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ASIA AND THE PACIFIC SYMPOSIUM ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS FOR HEALTHY DIETS AND IMPROVED NUTRITION – ACCELERATING NUTRITION

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Rapid developments in the Asia-Pacific region are presenting new challenges to provide healthy food environments for all that promote access to nutritious, safer and affordable diets. This changing environment has led to a growing and multi-faceted malnutrition crisis. Clearly, we are now at a tipping point where there is an urgent need to reshape our food systems if we are to stem these current negative trends.

FAO and its partners are directly addressing these challenges through a symposia series that creates a space for policy-makers, parliamentarians, programme planners and managers, academia, researchers, students, the private sector and civil society to share knowledge, explore possibilities and take action. *The Asia and Pacific Symposium on Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy Diets – Accelerating Nutrition* is one of five follow-up regional gatherings after the International Symposium held at FAO in Rome in December 2016. The Symposium will directly address Sustainable Development Goal 2 – Zero Hunger – and contributes to the 2016 – 2025 Decade of Action on Nutrition by convening close to 250 participants from more than 40 countries in the region and beyond through

- Enhancing agriculture and food systems' sustainability
- Creating policy and programme options
- Promoting sustainable diets
- Building partnerships that leverage on transformational change in food systems toward sustainability
- Linking food systems change to positive health and nutrition outcomes
- Creating synergies between national and regional policy actions and regional networks

These actions will result in effective regional and national leadership on building and ensuring sustainable and nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems and deliver on their promise of tackling hunger and malnutrition. New and effective regional and global partnerships and networks will be fostered and expanded, focusing on sharing and learning best practices in promoting sustainable food systems.



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