

51st Session of the Committee on World Food Security Statement by JAPAN

Japan would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the dedication of Dr. Gabriel Ferrero as the chair of the CFS. We also thank the secretariat of the CFS and its High-Level Panel of experts, where Professor Akiko Suwa, a Japanese expert, serves as a member of its steering committee.

Japan highly commends the work of the CFS for showing essential guidance as well as tangible results in an effort for achieving global food security.

According to SOFI 2023, in terms of global hunger population, no significant improvement was shown in 2022. In addition, improvement of global household incomes and food access after the recovery from COVID-19 was offset by massive negative impacts of Russian invasion of Ukraine and price hike of food and other commodities.

Japan, once again, reiterates that Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has been causing a tremendously negative impact on global food security.

As we face the global food security situation, which continues to be hard, building sustainable and resilient agriculture and food systems is essential from a medium to long-term perspective, in order to achieve SDG2 "Zero Hunger" for which responding to the urgent food insecure situations has equal importance.

At the G7 Hiroshima Summit in May, G7 countries, along with invitees, issued the "Hiroshima Action Statement for Resilient Global Food security," providing a concrete and comprehensive summary of measures to address the urgent food insecurity and the medium to long-term measures.

For instance, it includes the ELPS initiative that IFAD and Japan established to support small-scale farmers in developing countries for their production growth and better incomes.

The initiative also aims to help private sector in developed countries for their sustainable food sourcing.

In addition, regarding “data utilization”, which is included in one of the agendas of this meeting, the Action Statement highlighted to strengthen the Agriculture Market Information Systems (AMIS) hosted by FAO and other organizations. Moreover, it reiterates the importance of resilient, sustainable and productive agriculture, making fair and appropriate use of existing domestic agriculture resources, and utilization of various sorts of innovations.

The CFS is an inclusive forum for policy discussions, bringing together all stakeholders as well as national governments.

Ensuring global food security requires the cooperation of various actors, including the private sector, civil society, and researchers. Based on discussions here in the CFS, I would like to express again that Japan will contribute to achieving the goal of “Zero Hunger” by building resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems.