



Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the FAO, IFAD and WFP

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Dear colleagues
CFS Secretariat Team:

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to FAO, IFAD and WFP, I would like to thank you for your commitment and support during the side event "Implementing the UN Decade of family farming (UNDFP) to face COVID 19 and achieve resilient and sustainable food systems" held on February 10, 2021, within the framework of the 47th Session of the Committee on World Food Security.

For Costa Rica, as outgoing chair of the International Steering Committee of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming and as the country that proposed and promoted the creation of the decade, it has been a great honor to have your participation, work and support.

I would like to emphasize that one of the benefits of the Decade is to encourage the participation of international agencies, governments and civil society organizations, together to enhance the fundamental role of family farmers in food security, nutrition, the creation of resilient food systems and the achievement of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

We hope that this Decade will promote the important role of women producers, youth, indigenous and afro-descendant populations, and their contribution, from family farming, to the creation of more sustainable and resilient societies.

Finally, as expressed by Mr. Renato Alvarado, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Costa Rica deeply believes that the Decade is a fundamental pillar to face the crisis of COVID-19, promoting the agricultural sector and the importance of rural communities in the eradication of poverty.

With my esteem and consideration,

Federico Zamora
Ambassador
Permanent Representative