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MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) is organizing a workshop on "From 30 Years to 2030: Achieving Sustainable Development Goals and Strengthening Science of Climate Resilience" to mark the 30 years of the establishment of the foundation and 94th birth anniversary of Professor MS Swaminathan. The role played by MSSRF, one of the largest science based NGOs in our country, is globally known for providing science based solutions to ameliorate and improve the well-being of people in rural India. The flagship programmes of MSSRF, be it coastal ecosystem research, food and nutrition security, gender mainstreaming, community water security systems and others are all aimed to achieve this goal.

Professor MS Swaminathan has a long association with Indian National Science Academy having elected in the year 1963. He was the member of INSA Council and also its Secretary during late 60s to mid 70s. He has been at the helm of affairs by serving as Director-General of Indian Council of Agriculture Research and International Rice Research Institute, Manila. He also served as a Chairman of Science Advisory Committee to the Cabinet of Government of India. His contributions to wheat and rice breeding programmes, conservation of plant genome resources and coastal ecosystem research are well legendary.

I have gone through the programme of the workshop and the wide range of speakers who are participating in this event including scientists, policy makers, administrators and representatives of many international bodies like UNDP, ADB, World Bank etc. I am quite confident that this three day event will go a long way in achieving the objectives of the foundation and in drawing a road map for the initiatives to be taken for the next decade. I wish the event a grand success.

Yours sincerely,

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