

Statement of Japan for 53rd CFS Plenary

1. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.
2. According to SOFI 2025, the percentage of the world hunger population declined in 2024. However, challenges in the context of food security and nutrition still exist such as climate change and Russian aggression against Ukraine.
3. To achieve SDG goal "Zero Hunger", it is essential for us to build sustainable and resilient agricultural and food systems from the mid-to-long term perspective while addressing these challenges facing the world today.
4. Concerning the climate change issue in particular, Japan considers that innovation is the key to reconcile climate change measures and food security measures. Japan has innovative technologies such as high-performance biochar that contributes to the improvement of productivity in agriculture, and AWD (Alternate Wetting and Drying) method that meets our expectations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from paddy rice production.
5. With an aim to share the outcome of such innovative technologies with the rest of the world, Japan has launched a new initiative called 'Midori Infinity' in May this year. Japan hopes this policy package contributes to global food security and decarbonization.
6. We also find SOFI 2025 reports that the combination of multiple policy measures is required to deal with the inflation of food prices. One of those priority measures is the investments in small-scale farmers.
7. Japan has long been collaborating with WFP in some countries in West Africa in conducting small-scale paddy rice field development, nutrition and school lunch projects. Japan has also launched an initiative in collaboration with IFAD, where we try to link local farmers and private companies for the improvement of productivity and for building resilient supply chains.
8. Japan hopes and is going to further contribute to the establishment of sustainable and resilient agri-food systems in the world, by implementation and expansion of the aforementioned. And we believe it to be realized by innovation, in collaboration with private funds, and cross-sectoral approach such as improvement of nutrition in local communities.
9. Japan believe that it is essential for all the stakeholders to collaboratively work together to ensure food security and nutrition. Not only governments and international organizations but the private sector, civil society and academia are indispensable members of the team. And CFS is indeed the significant platform for all those stakeholders to gather for discussions. Our delegation hopes and believes that collaboration and cooperation between us is to be strengthened through a series of meetings held this week. Thank you.