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## WHAT THE VOLUNTARY CODE OF CONDUCT MEANS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF PLASTICS IN AGRICULTURE: REGIONAL EXCHANGE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION

5 March 2026

08:00 - 09:45 (CET) | 14:00 - 15:45 (ICT)

Online

### Background

Plastic products play an important role in agriculture by improving crop yields, enhancing production efficiency, and supporting year-round food supply. However, when mismanaged, plastics can leak into the environment, harming ecosystems, contaminating soils and water, and posing risks to human health.

To support countries in addressing these challenges, the FAO Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB) has developed the Provisional Voluntary Code of Conduct on the Sustainable Use and Management of Plastics in Agriculture (VCoC). The VCoC offers practical recommendations for governments and stakeholders to strengthen the sustainable use, collection, recycling, and disposal of agricultural plastics.

This regional knowledge exchange highlights the Asia-Pacific region. The event will showcase country experiences and innovative initiatives aligned with the VCoC, offering participants an opportunity to learn from regional good practices.

After the country presentations, participants will join breakout sessions to deepen dialogue and explore ways to advance VCoC implementation.

### The discussions will focus on:

- Knowledge sharing: best practices, challenges, and applicability across the region
- Policies and strategies: Experiences in developing or revising policies aligned with the VCoC
- Resource mobilization: Funding experiences and opportunities to support sustainable plastic management

### Expected Participants

- Government officials, International Organizations, Academia, and Private Entities

### Provisional Agenda

- Moderator: Azumi Yoshioka, Junior Professional Officer, FAO, Rome

14.00 – 14.05

Opening

- Alue Dohong, Assistant Director-General, FAO, Bangkok

14.05 – 14.15

Introduction

- Lev Neretin, Environment Lead, FAO, Rome

14.15 – 14.45

Presentations

- Representative of Bangladesh
- Muzzammil Faridza, Business Analyst, Bioeconomy Corporation, Malaysia
- Tetsuya Uetake, Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
- Francesca Montevercchi, Senior Circular Economy Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines

14.45 – 15.25

Breakout Discussions

15.25 – 15.40

Q&A

15.40 – 15.45

Closing

- Robert Simpson, Deputy Regional Representative, FAO, Bangkok



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