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## Sustainability Trends in the Future of Food

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# Background

- Agriculture is a major source of socioeconomic stability among APO members.
- The world population is expected to reach 9.8 billion in 2050.
- This will require alternative food sources and technological innovations from “farm to fork.”



# Challenges

- Pandemic COVID-19.
- Availability of arable farmland and key agricultural resources like water.
- Climate change and global warming.
- Reduced agricultural land.



# Opportunities

- Greater demand of **healthy, and safe food** due to pandemic.
- **Plant-based proteins** receiving more attention.
- **Innovative uses of food** such as mushrooms.
- Adoption of **vegan or vegetarian** diets in urban areas.



# The Way Forward

- **Complex, comprehensive, and interrelated policies** are needed to integrate sustainability in the global food system.
- The APO will continue supporting member countries in developing more **innovative, competitive, sustainable agriculture sectors**.
- The APO will increase **cooperation within and outside** the membership.