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## SIPSA SIMA 2017: A productive edition, despite economic conditions

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and the Ministry for Water Resources.*

**The 17th SIPSA-SIMA, international trade show for livestock and agri-business, was held from 10 to 13 October 2017 in Algiers, under the theme “In the furrow of agricultural redevelopment: collective intelligence for modern agriculture.” With its figures reaching a 17-year high, SIPSA-SIMA played host to more than 500 companies, including 208 domestic firms and 299 international companies from 32 countries, and recorded 31,000 trade entries.**

### **A conducive atmosphere for business and exchange between professionals**

The presence of many countries, including Tunisia, the guest of honour country for this 2017, or new countries such as Brazil or the Netherlands, emphasised the vitality of Algeria, which remains very open to commercial development and offers the promise of sustainable economic development.

Through the organisation by the Filaha foundation of many scientific forums, SIPSA-SIMA again reasserted its status as a reference trade show for all livestock and crop production in North Africa and the wider continent. These forums (DJAZAQUA, AGRI’SIME, FIFAVIC and FIPLAIT) enabled farming experts and professionals to exchange on all of these subjects, making the exhibition an exceptional vector for exchange and progress in the farming sector.

### **An exhibition attracting a wide range of official bodies**

On Tuesday 10 October, the exhibition was officially opened by Mr. Kamel Chadi, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries and Mr. Mohamed Alioui, Secretary General of the National Union of Algerian Farmers (UNPA). Also in attendance at this inauguration were the Secretary General of Water Resources, the Secretary General of the Ministry for Trade, representatives of the Ministry for Industry and Mining, and the ambassadors of Turkey, Croatia, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Brazil and the Netherlands.

Mr. Abdelkader Bouazghi, the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries, visited the show on Wednesday 11 October and also spoke at the closing ceremony on Friday 13 October, in the presence of the organisers, followers of agroecology and young members of JIL FCE. This closing event was also the backdrop for the presentation of recommendations by the FILAHA foundation and the award of trophies in each farming sector to high-performance producers.

Finally, Mr. Xavier Driencourt, the new French ambassador, also visited the show to meet French exhibitors.

**The next edition of the show, to be held from 8 to 11 October 2018,** will be in the continuity of the Ministry’s agricultural redevelopment programme, but also the opening to investment by project sponsors, the reinforcement of ties between Algeria and other North African and African countries, the transformation of export opportunities and the improvement of food security, a strategic issue for Algeria.

This platform provided by SIPSA-SIMA will once again be a unique opportunity for investor professionals and domestic farmers to strengthen their ties and gain access to innovation, thus paving the way to high-performing agriculture.

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