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The Netherlands and the World Bank Group today signed a "Food for All" partnership agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) to increase knowledge, support job creation, and secure the long-term sustainability of agriculture in developing countries. "Food for All" will bring together the World Bank Group and civil society, academia, government, private sector, and other stakeholders from the Netherlands. "Working in partnerships is critical in the multi-stakeholder context of food and agriculture," said Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Netherlands. "This partnership between the World Bank and the Netherlands will provoke inclusive, innovative and knowledge-intensive forms of cooperation. Together we address the needs of malnourished people and effectively contribute to a zero hunger world." The agreement focuses on strengthening collaboration in key strategic areas such as food, nutrition and health; inclusive and sustainable agricultural growth with a focus on pro-poor value chains and market transformations that better link farmers to markets and ecologically sustainable food systems for climate-smart, resilient agriculture. The World Bank 1818 H Street, NW DC 20433 Washington USA Telefon: (202) 473-1000 Telefax: (202) 477-6391 Mail: investigations\_hotline@worldbank.org URL: <http://www.worldbank.org/>  [http://www.pressrelations.de/new/pmcounter.cfm?n\\_pnr\\_=592983](http://www.pressrelations.de/new/pmcounter.cfm?n_pnr_=592983) width="1" height="1">

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