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## MOAC announced its commitment to drive sustainable agriculture and food systems at the UN's Food Systems Transformation Progress Review



Mr. Sedthakiat Krajangwongs, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), attended Food Systems Transformation Progress Review at the United Nations (UN), Bangkok. In attendance were also Ms. Lin Yang, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Mr. Jong-Jin Kim, Assistant Director-General and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific; Dr. Stefanos Fotiou, Head, United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards; and Dr. Vanida Khumnirdpetch, Director of Bureau of Foreign Agricultural Affairs, MOAC.

Mr. Sedthakiat, as a National Dialogue Convenor of Thailand, revealed during the meeting regarding the collaboration with other Asia-Pacific Member State Dialogue Convenors to review and report the progress of the conducted activities to drive sustainable agriculture and food systems, and to exchange knowledge after attending UN Food System Summit 2021 and UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment. Since then, MOAC has hosted dialogues with involved sectors including civil society sector, private sector, research institutes, international



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organizations, and UN agencies to discuss about plans and approaches in order to adjust and manage agriculture and food systems to be sustainable, resilient, and fair.

The result of this first step is satisfactory as MOAC now has network to drive the sustainable agriculture and food systems extensively while expanding its network. During the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment which was held last year, MOAC's network submitted operations examples and activities they had conducted to help promote the sustainable agriculture and food systems as examples for the other member states.

Additionally, MOAC is committed to continuously drive and bring about the approaches to transform sustainable agriculture and food systems. In this regards, MOAC has received beneficial supports from FAO and the United Nations Country Team. The operations onward might be challenging for the member states in the network to cooperate to diminish the walls amongst public sector, private sector, and civil society sector.

MOAC has been dedicated to push forward the sustainable agriculture and food systems. It is also in alignment with Thailand's government policy which aims to generate income, to create opportunity, and to enhance life quality for farmers by emphasizing on comprehensive agricultural sector management including soil, water, plant varieties, animal breeds, price mechanism, funding resource, innovation, and land ownership for farmers and fishermen.

Other important matters include agricultural resources management and environmental friendly agriculture (Go Green) through BCG/Carbon Credit to reduce impacts on environment, and to decrease the practice of burning field or plantations. These policies will help support Thailand's purpose to execute activities accordingly to the Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action which Thailand had signed at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in November 2023.

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