

Farmers, Business and Industry, and the Scientific and Technological Community

Joint Statement

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Shared issues:

Business and Industry, Farmers, and the Scientific and Technological Community will be crucial partners for the implementation of decisions made at the CSD.

- We support the development of action-oriented recommendations which provide enabling conditions for implementing such actions.
- The 10 YFP should be an inclusive and collaborative process. Oversight and evaluation will benefit from shared ownership that includes all of the Major Groups. Programs and policy frameworks should flexibly support appropriate regional, national and local structures and initiatives.
- It will be essential for governments to increase targeted investments for enhancing their scientific and engineering capacity, and R&D. A prerequisite is education, as a skilled workforce is the cornerstone of any strong, competitive economy.

Particular to Farmers

The Farming community would like to emphasise the importance of food security and encourage the inclusion of all parts of Millennium Development Goal 1 – calling for the eradication of both poverty AND hunger. Thus we must encourage sustainable consumption and production through the whole of the food life cycle. This includes post harvest losses and reduction of food waste among consumers.

Particular to Sci&Tech

The Scientific and Technological Community is certain that progress in all topical areas will require substantial innovative advances in science and technology. We therefore strongly support calls for the evaluation and application of sustainable technologies in the fields of waste, transport, mining and chemicals.

Particular to Business and Industry

Development and commercialization of both effective existing clean technologies and new technologies, will substantially improve the future performance and reduce the cost of progress.

The fight against corruptive practices should be a top priority for governments, government-owned enterprises and private companies. Achieving improved and equal conditions for transparency and integrity in doing business in all countries is of paramount importance.