



**2nd Forum for the Future of Agriculture - Regional Event**

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**Agriculture and Trade**

The Kiev forum provided a basis for a rich discussion amongst the participants about the potential of Ukrainian agriculture not to produce simply what the country needs but to contribute to overall world supplies. Ukraine's economic and social development is not possible without the establishment of innovative production and agricultural technologies. Today, the agricultural industry is one of the few sectors of Ukrainian economy that is showing stable growth; nonetheless investment and support remain necessary.

From this discussion we could deduce that participants believe there is a bright future for Ukrainian agriculture and that the country can become a key player in achieving food and environmental security.

However, in order to fully exploit this great potential, a number of key factors were identified by the participants. These included: long term political stability (which was seen as key for attracting investment into the sector), technical development of the agricultural sector, an introduction of the latest production technologies for crop and livestock sector products or availability of credit for farmers and agri-business.