

Opening Speech

by

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on the occasion of the Online Training Course on
Horticulture Seed Propagation with Tissue Culture
for Caribbean and Latin American Countries

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Zoom Meeting

The Honourable Director for Technical Cooperation,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Indonesia, Mrs.
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The Honourable Director of the Indonesian Centre for
Agricultural Training, Dr. Ir. Leli Nuryati,

Distinguished Speakers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

A variety of nations participated in today's Zoom Meeting to discuss seed propagation utilising tissue culture.

This is a great opportunity for me to thank the participants for their commitment.

As well, I want to thank the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture for making this initiative possible.

We will spend the next few hours with participants from:

- **Barbados;**
- **Belize;**
- **Colombia;**
- **Costa Rica;**

- **Ecuador;**
- **El Salvador;**
- **Guatemala;**
- **Guyana;**
- **Mexico;**
- **Panama;** and
- **Suriname**

which could provide insight on how superior seeds can be propagated in Caribbean and Latin American countries without seasonal limits and with limited planting resources.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In international affairs, South-South Cooperation has long been recognized as an **important force**. There has been extensive

technical cooperation between developing countries for many years.

The NAM member countries have a lengthy relationship that dates back to the 1961 First NAM Summit. As a result of the Summit, we became more independent, able to define our own future, and able to create international connections on our own terms.

Now, developing country solidarity and collaboration are more crucial than ever before. South-South cooperation in agricultural development could be beneficial to trainers and other stakeholders around the world. We may work together for food security in the future, to discover techniques to increase production and reduce crop failure.

Due to the importance of this objective, NAM Centre is providing its full support.

Through employing resources and adopting principles we hope to make it easier to analyse current agricultural developments, exchange experiences with other stakeholders and comprehend and manage agricultural challenges through systematic thinking.

In the future, countries will face a number of shared problems. Genetic anomalies in seeds, which have in the past put agriculture at risk, must be regulated as a result; It is in both of our best interests to handle this matter. Agriculture could rely heavily on South-South cooperation to succeed.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Joint efforts of NAM member countries in the agriculture are **highly valued** in the NAM Centre's programmes. Over the years, the NAM Centre has

worked to assist our member countries. We've contributed to the spread of agricultural knowledge and ideas.

It is our goal to continue to improve everybody's agriculture skills and expertise.

Despite the pandemic, the Agricultural Training Project for African, Caribbean, and Latin American Countries was recently scheduled.

Up until the end of October 2021, we will provide at least four virtual training courses-each with two batches-in tissue culture technologies, integrated pest-and-disease management, hydroponic crops, and labelling and packing.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me clarify that the NAM Centre is **eager** to encourage deeper cooperation between developing

countries, which is based on common agricultural interests. We will do everything we can to help our brothers and sisters attain the goals of sustainable agriculture. Sustainable agriculture, in our opinion, has the potential to unlock the economic potential of the Global South's developing countries.

Honourable Directors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last but not least, I would like to express my **gratitude** to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for its cooperation in organising this event with NAM Centre. The discussion I believe will be fruitful, and I hope everyone enjoys it. It is our intention to implement whatever you discuss, agree on, and deliberate over. You can rely on us to get the job done if anything comes up.

Let's work together to realise our true potential.

With these remarks, I therefore declare the formal opening of this training.

Thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen.