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Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD)

Statement of support to the Shanghai Declaration

Rising aquaculture production, together with many improvements along the aquaculture value chain, shifting consumer habits, and other socioeconomic factors have contributed to enabling average apparent per capita fish consumption of aquatic food to double since the 1960s. To feed the ever-growing human population expected to reach almost 10 billion people by 2050, the future trajectory of aquaculture development needs to become more sustainable.

YPARD's mission is to enable young professionals to realize their full potential and contribute to sustainable and productive food systems towards innovative agricultural development.

As Aquaculture can adapt to various scales and provide integrated farming opportunities it's then an opportunity to develop innovation and small scale businesses as well as create jobs for Youths across the globe in rural and urban areas.

Though, we share the common vision for an aquaculture sector that leads the way towards more productive, efficient, resilient, climate-smart and socially responsible food systems.

YPARD will then support knowledge and experience sharing on aquaculture innovations and networking of promising youths who engage in aquaculture. YPARD will achieve this by leveraging ICTs and Youth potential to share online contents, guides, stories all over the world and advocate for integrated farming in fish farms as well as agricultural farms.

We also call all global leaders to boost the development of small scale fish farming value chain with greater support to youth's businesses and innovation, reduction of aquaculture water footprint and promotion of more integrated systems optimizing land, water and manpower resources.

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