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New Holland Tractor Donation by CNH Boosts Agricultural Training Initiatives

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On February 21st, at 11 AM, CIHEAM Bari will host the first demonstration event for agri-food companies from Congo

To further strengthen CIHEAM Bari's training offer, CNH, a global leader in agricultural machinery and construction equipment, recently donated a New Holland tractor equipped with a front loader and bucket. This farm vehicle will be used during technical visits and training courses organized at the Cosimo Lacirignola Campus, to sustainably enhance the valuable work of agricultural operators.

The tractor will also play a pivotal role in field trials and experimental activities, engaging students enrolled in CIHEAM Bari's courses. These include the Master's programmes in Integrated Pest Management of Fruit and Vegetable Crops, Mediterranean Organic Agriculture, Sustainable Water and Land Management in Agricultural Ecosystems, the course on Sustainable Agroecosystems and Resilience, and the advanced specialisation programme in Precision Agriculture for the Mediterranean Region. These programmes are designed to equip professionals from various Mediterranean and African countries with expertise in sustainable agriculture, water and soil management, integrated pest management, and precision agriculture techniques.

On February 21st, a demonstration event will be held as part of a training course aimed at agri-food companies in Congo. This initiative, organized in collaboration with ITA (Italian Trade Agency), falls within the Lab Innova for Africa "Luca Attanasio" programme launched by ICE Agency in 2019 to provide technical and managerial training.

In addition to the course dedicated to Congolese agri-food companies, the tractor will also be utilized in training programmes for Libya and other countries involved in CIHEAM Bari's initiatives. The goal is to support agricultural entrepreneurship and improve access to services, thereby fostering increased productivity and innovation. In the medium term, CIHEAM Bari plans to expand the reach of these initiatives to include

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more countries, engaging additional agricultural stakeholders through partnerships with the Italian private sector. This collaboration between training, technology, and international cooperation marks a significant step forward in advancing sustainable and innovative agriculture, to tackle global challenges such as food security and the sustainable management of natural resources.

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