

Our Pledge to the Food Systems Summit

JISNAS (Japan Intellectual Support Network in Agricultural Sciences) **FAO** (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

JISNAS and FAO started holding monthly joint seminars from May 2021, mainly targeting students and researchers from universities and research institutions in Japan. During these seminars, FAO's latest information on food and agriculture are presented to participants so that they can familiarize themselves with it and use it with more ease. By the end of May, two seminars had been held. A series of joint seminars allow us to share our information with a wider range of people, develop human resources, and build and expand networks, each of which can accelerate the shift towards sustainable food systems.

The transformation of food systems is an issue that concerns the entire world, and we believe that universities and research institutions can make great contributions to solving this issue. The JISNAS-FAO commitment is expected to play an important role in not only promoting environmentally sound agriculture that is based on ecological correctness and sustainable production but also optimizing the food supply chains.

【Commitment】

1. All the presentations and discussions during the seminars will be delivered in Japanese so that all participants, including those who normally cannot access international technical information provided by UN agencies or other international organizations due to language constraints or due to the highly technical nature of its contents, can participate and interact.
2. We intend to provide opportunities for the general public to gain wider access, either directly or indirectly, to FAO's knowledge regarding food and agriculture as well as information regarding the transformation of food systems in the world.
3. We encourage universities and research institutions in Japan to participate in or collaborate with global partnerships on food systems.
4. We contribute to developing human resources by providing opportunities for younger generations (i.e., young students and researchers) to voice and discuss their opinions, gain an international perspective, and get work experience.
5. During our previous joint seminars, participants reaffirmed that universities and research institutions should take much more cross-sectional and interdisciplinary approaches to resolve global issues. To meet this expectation and to contribute to transforming the current food systems into more sustainable and robust ones, universities and research institutions must not only accumulate information and knowledge and participate in many active discussions but also promote research and education that can support the social implementation of the wisdom gained.

The JISNAS and the FAO regularly evaluate the status of the JISNAS-FAO commitment to review and modify their activities as appropriate.