fed with feed which had already been purchased at high prices, UABC Executive Director Elizaveta Svyatkivska said.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 23.09.2010

Ukraine aims to enter the list of 5-7 countries with the most developed agricultural sector, Head of the Presidential Administration Sergij Levochkin said. "Our goal is to be among five-seven countries with the most developed agricultural sector", he told reporters in New York on 22 September.

Earlier, Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich in his speech at the plenary session of the 65th UN General Assembly noted that Ukraine, with its powerful agricultural potential, can play an

important part in the UN program that fights hunger worldwide.

Interfax-Ukraine, 23.09.2010

As of today, Ukrainian farmers have sown less than 50% of the planned winter crops, chairman of the Council of Entrepreneurs Leonid Kozachenko said.

"We have not sown even 50% of winter crops yet, whereas at least 70% had been planned to be sown by this time. One does not sow because there is no money. Nobody wants to sell grain two times cheaper", Kozachenko said. According to him, traders refused to sell grain to the State Reserve at prices 30% below the market rate. He also added, that grain export operations are expected to be renewed soon. "I think that everyone understands that not sowing grain means laying a nuclear bomb for the next year. The exporters will be given green light and prices will level out", Kozachenko said.

September, 24, Ukraine promised the EBRD to eliminate barriers to grain exports.

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One has succeeded in upholding 90% of agriculture related issues during the development of the draft Tax Code, while there still remain some, including input and output VAT, that raise concern, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Viktor Slauta said during the visit to Mykolaiv oblast. Deputy Prime Minister also said that "the process of formulation of budget for the agricultural sector for 2011 was difficult." He added, that loan subsidies for agricultural producers and livestock sector development will be among the priorities.

According to Slauta, "one succeeded in forming a "grain group" on the area of 16 million hectares and increasing sugar beet sowing area to 503 thousands hectares to avoid sugar shortages in Ukraine".

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Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Viktor Slauta has chaired the meeting of Governmental Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations.

The Committee members approved the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Article 3 of the Law of Ukraine "On State Regulation of Sugar Production and Sale", which proposes to cancel licensing of sugar wholesale dealers. Experts expect the amendments to facilitate functioning of the sugar market through combination of free competition and government regulation in order to balance the businesses, states and consumers interests. The meeting approved the draft decisions of the Government to allocate funds from the Stabilization Fund Budget-2010 to the Ministry of Agrarian Policy for partial reimbursement of livestock farms construction and reconstruction costs to agricultural producers, providing state support for establishment of agricultural wholesale markets, implementation of soil fertility protection and improvement measures; state support for crop production; partial reimbursement of electricity related irrigation costs.

Press service of Vice Prime Minister, 27.09.2010

▪ **Rural Development**

Ukrainian Government intends to take measures to increase the number of livestock, Prime Minister of Ukraine Mykola Azarov said. "I think that we will introduce a system whereby each owner of a calf or cow will receive subsidy until the calf becomes a cow and begins to produce milk," Azarov said. He noted that the effect from such measures is to be expected in 3-5 years.

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The Government has so far failed to curb the lawlessness in the field of land relations, Prosecutor General of Ukraine Oleksandr Medvedko said. "We, the authorities, failed to curb the

lawlessness and arbitrariness in the field of land relations, including at the legislative level, and make the land allocation process fair and transparent. Violations of law in this field are, unfortunately, systemic in nature", Medvedko said, speaking at the enlarged Board of General Prosecutor meeting.

He also said that the fact that proposals for changes to legislation remain unimplemented does not facilitate eradication of violations."We have repeatedly, year after year, developed various drafts, but, unfortunately, there still is no Land Registry and no Law On Land Assessment, public and communal lands have not been fully divided, etc. "- said Medvedko.

<http://www.agroua.net/>, 24.09.2010