

## Closing Remarks

by

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on the occasion of the Closing Ceremony of International  
Certificate Course for Coconut Development Officers

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The honourable Executive Director for International Coconut  
Community, Dr. Jelfina Alouw,

The Honourable Representative of International Trade Centre, Mr.  
William Castro,

The honourable Chairman of Coconut Research Institute of Sri  
Lanka, Dr. Saranga Ala-hap-peruma,

The honourable Course Director for Coconut Research Institute of Sri Lanka, Dr. Athula Nai-na-na-yake,

Distinguished national liaison officers of International Coconut Community,

Distinguished participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It brings me tremendous pleasure to speak at this closing session.

Allow me to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the International Coconut Community for inviting the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation-NAM Centre-nominated individuals from NAM member countries to attend the training.

I would like to thank the resource persons from the Coconut Research Institute of Sri Lanka for sharing essential expertise on

coconut development in order to, among other things, resuscitate coconut agriculture and promote value added goods in coconut.

I would like to thank all of the participants who attended the training, raised significant questions, and shared their experiences with coconut farming and production in their respective countries.

I would want to thank everyone for your hard work and active participation in the learning process.

Your learning experience, as I understand, included a wide range of topics, namely biological and ecophysiological elements of coconut palm, coconut breeding, coconut kernel-based goods, and agricultural extension empowerment.

I have also heard that the training featured a wide range of country experience sharing to highlight the crucial elements in contributing to economic growth through coconut cultivation.

I hope you can apply these experiences and knowledge to your work and share them with colleagues or peers in your home country.

Distinguished participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me conclude by noting that you have all worked hard, but the real work begins now. This is the start of our coordinated efforts to collaborate with new networks that you have just formed through participation, either with fellow participants or with trainers, to support the capacity needed to further revitalise coconut cultivation.

I am hoping that we can create a platform where we can continue to share information and experiences.

To conclude my remarks, I would want to thank everyone again for your participation.

Let me conclude by assuring you that the NAM Centre would continue to promote capacity building activities in developing countries to improve agriculture.

I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thank you.