

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 6 August 2018

## **2018 APEC Port Moresby Summary Dialogue for the APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology**

*We reconfirm that agricultural biotechnologies can be used as tools to enhance agricultural productivity for both large and small-holder farmers. We agree that they can raise farm income, protect the environment, benefit consumers, strengthen food security and militate against the impact of climate change.*

*We agree to explore regulatory cooperation amongst APEC economies with the goal of getting innovation into the hands of APEC economy farmers faster and at less cost.*

*We acknowledge that innovations in precision biotechnology, such as genome editing, have brought the potential for an increase of desirable traits into agricultural organisms, as compared to other breeding methods.*

*We welcome future opportunities to share information on genome editing policies in the hopes of identifying prospects for harmonization.*

Can Tho, Viet Nam, 25 August 2017

## **2017 APEC Can Tho Statement: Food Security Week**

*We acknowledge that agricultural biotechnologies can be used as tools to enhance agricultural productivity, raise farm income, protect the environment, strengthen food security and mitigate against the impact of climate change. We will work together toward the promotion of transparent, science-based and functioning regulatory systems that allow the development, application and safe trade of innovative agricultural biotechnologies for the benefit of APEC member economies. We encourage the management of regulatory differences through the development of transparent and science-based solutions to global challenges.*

Lima, Peru, 18 November 2016

## **2016 APEC Ministerial**

*We value deliberations throughout 2016 on the cross-cutting issues of food security and climate change, and solutions including the use of agricultural innovation, sustainable use of resources, disaster management, agricultural technical cooperation and promotion of rural-urban development. We encourage economies to design focused, consensus-based actions to address these issues and to enhance agricultural productivity and food markets and reinforce the APEC Food System. We also encourage economies to promote investment, quality infrastructure, services and capacity building, including through the sharing of best practices, to support economic integration for the sake of food security and prosperity in the region.*

Piura, Peru, 28 September 2016

## **2016 APEC Food Security Ministerial**

*We acknowledge that agricultural biotechnology can help address the challenge of food security and promote climate resilient agriculture. We acknowledge that agricultural biotechnology should be applied in accordance with domestic laws and regulations. We confirm that the new breeding technologies are significantly increasing the efficiency and precision of plant and animal breeding and are additional tools for the breeder. We commit to harnessing scientific innovations that address common challenges for smallholder farmers and we recognize that access to these technologies will benefit them. We encourage economies to share information, practices, experiences, resources and lessons regarding innovation, regulatory frameworks, risk-benefit assessments and science communication. We recognize the crucial role of science communication as one of the means to engage the public in informed decision-making in order to maximize the benefits of biotechnology for improved resiliency, inclusive and sustainable growth and food security.*

Manila, Philippines, 15 Nov 2015

## **2015 APEC Ministerial Meeting**

### **Joint Ministerial Statement**

*We reaffirm our commitment to transparent, science-based regulations in order to advance the science and reap the benefits of agricultural innovation in the context of global trade. We commit to harnessing scientific innovations that address common challenges for smallholder farmers. We encourage APEC member economies to enhance cooperation in maximizing the benefits of biotechnology for improved resiliency, inclusive growth, sustainable agriculture development and food security.*

Beijing, China, 8 Nov 2014

## **2014 APEC Ministerial Meeting**

### **Joint Ministerial Statement**

*We are committed to strengthening APEC agricultural science and technology innovation and cooperation with a view to facilitating trade related agricultural products and promoting sustainable agricultural development. We will encourage the use of agricultural science and technology research in a market-oriented manner to improve food safety and security in the region.*

Bali, Indonesia, 5 Oct 2013

## **2013 APEC Ministerial Meeting**

## Joint Ministerial Statement *Promoting the Application of Innovative Biotechnologies*

1. *Acknowledging that agricultural biotechnology advances APEC economies' agricultural sustainability and goals for food security, we agreed to promote the sharing of information and experience on the creation and fostering of science-based regulations, and to identify applications of agricultural biotechnology that address the environmental, food, and health challenges in member economies.*
2. *We reaffirmed our commitment to promote science-based risk assessments and transparent decision making consistent with domestic laws as part of the continuing effort to educate the public about the importance of global food security of providing farmers with production choices, including agricultural biotechnology.*
3. *We demonstrated support for small farmers by directing the HLPDAB to develop a platform to share information on policy and innovative technologies, appropriate for small farmers' use. We encouraged officials to conduct risk communication outreach to improve public understanding on agricultural biotechnology.*

Vladivostok, Russia, 5 - 6 Sep 2012

### **2012 APEC Ministerial Meeting**

#### Joint Statement

#### *Application of innovative biotechnologies for food security in APEC*

*We welcome work to promote transparent and functioning regulatory systems to ensure safety and to facilitate investment in and the development and application of innovative biotechnologies for food security in APEC. We reaffirm the important potential of biotechnology for contributing to food security and sustainability and the role of APEC in assisting economies in developing transparent regulatory systems that ensure safety, promote public confidence in those systems, and facilitate trade, including in situations of low-level presence of recombinant-DNA plant materials.*

Honolulu, Hawaii, United States, 11 Nov 2011

### **2011 APEC Ministerial Meeting**

#### Statement

#### *Facilitating Trade in Products Derived from Innovative Agriculture Technologies*

*We reaffirmed our commitment to promote and adopt regulatory approaches that are transparent, science-based, consistent with international obligations, and take into account, where appropriate, existing international standards, in order to facilitate trade*

*in products derived from innovative agricultural technologies. To achieve this goal, we encouraged economies to publicize existing regulatory approaches for these technologies by 2012, conduct periodic self-reviews of these regulatory approaches, provide for meaningful and transparent public consultation and stakeholder input into the development of these regulatory approaches, and conduct capacity-building activities supporting the above stated goals by the end of 2012.*

Yokohama, Japan, 10 - 11 Nov 2010

## **2010 APEC Ministerial Meeting**

*Joint Statement - The Yokohama Vision - Bogor and Beyond*

*We welcomed the report of the High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology this year on conventional and bio-technological means to help the agricultural sector adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change*