2017 Capacity Building Workshop on FLW Reduction for a Sustainable APEC Food System

Agenda

- 4 panel sessions and 14 speakers
 - A. Practical Guidelines for Quantification and Reduction of FLW;
 - B. Experience Sharing and Private Sector Solutions to Food Waste
 - C. Review of APEC Projects on Reducing FLW
 - D. Panel on "How to Raise Awareness and Move Forward to SDG 12.3: Key Messages for Policy Making and Action Plan"

 Facing the multiple challenges from climate change, population growth and rapid urbanization, the reduction of FLW can contribute to food security and sustainable food system

Reducing FLW requires

- A common understanding of the concept, better measurement, causes at micro/meso/macro levels;
- A concrete target at regional and economy levels;
- Concrete actions from government and private sectors
 - Based on our survey, each ME has initiated 4.3 programs/projects on average.

Actions in Private Sector:

- Champion 12.3, Think-Eat-Save Programs
- Carrier, Nestle, Carrefour

What is Missing?

- Encourage voluntary agreements between government and companies
- Promote adoption of public policies aimed at reducing FLW (e.g. date labeling, incentivise food donation)
- Support new funding mechanisms for investment in FLW reduction
- Enable comprehensive awareness-raising campaigns.

Actions in PPP:

- Experience sharing from different APEC fora
- China, Japan, US, PSU

Opportunities can arise from:

- China: Enhance connectivity of grain standards
- Japan: Enhance investment on cold chain
- US: Support adoption of new technologies
- PSU: Support global value chain and service competitiveness

- · It is time for "actions" and "big" actions
 - Bring in policy priorities
 - Build partnerships
 - Seek incentive to mobilize all stakeholders
- Each economy may decide their own target and own plan, but we need to work together.
 - Develop better measurement (identify causes, market failure, opportunity cost, select target, ...)
 - Public-private partnership
 - Awareness campaign and education
 - Challenge the boundaries (definition, by-products, behavioral change, ...)

Next Steps

- 1. Hold an "APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Reducing Food Losses and Waste" and a "Public Awareness Campaign" in Chinese Taipei.
- 2. Complete a final report with policy recommendations and a set of practical guidelines for measurement, self-evaluation, reporting, and pilot actions based on each economy's situation.
- 3. Disseminate project results via *APEC-FLOWS* online website.