

## **High Level Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on Food Losses and Food Waste in Asia and the Pacific Region**

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### **Joint Communiqué**

We, delegates to the High Level Multi-stakeholder Consultation on Food Losses and Food Waste in Asia and the Pacific Region, convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on 27 and 28 August 2013, in Bangkok:

Consider food losses, in particular post-harvest losses and food waste as pressing problems for Asia and the Pacific Region.

We want to ensure food security, economic and social development and environmental sustainability in Asia and the Pacific Region for current and future populations by promoting actions to reduce food losses and food waste.

We want to raise awareness in order to reduce food losses and food waste and promote sustainable and responsible consumption in the region.

In cases where valuable food rots on the fields, or is attacked by pests, we support research into more efficient agricultural practices and environmentally sound interventions. In instances where food is spoiled or fails to meet standards at harvest and along the supply chain, we agree to promote solutions that rely on improving the knowledge base of stakeholders in food supply chains, and on the improvement of infrastructure, development of appropriate farm machinery, bulk packaging, storage, processing, transportation systems and logistics, etc. For those improvements, Governments should create a better enabling environment to stimulate the private sector to invest in the food industry. Therefore, we encourage the formulation of conducive policies and the creation of an investment climate. In the event of the retail and food service sectors being able to make a difference, we encourage companies to improve practices of planning, procurement, packaging, marketing and sales. In view of consumers wasting food, we campaign for greater respect for food and behavior change of consumers.

We agree to undertake a campaign, using various tools including communication materials and platforms to advocate against the negative consequences of food losses and food waste, and raise awareness of the importance of saving food.

With the SAVE FOOD ASIA-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN, we pledge to work together and create regional and national multi-stakeholder networks towards reducing food losses– along the food supply chain and fight the growing problem of food waste.

The fight against food loss and food waste concerns everyone - everyone can contribute.