

The statement of the Republic of Korea  
Empowering youth in inclusive and sustainable food systems

- We agree that the young people play the leading role in enhancing sustainability of food systems and innovation. When considering the reality facing even more serious aging population in rural areas, it is a timely policy recommendation.
- We also support the policy recommendations suggested in the report, especially the improvement of access to tangible and intangible resources such as land, capital and technologies which are essential to agriculture and food systems, and the support for employment in the labor market.
- In this regard, the Korean government is providing cash support to the young people under 40 years of age to help them settle and encourage them to enter the industry. We are also operating low-interest loan to promote their innovative activities.
- Lastly, when implementing this policy recommendations, I would like to emphasize to strengthen the link with the other initiatives and strategic framework such as the Science and Innovation Strategy and the Strategy on Climate Change which is developed by the FAO.
- Thank you.

