

# The Twenty-first International Students Summit (ISS) on Food, Agriculture and Environment

*Youth actions and innovations towards climate change adaptation and mitigation to promote sustainable agriculture in their communities.*

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## Statement

The rapid global spread of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic since 2020 has affected millions of people who were already made vulnerable by food insecurity as the cumulative results of several years of climate instability. Our communities must take smart and efficient decisions that involve our common commitments to reducing to the minimum all emissions of greenhouse gases, and adjusting our lives to the actual or expected future climate. 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, including the climate, which patterns and problems reflect regional characteristics. It is thus important to understand how innovation can be at the service of humankind towards climate change adaptation and mitigation for a sustainable agriculture.

Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) organizes the “International Students Summit (ISS) on Food, Agriculture and Environment” 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 21<sup>st</sup> ISS will take place on September 20-22, 2022 around the theme “*Youth actions and innovations towards climate change adaptation and mitigation to promote sustainable agriculture in their communities*”, which was adopted at the 20<sup>th</sup> ISS. Due to the pandemic situation, the event will basically be held online for the second consecutive year. We expect the participating students to share the activities they have undertaken at their university 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 oral presentations will be accommodated for each participating university (exceptionally six for each of our African partners) in the following sessions.
  - 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**
- Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by ISS Committee to evaluate if the presentation is within the scope of the ISS theme.
- Each partner university is required to appoint a faculty advisor to support the presenter. The advisors are welcome to attend ISS online.
- Although this year’s ISS is online, each partner university is encouraged to report the summary of the selection process of the presenter (to show his/her excellence).

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