
Name of Country: Laos

Forum: Proposal for collaboration between FAO and the UN in Laos to reduce food waste

Question : Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Sponsor : Laos

The general assembly,

reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 61/185 of December 20, 2006 proclaiming international years,

reminding the Charter of the United Nations,

noting that soils constitute the foundation for agricultural development, essential ecosystem functions and food security and hence are key to sustaining life on Earth,

approving the strengthening of political commitment and social participation for the purposes of improving nutrition at the country level, using policy dialogue and advocacy,

approving also to develop friendly relationships between nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights of peoples and their right to self-determination, and to take all other measures likely to consolidate world peace,

hoping to raise the level of nutrition and living conditions of the populations placed under their respective jurisdiction,

recalling resolutions 4/2013 and 5/2013 adopted on 22 June 2013 by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its thirty-eighth session,

keeping in mind that a third of the food produced is thrown away without being consumed in the world, which has the effect of increasing the burden on the environment,

estimating that a 15% reduction in food waste could feed more than 25 million Americans each year,

seeking to improve the condition of rural populations, thereby contributing to the expansion of the world economy and freeing humanity from hunger,

knowing that Laos, like many other countries, faces significant food security challenges, with millions of people suffering from hunger and nutritional deficiencies,

hoping that States, which are the main consumers and have the power to influence change, unite their efforts within the commissions responsible for designing policies and programs aimed at combating hunger, promoting food security and promoting agricultural sustainable, providing essential solutions to millions of people around the world,

thanking the dedicated countries, organizations and individuals who have dedicated their efforts to understanding and mitigating the challenges of managing food loss and waste. Their enlightened contributions constitute an essential pillar on which we build today innovative solutions to promote sustainable and equitable food around the world,

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1. *welcomes* that globally, reducing food waste has been cited as a key initiative to achieve a sustainable food future;
 2. *appreciates* that the European Commission also supports the exchange of good practices in food waste prevention through the EU Platform on Food Loss and Waste;
 3. *supports* Some retailers in the UK taking innovative approaches by providing storage advice on food packaging and removing 'best before' labels on fruit and vegetables to avoid unnecessary waste and invites other northern countries to increase actions like these ;
 4. *calls* on all states to follow the establishment of the European Commission which has prepared communication materials in all languages related to the reduction of food waste;
 5. *invites the* African Union Commission and the European Commission to follow the model of the Herbalife distribution center in Venray and Nijsen Granico which manufactures products solely from waste streams from food companies. They recycle their products that would otherwise have been thrown into the waste stream by sending them to Nijsen Granico to be processed into animal feed;
 6. *decides* that the United States commits to strengthening collaboration between the public and private sectors and thus establishing transparent monitoring mechanisms and developing incentive policies for companies adopting anti-waste practices;
 7. *encourages* the creation of educational gardens in schools, emphasizing the cultivation of local and sustainable foods;
 - a)thus competitions and inter-school projects will be organized to stimulate the creativity of students in the search for innovative solutions to reduce losses food, raising awareness among students about food sustainability and improving planetary health;
 8. *urges* the involvement of some Member States in Project Drawdown which listed reducing food loss and waste as the best strategy to reduce emissions and tackle the climate crisis;
 9. *calls* on Member States to commit to establishing a Global Fund dedicated to Food Security and Agricultural Sustainability. This fund will be funded by voluntary contributions from member countries, international institutions, the private sector and other partners;

a)The resources mobilized will be allocated in a transparent and equitable manner, promoting innovative and effective initiatives in reducing food loss and waste, promoting agricultural sustainability, and implementing educational programs focused on raising awareness of these issues. This sustainable financing will ensure effective implementation of policies and measures, thereby contributing significantly to the fight against hunger and the promotion of food security globally.
