

**26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM**

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**RESOLUTION ON FOOD SECURITY AND  
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT**

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**The Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF):**

**Recalling** the Resolutions of the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> APPF Annual Meeting on food security in the Asia-Pacific region stressing the urgency of food security to poverty reduction and sustainable development as well as the recommended actions for APPF member States to ensure the target of food security.

**Also recalling** the APPF Resolutions at the 25th Annual meeting on poverty alleviation ensure the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and recognizing its role in promoting sustainable agriculture.

**Acknowledging** the APEC 2017 Can Tho Statement on Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Response to Climate Change and the Food Security and Climate Change Multi-Year Action Plan (MYAP) 2018-2020, endorsed at the APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Response to Climate Change on 25 August 2017 in Viet Nam;

**Highlighting** the close link between food security, poverty, climate change and sustainable development and that food security remains a significant issue for the international community in general and the Asia Pacific region in particular, given that global food production must rise in volume by at least 60 percent by 2050 to feed the expected world's population of 9.15 billion people.

**Reaffirming** the commitment to implement the Sustainable Development Goals with focus on alleviating hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture.

**RESOLVES TO:**

**Request** APPF member parliaments urge their Governments to implement the APEC 2017 priorities on food security as indicated in the Can Tho Statement, including:

- 1) *Addressing the food security – climate change relationship*, focusing on the need to strengthen efforts to increase individual and collective capabilities on climate change adaptation and mitigation, consistent with international commitments, particularly the 2015 Paris Agreement.
- 2) *Sustainable natural resources management*, particularly cross-border water sources, strengthen policy and technical cooperation to improve governance and efficient use of natural resources while securing long-term food supply.
- 3) *Sustainable rural-urban development*, promoting resilient and inclusive rural development, including empowering disadvantaged groups, smallholders and SMEs in agriculture, to secure livelihoods, reduce poverty and improve food security for farming and fishing communities.
- 4) *Facilitation of investment in agriculture and regional food market*, facilitating trade through enhancing food market integrity and supply chain connectivity to reduce costs of food trade.
- 5) *Increasing the harmonization of food safety standards and food loss control*, requiring further cooperation, particularly implementation and transfer of innovative technologies among APPF member States.

**Encourage** APPF member parliaments to consider climate-smart agriculture (CSA) as an important approach to increase agricultural<sup>1</sup> productivity and farmers' income; strengthen the resilience (adaptation) of ecosystems and livelihoods to climate change; and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;

**Call upon** APPF members to integrate climate-resilient, water-smart, energy-efficient, inclusive green growth components into their overall development strategies, particularly those that encourage investments in a range of integrated approaches such as landscape including soil carbon capture and storage, watershed, ecosystem, sustainable oceans management; implement and scale-up innovative successful programs and best practices that combine sustainable agriculture, including land-use, forestry, and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, and livestock, through local, regional, sub-regional, and national programs and institutions, as a matter of priority;

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<sup>1</sup> Agriculture includes crops, livestock, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture.

**Promote** investment through Public Private Partnership (PPP) model to develop value chains for agri-commodities, aiming at capturing the best value at all stages of production, processing and trading, from farmers through traders, processors and retailers up to the final consumers, while respecting the sovereign rights and regulations of individual countries.

**Urge** APPF member parliaments to promote nutrition security through a multi-sectoral approach which includes supportive policy, education and awareness campaigns;

**Commit** to join efforts towards a zero-hunger world, sustainable development, and reduce the use of harmful chemicals in agriculture.