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World Agriculture Forum, FAO to host a consultation Meeting on Sustainable Agriculture on November 22, 2024



The World Agriculture Forum (WAF), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), will hold a consultation meeting on "Advancing Sustainable Agriculture," at the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Soils & Water Management (BSWM), in Quezon City, on November 22, 2024.

"The Philippines plays a crucial role in global agriculture and stands at the forefront of sustainable agricultural development in the Asia-Pacific region. Known for its rich biodiversity and agricultural heritage, the Philippines enjoys a unique position to spearhead advancements in agricultural innovation, crop science, boosting trade, enhancing food security, and promoting resilience in the face of climate change," the WAF and FAO said in a statement.

"The WAF-FAO consultation meeting will bring together stakeholders from governments, farmers, agribusinesses, banks, and development institutions, providing an essential platform for discussing collaborative strategies to advance sustainable agricultural practices that promote resilience and food security across the region," said Dr. William Dar, WAF Board Member, and former secretary of the Philippines' Department of Agriculture.

Invited to share their respective messages with the consultation participants are: Philippine Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel, Jr., FAO Philippine Resident Representative Dr. Lionel Dabbadie, and Mr. MJ Khan, special adviser to the WAF Chair Prof. Rudy Rabbinge.

"By pooling their expertise and insights, the WAF and FAO Philippines aim to drive sustainable growth in agriculture, focusing on solutions that meet the region's particular needs, and contribute to a resilient, food-secure future," said Dar, who also served for 15 years as Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), in India.

"We look forward to an enriching discussion during the meeting, which is a unique opportunity to collaborate on creating sustainable pathways that will shape the future of agriculture, not only in the Philippines but across the globe," Dar concluded.

About Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is a specialized agency of the UN that leads international efforts against hunger. FAO supports the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through its Strategic Framework that enables transformation to more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems. This is made possible through better production; better nutrition; a better environment; and a better life, leaving no one behind.

Founded in 1945, FAO has been collaborating with the Philippines, being one of its 34 founding members nations. A Representation was officially established in 1978. Since then, FAO has played a pivotal role in supporting the Philippine Government's efforts in addressing food security, improving agricultural productivity, and promoting sustainable agriculture to enhance the resilience of communities against the impacts of climate change, natural disasters, and economic inequalities. FAO collaborates with the Government of the Philippines in the main areas of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Food Security, Nutrition, and Rural development.

About World Agriculture Forum (WAF)

WAF is a global platform connecting diverse stakeholders to drive sustainable agricultural development through policy advocacy, trade facilitation, and technology-driven solutions. WAF unites governments, farmers, agribusinesses, experts, and development institutions to bridge implementation gaps and drive sustainable agriculture and food systems transformation towards a resilient, food-secure future. With a strong focus on collaboration, innovation all along the value chain, and public-private partnerships, WAF is committed to transforming agriculture worldwide.

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