



## **Asia-Pacific leaders discuss the impact of agricultural technology transfer on sustainable development**

**10 February 2015, Bogor** – Effective technology transfer is critical for achieving the increases in food production needed to secure future supplies, enhance the incomes of the farming community and preserve environments.

A two-day United Nations ‘Policy Dialogue on the Role of Technology Transfer in Agriculture for Sustainable Development Outcomes’ will hear this week that this transformation towards sustainable agriculture requires more effective innovation systems, and more support for transfer of appropriate and affordable agricultural technologies to small farmers.

The session, organized by the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA), a regional institute of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), kicks off today in Bogor, Indonesia and will bring together national leaders in agricultural research and extension from the Asia-Pacific region, representatives of civil society, academia, the private sector and international organizations to identify the steps required to develop and strengthen agricultural technology transfer at national and regional levels.

“The negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda are moving into the final stages, and the adoption of the sustainable development goals is impending,” said Dr. Katinka Weinberger,



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Director, CAPSA-UNESCAP. “Science, technology and innovation have been recognized as important means of implementation,” she pointed out.

Within this framework, the discussions will focus on assessing the impact of agricultural technology transfer on sustainable development outcomes, including food security, poverty reduction and environmental preservation, and related national and regional policy options, with the aim of promoting innovation and technology transfer in agriculture.

“For the effectiveness of technology transfer, long-term investment and comprehensive approaches from its development to extension are needed,” stressed Mr. Hari Priyono, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Indonesia. “This meeting will discuss national and regional policy options that support agricultural technology transfer for sustainable development outcomes, and provide an opportunity for knowledge sharing and networking,” he added

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*CAPSA provides different forms of assistance to member States. In particular, it enhances:*

- *national capacity for socioeconomic and policy research on sustainable agriculture for poverty reduction and food security.*
- *regional coordination and networking to successfully scale up and scale out research findings that have implications for policy design and implementation related to sustainable agriculture and rural development; and*
- *capacity of policymakers and senior government officials to design and implement policies to achieve rural development, poverty reduction and food security through sustainable agriculture in Asia and the Pacific.*



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