



## **4th Hungary - Latin America Forum**

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*Innovation and Efficiency: Together for a Sustainable Agriculture*

Since 2015, Hungary has been paying special attention to the development of its relations with the South, especially Latin America, which has intensified the cooperation of Hungary and the region. We have reopened diplomatic representations, recently in Panama and Uruguay. We have also increased the number of trade attaches through the continent, and we are continuously extending our institutional relations with the whole region. These efforts have resulted in various high level contacts as well as in the intensification of our economic, educational and cultural ties. After the first three Latin America Forums, the main goal of the 4th Hungary – Latin America Forum is to deepen the long-term cooperation between Hungary and the region in an area of strategic importance for both parties.

Agriculture is traditionally a priority for both Hungary and Latin America and the Caribbean. The cooperation in this segment has a rich past, and it has increased lately as well. However, the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the more and more obvious signs of climate change require new approaches in agriculture, too. The efficient and sustainable forestry and use of water, the modern cultivation solutions and the technical achievements are all essential parts of a successful structural transformation.

The opening strategy of the Government of Hungary brought many positive results: companies and institutions from Hungary and Latin America found in each other mutually reliable partners when it comes to investments and business, which opens the floor for the establishment of a knowledge-based cooperation. Based on these results, the Forum can contribute to find the solution for the agricultural challenges that affect both regions, helping to grow productivity.

Besides the exchange of experiences on agricultural innovation, the Forum provides an exceptional opportunity for the participants for personalized field trips, contributing to build new professional partnerships and identify concrete areas of cooperation.

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