



**International Co-operative  
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## **ICAOP Oslo Declaration**

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### **Improving Global Farming Environment for Sustainable Agriculture**

In order to reach agriculture's sustainable development, it is important to create a stable farming environment for small-to-mid-sized farmers who are responsible for over 70% of the world's agricultural production.

Additionally, there is a need to actively promote and train small-to-mid-sized farmers that have to fight against natural disasters and compete against conglomerates with huge capital.

Therefore, the International Cooperative Agricultural Organization(ICAOP) and its members shall work together to improve farming environment including related legislations, policies and institutions and agree to implement the following.

- 1. Actively promote crop disaster insurances and its necessity, and request more interest and financial support from Governments.**
- 2. Request Governments to widen tax exemption coverage to the overall agricultural sector such as to processed goods produced by agricultural companies.**
- 3. Support legal protection of local hybrid seeds that have been developed to prevent food security risks caused by climate change.**
- 4. Acknowledge that small-to-mid-sized family farmers and small land holding farmers are the backbone of sustainable agriculture and work together to promote and nurture these farmers.**
- 5. Nuture young farmers to respond to aging population issues in rural areas and prepare for farm succession.**
- 6. Actively support the utilization of ICT incorporated Smart Farming technology which will help counteract changes in the future agriculture environment.**
- 7. Urge Governments to introduce laws and institutions that include the multi-functional value of the agriculture.**
- 8. Reduce food loss and waste for the environment preservation and energy savings.**