INVITATION

Informal Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture

29-31 May 2016

Dear Colleague,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the Informal Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture on 29, 30 and 31 May in Eindhoven and Amsterdam.

The theme is *Food of the Future, the Future of Food*. During these days we will be looking at the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in light of this theme. We currently face many challenges. A growing world population compels us to think about the ways in which we can feed 9 billion people in 2050. In addition, we need to address consumer concerns regarding food production and food quality. These challenges require us to re-think the Common Agricultural Policy.

I am proud to invite you to the region of Eindhoven, where I lived for a significant part of my life. We will start on the 29th of May with an informal dinner. The next day I will show you around an exhibition of Dutch entrepreneurs with innovations in production and consumption of food and take you on an inspiring field trip. We will conclude this day with a traditional gala dinner.

On the final day, we will continue our programme in Amsterdam. At the Dutch Green Inspiration Center and the beautiful Maritime Museum in Amsterdam, we will discuss the topics at hand.
Attached you will find the preliminary programme and also the "admin note" in which more detailed information can be found on the registration. You will receive a discussion paper in due course.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Eindhoven.

Martijn van Dam
Minister for Agriculture