

SECOND INTERNATIONAL AGRO-INVESTMENT FORUM “World Food Security: Challenges and Investment Opportunities for Agricultural Sector”

was held on Thursday, 02.06.2011 at 14:00

June 2, 2011, representatives of companies and board members of the EBA took part in the Second International Agro-Investment Forum “World food security: challenges and investment opportunities for the agricultural sector”, which was held within the framework of XXIII International Exhibition “AGRO – 2011”.

Ministers of Agriculture of Latvia and Lithuania, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the Republic of Estonia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food of Belarus, director of the Investment Centre of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), EBRD Director for Ukraine, World Bank Director for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, the president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine and representatives of the Government of Ukraine also attended the Forum.

The Minister of Food and Agricultural Policy of Ukraine Mykola Prysyazhnyuk opened the Forum. In his speech he welcomed all the participants and thanked them for promoting the exchange of experiences between countries. *“After the global crisis it became clear for analytics of different areas, that investment in agricultural sector is the most promising”* – said **Mr. Prysyazhnyuk**. He called for cooperation of countries in the world food security, because security of each country will contribute to security on the global level.

Business representatives urged the government to actively contribute to improving the situation in Ukraine to help increase investment in agriculture. Specifically, Anna Derevianko, executive director of the EBA, in her speech urged to create a clear and stable policy of agrarian development that would give investors confidence in the future and encouraged them to have long-term investment. *“Considering the absence of subsidizing of the agricultural sector in Ukraine, I assume that the only one way out of this situation is to attract the maximum of investments from abroad”*- said **Anna Derevyanko**.

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