

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

Youth-led innovations and community empowerment towards a sustainable future

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Statement

Over the last centuries, the world has gone through remarkable changes in various fields such as agriculture, food and Environment. Some of these changes include climate changes, emerging technologies and rapid population increase. Today, demographers expect the world population to peak by the end of this century. Fueled by climate shocks, many are facing unprecedented food insecurity. We cannot deny that the future of mankind is at a critical crossroads and we need to rise to the challenge of meeting people's immediate food needs, ensuring environmental protection and at the same time, through collaboration, supporting the processes that build long-term resilience. Our communities must take smart and efficient decisions based on our common commitments to reducing to the minimum all emissions of greenhouse gases which impact multiple aspects of our lives. 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. How the youth can act to bring answers to those challenges is utmost needed and represents an outline of what one can expect in the future innovations to tackle such issues.

Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) and IPB University are organizing the “24th International Students Summit on Food, Agriculture and Environment (ISS)” 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 24th ISS will take place from September 3– 6, 2025 around the theme “*Youth-led innovations and community empowerment towards a sustainable future*” which was adopted at the 23rd ISS. We expect the participating students to attend physically and share the activities(actions) undertaken at home university that have a positive impact to the communities during ISS presentations and discussions. These student-led actions can either be ideas or ongoing activities. 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. Basically, one oral presentation or poster presentation will be accommodated for each selected participating university in the following fields.

Students' Actions in the field of **agriculture**

Students' Actions in the field of **environment**

Students' Actions in the field of **food**

Students' Actions in the field of **education**

Students' Actions in the field of **nutrition**

- Submitted ISS manuscripts will be reviewed by ISS Committee during the **screening process** following the criteria provided and evaluated to whether the presentation is within the scope of the ISS main theme.
- Each partner university is required to appoint a faculty advisor(s) to support the presenter(s). **The advisors are welcome to attend ISS physically if self-sponsored or otherwise supported.**

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