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FAO seeks guidance from Small Island Developing States of Asia and the Pacific on a programme to improve food and nutrition security



FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva meets the chair of the SAMOA Pathway side event at APRC, H.E. Assik Tomscoll, Minister for Agriculture & Livestock, Papua New Guinea

09/03/2016 Putrajaya, Malaysia – The UN Food and Agriculture Organization today reported progress on a wide-ranging initiative to develop an action programme to help Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Asia and the Pacific improve food nutrition and security, along with rising and shared prosperity.

FAO is seeking guidance from small island developing states on an action programme. This consultation took place during the 33rd Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC33), underway in Putrajaya, Malaysia 7-11 March. The APRC is FAO's regional governing body, bringing together Ministers of Agriculture and their senior officials from some 46 countries in the region.

The consultation was chaired by Tommy Tomscoll, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock, Papua New Guinea with a video presentation from Nandie Glassie, Minister for Health, Cook Islands. Gavin Wall, FAO Coordinator for the Pacific delivered the consultation's main presentation covering the Action Programme to address Food and Nutrition Challenges facing Asian and Pacific SIDS.

The draft programme calls for “close collaboration and consultation with SIDS member States, the UN System, regional inter-governmental bodies, development partners and non-state actors, including non-governmental and civil society institutions and the private sector.”