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Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027**

### **Introduction**

1 Let me begin by recognizing the good work and insightful perspectives of CFS' strategic direction towards 2030 where activities for MYPoW 2024-2027 were presented. Singapore particularly supports the second focus area on fostering resilience of agriculture and food systems to shocks and stresses.

### **Diversification of import sources**

2 We had earlier spoken about leveraging on urban food solutions and boosting food trade as important tools to increase the resilience of agriculture systems. To further enhance resiliency of agriculture and food systems, there are additional tools we can employ. A key strategy is diversification of food and agri-inputs sources. This can help reduce a country's vulnerability to disruptions such as from climate change, economic fluctuations, and supply chain disruptions. To facilitate import diversification more effectively, it is important to build trade and regulatory partnerships with various food producing countries, as well as working together to ensure supply chains have options to better mitigate against supply disruptions.

### **Strengthen capabilities to produce more with less**

4 In addition to diversification efforts, it is also important to strengthen our capability to produce food in a more productive and sustainable manner. Technologies are developing rapidly and could play a role in safeguarding access to food for all.

Countries could leverage on novel innovation technologies to transform our agriculture sector to be more innovative yet productive, climate resilient and resource efficient.

5 Novel food is one such innovation where the production of novel food for human consumption is a growing industry that are poised to be game changers for high-yield food production. Countries could explore novel food as a potential alternative food source as large volumes can be produced with relatively small amounts of land and labour, in a climate-resilient and sustainable manner. Such innovations offer new opportunities to feed the world as well as contribute to a vibrant and forward-looking agri-tech and food ecosystem to tackle the global challenges of food security.

## **Conclusion**

6 Promoting resilience in agriculture and food systems is paramount to ensuring food security in this increasingly uncertain world. Singapore is committed to working with the CFS

in finding innovative solutions for sustainable, and resilient food systems to ensure food security in the face of global challenges. Underpinning our strategies is a belief in the need for strong regional and global partnerships across all countries in the food ecosystem, so that sustainable agriculture and food security can be a reality for all nations, including resource-constrained nations like Singapore. Thank you.

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