

**ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)
25TH ANNUAL MEETING**

RESOLUTION APPF25/RES.20

PROMOTING FOOD SECURITY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

(Sponsored by Indonesia, Australia and Fiji)

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Reaffirming the 17th Annual Meeting of APPF's Resolution on Food Security;

Reaffirming the APEC 2016 Leaders' Declaration on enhancing regional food market as one of its overarching thematic issues;

Noting the Piura Declaration on Food Security issued during the Fourth APEC Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in September 2016;

Being concerned at the Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) estimation that around 795 million people throughout the world including the Asia-Pacific region are deprived of a suitable supply of nutritious food and acknowledge that almost 62% of the world's undernourished people are in the Asia-Pacific region;

Acknowledging that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a roadmap for global development to address food insecurity including targets to end hunger and malnutrition, improve agricultural productivity and sustainability and maintaining and sharing the genetic diversity of seeds and cultivated plants; and

Bearing in mind the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Paris Agreement recognises that food production systems are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Strongly encourage** the APPF Member States to work together for an integrated approach to sustainable practices of farming, fisheries, and aquaculture, as well as innovative and integrated approaches that support sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity, soil structure and quality in the region;
2. **Encourage** APPF Member States' efforts in securing infrastructure financing, including mobilising private investment and public private partnership, to narrow the infrastructure gap, improving the logistic network, boosting connectivity and revitalising rural communities in order to overcome geographical constraints that hinder the equitable and efficient distribution along the food network;

3. **Strengthen** a comprehensive approach to food and nutrition security that fosters open and efficient markets, ensures sustainable agricultural and fisheries production and food safety, and supports efficient connectivity and investment along food chains;
4. **Urge** APPF Member States to implement policies in addressing the relationship between food security and climate change, as well as enhanced concerted efforts to mitigate impacts of drought, flood and climate-related disasters on food production and food security;
5. **Support** the governments of APPF Member States to work towards a comprehensive approach towards rural-urban development through supporting regional approaches to bridging food security and economic growth that mutually benefit both urban and rural areas, particularly the newly developed Strategic Framework on Rural-Urban Development to Strengthen Food Security and Quality Growth in APEC;
6. **Encourage** APPF Member States to address the current challenges related to regional food security including extreme weather patterns due to climate change, aging farmers in rural areas, promote education and interest in agriculture and food production, and a higher demand for food supply and variation from urban areas;
7. **Exhort** good water management as a priority for communities and economies because of its importance for food security, human health and poverty reduction; and
8. **Urge** APPF Member States to call upon the international community to realise the food-related Sustainable Development Goals in an effort to build a zero-hunger world and urge developed countries to enhance assistance to developing countries towards that end.