

The Twentieth International Students Summit (ISS) on Food, Agriculture and Environment

*Linking Actions, Research and Education in Agriculture Value Chains to Achieve
Environmental, Social and Economic Sustainability*

September 14 – 17, 2021, Online

Statement

The rapid global spread of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic since 2020 has affected millions of people already made vulnerable by food insecurity and malnutrition, furthering the sustainability crisis the world had been facing before 2020. This global situation makes it evident and urgent to draw together the wisdom and vitality of youth, the torchbearers of the future of mankind. There are especially wide-ranging missions for agricultural students, as agricultural science plays a key role in the solution of fundamental problems in food production and safety, environmental conservation, energy, and human health. The system of food production and consumption is without a doubt closely related to the condition of the natural environment, the stage of economic development, and food culture in each country, and their patterns and problems reflect regional characteristics. It is thus important to understand how agriculture and food systems should be organized and maintained in each society.

Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) has been organizing the “International Students Summit (ISS) on Food, Agriculture and Environment” since 2001 to provide students from our global partner universities with an opportunity to gather and exchange views and ideas on global food, agricultural, and environmental issues, and also to discuss their own roles in sustainable development.

This year, the 20th ISS will take place on September 14-17, 2021 around the theme “Linking Actions, Research and Education in Agriculture Value Chains to Achieve Environmental, Social and Economic Sustainability,” which was adopted at the 19th ISS. Due to the pandemic situation, the event will be exclusively held online. We expect the participating students to share the activities they have undertaken at their universities during their presentations and discussions. The framework of student activity as to the rationale, methods, implications (economic, social and cultural), and constraints should be clarified in order to foster their contributions to the solution of global problems for the sustainability of this world.

- Two^(*) presenters will be selected by each participating university. Each presentation must be aligned with one of the following **sub-themes**:
 - Session 1: Students’ Actions in the field of **Agriculture**
 - Session 2: Students’ Actions in the field of **Environment**
 - Session 3: Students’ Actions in the field of **Food**
 - Session 4: Students’ Actions in the field of **Education**
 - Session 5: Students’ Actions in the field of **Nutrition**

^(*) Upon the exceptional financial support from MEXT, 6 representatives from our partner universities in Africa will be allowed.

- Each partner university is required to appoint a faculty advisor for each presenter, supporting them and ensuring high quality abstracts and presentations. The advisors are welcome to attend the 20th ISS online.

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