

## Statement of Thailand

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### **Agenda Item 11: Prioritization of Country and Regional Needs**

Mr. Chairperson,  
Honorable Ministers,  
FAO Director General,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

- It is my honor to be here today, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some views of Thailand.
- We are living in unprecedented time. COVID-19 has changed our life. Apart from health challenges, we need to re-look how we produce and how we consume our food. We need to transform our food systems and ensure that our farmers and producers produce healthy food, and our people can access to affordable healthy diets.
- As the digital technologies are changing our world, in Thailand the **“Agri-tech and Innovation Centers”** have been established throughout the country to link our farmers and producers with academia and research institutions. Precision agriculture and smart farming for small-holders and medium-scale producers have been introduced to our farmers.
- As our farmers are growing old, youth are our future in farming and agriculture. Therefore, the **“Young Smart Farmers Programme”** has been implemented to support young farmers and SME who are growing our food. They have received training on new entrepreneurship skills, technologies,

and innovations that can improve their farming and marketing. They have also adopted “**the principles of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy and the concept of New Theory of Agriculture**” on their lands which is such a great combination between Agroecological approach and Innovations.

- The “**Four Quick Win**” policy on promoting **Agro-tourism** (such as Fisherman and Farm Village Stay), improving **Agricultural Logistics System**, strengthening **E-commerce for Agricultural Products** and creating **One-stop service application by using Big Data** are key priorities for transforming Thailand’s Agriculture. **Agricultural Data System** is essential to support farmers, producers, and decision-makers for better planning of food and agricultural production, trade, and e-commerce.
- Thailand will extend our collaboration in “**Blue economy**” to support sustainable growth in the marine sectors in **fighting against IUU and protecting our Ocean** for next generation and healthy world and healthy ocean.
- **Soil and water management in agriculture** is still a key priority for Thailand to bring better resilient and sustainable food systems and agriculture and to ensure that these resources are used and managed more efficiently. As FAO and Global Soil Partnership (GSP) call for application of King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award 2020, Thailand humbly invites all Member States, institutions, universities, private companies, or other entities to apply and have a chance to win the **King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award 2020**.

Mr. Chairperson,

- I would like to inform you that in Thailand, all national strategies have been implemented in accordance with His Majesty’s **Sufficiency Economy Philosophy** that emphasize on sustainable development aiming at **reducing poverty, improving the quality of life, reforming agricultural sector, enhancing food security, and improving better nutrition and food safety**. These will bring better livelihoods for all, according to **the vision of Thailand through “Stability, Prosperity and Sustainability of People and Nation”**.

- In conclusion, Thailand continues to give priority on sustainable food systems and agricultural development. Thailand will continue collaborating with FAO and its Member through the South-South Cooperation and Hand-in-Hand Initiative to achieve SDG.
- Thank you.

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