

Víctor Villalobos Arámbula: The Secretariat of Agriculture fosters strategic alliances to boost the economic and productive development of the country.

During the closing ceremony of the XLV National Meeting of the AMSDA, the Secretary stated that the transformation of the country aims to set in motion a different type of agriculture, less dependent on subsidies and with higher business capacity and productive, sustainable and inclusive development.



In the words of the Víctor Villalobos Arámbula, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Mexican government is implementing programs and strategies to make agriculture both a business and an economic and productive development factor for the country, through strategic alliances between producers, agro-industrial companies and federal and state authorities.

At the closing ceremony of the XLV National Meeting of the Mexican Association of Agriculture and Livestock Development Secretaries (*Asociación Mexicana de Secretarios de Desarrollo Agropecuario* or *AMSDA*), Villalobos Arámbula gave assurances that this model promotes a different type of agriculture, less dependent on subsidies and with higher business capacity and productive, sustainable and inclusive development.

He said that these government actions are ready to bear their first results, such as the participation of agrobusinesses in strategic projects in south-southeast Mexico, specifically the milk producing region, and in protected agriculture for the production of fruits and vegetables, that harnesses the natural resources and human capital available in the different regions.

At the facilities of the Corn and Wheat Improvement International Center (*Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de maíz y trigo* or *CIMMYT*) and before the Secretaries of the sector and representatives of the 32 states, Víctor Villalobos called for “creating synergy and behave like true allies, to do things together and better, with transparency and working for the common goal of developing agriculture for the benefit of everyone”.

The Secretary underlined that the Secretariat has the means and tools to improve agricultural programs in coordination.

On the other hand, the Secretary stated that the CIMMYT possesses a public good in service of the producers in the form of the research and basis of corn and wheat genetic diversity.

Carlos Muñiz Rodríguez, President of the AMSDA, informed that the prospects of the rural sector for 2020 were analyzed during three days of work with officers from the Secretariat of Agriculture.

Moreover, he ratified the commitment of its members to be allies of the Secretariat of Agriculture without controversies and by timely responding to the rural sector productive cycles.

The Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock Development of Hidalgo pointed out the importance of carrying out a real joint analysis of the sector in each state, in order to incorporate a better and more impactful strategy that identifies opportunity and development areas for the agriculture, livestock and fishery sectors.

Subjects associated with sustainable agriculture, risk management, productive promotion, sanitation, agriculture and livestock insurance, financing schemes and productive reconversion projects were discussed at the meeting.

Also in attendance were Arturo Puente González, General Director of the Agency of Services for Commercialization and Development of Agriculture and Livestock Markets (*Agencia de Servicios a la Comercialización y Desarrollo de Mercados Agropecuarios* or *Aserca*), Víctor Manuel del Ángel González, General Coordinator of Sectorial Liaisons of the Secretariat of Agriculture, and Bram Govaerts, Global Director of Strategic Development and Regional Representative of the CIMMYT for the American continent.