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Claas-Stiftung Announces New University Twinning Cooperation

Harsewinkel, Datum. The Claas-Stiftung, a Germany based charity, is proud to announce an exciting new University twinning cooperation between Wageningen University in the Netherlands and Göttingen University in Germany. This partnership aims to foster innovation, research, and educational excellence in the fields of agricultural engineering and biosciences. The project partners of the participating universities are the Agricultural Biosystems Engineering Group (Prof. Dr. Ir. Peter Groot Koerkamp) in Wageningen and the Agricultural Engineering Group (Prof. Dr.-Ing. Frank Beneke) in Göttingen.

Sylvia Looks, Executive Board member of the Claas-Stiftung, expressed her enthusiasm for the new cooperation: "We are thrilled to support this partnership between Wageningen University and Göttingen University. Both institutions are renowned for their contributions to agricultural sciences, and we believe that this collaboration will yield significant advancements in research and education, ultimately benefiting the global agricultural community."

This collaboration marks a significant milestone in the Claas-Stiftung 's ongoing commitment to supporting academic development and advancing agricultural technologies. By bringing together two of Europe's leading agricultural universities, the twinning cooperation seeks to enhance cross-border academic exchange and provide students and researchers with unique opportunities for collaboration and growth.

Key Objectives of the Twinning Cooperation:

1. Promoting Joint Research Initiatives: The partnership will facilitate joint research projects, harnessing the strengths and expertise of both institutions to address global challenges in agriculture and sustainability.

2. Enhancing Educational Opportunities: Students and faculty will benefit from exchange programs, joint seminars, and workshops, enriching their academic experiences and broadening their perspectives.

3. Fostering Innovation and Technology Transfer: By combining resources and expertise, the cooperation aims to accelerate the development and implementation of cutting-edge agricultural

technologies.

4. **Strengthening International Networks:** This initiative will not only strengthen ties between the partner universities but also expand their networks globally, creating new avenues for collaboration with other institutions and industry leaders.

Professor Peter Groot Koerkamp, representative from Wageningen University, says: "This twinning cooperation provides a fantastic opportunity for our students and researchers to engage with their peers in Göttingen. By working together, we can tackle some of the most pressing challenges in agriculture today."

Professor Frank Beneke from Göttingen University shared similar sentiments: "We are excited to embark on this journey with Wageningen University. The exchange of knowledge and expertise will undoubtedly lead to innovative solutions and new insights in our field."

This new partnership aligns with the Claas-Stiftung 's mission to support educational and research initiatives that drive agricultural innovation and sustainability. The foundation continues to play a pivotal role in connecting academic institutions and promoting excellence within the agricultural sector.

About the Claas-Stiftung

Claas-Stiftung was established in 1999 to promote education and research in agricultural sciences, aiming to advance sustainable agricultural practices globally. It supports students, researchers, and academic institutions through scholarships, grants, and collaborative initiatives. For more information about the Claas-Stiftung and its programs, please visit <u>Claas-Stiftung</u>.