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Distinguished ambassadors, diplomats, experts, dear friends,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

In order to accelerate the implementation of *the Global Development Initiative* and to deeply connect with *the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and *the AU Agenda 2063*, we are here today for the Workshop on Juncao Technology. This workshop aims for a higher platform to promote the Juncao technology in Africa and contribute to the agricultural modernization in the continent.

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On behalf of the China Mission to the AU, I would like to express my warm congratulations to the convening of this workshop! May I express my heartfelt thanks to the colleagues and friends who have long been committed to the promotion of Juncao technology in Africa!

This year marks the twenty-second anniversary of China's Juncao aid to foreign countries. Over 20 years ago, President Xi Jinping, then Governor of Fujian Province, personally introduced Juncao to Papua New Guinea for the first time through an aid project. Since then, this “happy grass from China” has spread to over 100 countries and regions, creating hundreds of thousands local jobs. Juncao technology has helped poverty alleviation, environment protection and sustainable development. It has been warmly welcomed by people of developing countries.

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This August, at the China-Africa leaders' roundtable dialogue, President Xi Jinping put forward three major initiatives on Supporting Africa's industrialization, agricultural modernization and China-Africa cooperation on talent development. This October, at the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, President Xi Jinping announced that China would promote 1,000 small-scale livelihood aid projects. Juncao technology links eco-agriculture and eco-industry, benefits the general public, and will contribute to the integration and modernization in Africa.

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At present, Juncao technology demonstration bases have been established in Rwanda, Lesotho and the Central African Republic. Juncao has been applied to many Africa countries such as South Africa, Madagascar, Tanzania and Nigeria etc.. This November, Juncao technology was officially included in the AU agricultural technology

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promotion framework. We look forward to working with partners to promote this technology throughout Africa.

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Ladies and gentlemen,

In order to implement to effectively promote the application of Juncao technology in Africa, we would like to strengthen cooperation in three areas:

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Firstly, support the implementation of Juncao “small yet smart” livelihood projects in Africa. Together with the UN agencies, the AU Commission and African countries, we will support a number of Juncao projects in Africa, to promote *the Global Development Project Pool*, so as to promote local poverty reduction, food security, employment of young people and women.

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Secondly, innovate the mode of Juncao technology cooperation. Taking advantage of China's national Juncao technology innovation platforms and the demonstration bases in Africa, in addition to supporting farmers to grow the grass, we will explore to expand opportunities in high-end agricultural products, livestock, eco-industry. This is to provide impetus for intra-Africa trade and integration under the framework of AfCFTA.

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Thirdly, strengthen cooperation in capacity-building. China is willing to work with the UN DESA among other agencies to support the

AU and African countries in building capacity in Juncao technology. We are willing to invite African officials and experts to China for training, send Chinese experts to Africa to provide field guidance, and promote direct cooperation between agricultural institutions of two sides.

Ladies and gentlemen,

“If you want to go far, go together”. I look forward to the fruitful exchanges today, to deepen cooperation, and make our contributions to Africa's independent and sustainable development and promote high-level China-Africa community with a shared future.

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I wish the workshop a great success!

Thank you.