

## Concluding Remarks

We have now come to the end of this ‘Online Training Workshop on Climate Smart Mechanization for Sustainable Food Systems in Central Asia’.

I think we had very fruitful discussions today. We have heard about water saving technologies, mechanization solutions for dryland farming and conservation agriculture, mechanized postharvest treatment, as well as innovative technologies for food supply chains. All of these have enormous potential to support Central Asian countries in increasing productivity in the agricultural sector in a more sustainable and resilient way.

The strategies/solutions can not only help us cope with the adverse impacts of climate change, but also help contribute to more sustainable food systems transformation in the sub-region.

We have also heard country-level briefings on ‘Efforts to promote climate smart mechanization for sustainable food systems transformation in the respective countries’. These briefings have enriched our understanding of existing strengths and gaps, and how we can address them.

Among the key takeaways from this workshop, I feel are:

- Due regard should be paid to scaling-up the application of the proven technologies and good practices
- We should reinforce efforts to building relevant national capacities, and
- We must join hands to promote regional and international cooperation amongst countries both within the outside Central Asia.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our co-organizers, the Administrative Committee of Yangling Agricultural High-Tech Industry Demonstration Zone of China, the Sub-regional Office for North and Central Asia of ESCAP as well as the supporting organization World Food Programme China Office, for making this event possible.

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valuable knowledge and experience.

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Last but not the least, I thank all our participants from many countries for sparing their time and taking active part in this event.

BEFORE WE LEAVE, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL PARTICIPANTS TO COMPLETE THE WORKSHOP EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE WHOSE LINK IS BEING SHARED IN THE CHAT.

I thank you and wish you all the best. I now declare this online workshop closed.