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### **SOUVENIR MESSAGE**

It is heartening to know MS Swaminathan Research Foundation is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coinciding with the 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of Professor M. S. Swaminathan, the father of Indian Green Revolution.

Professor M. S. Swaminathan's contribution is well known across the world in making India one of the world's largest agricultural producers. Under his guidance, the Foundation has emerged as a renowned institution excelling in the application of modern science and technology for building food security and well-being of people in rural areas. These ecological blended solutions enabled small farmers in rural India to shift from input-intensive to knowledge-intensive agriculture. Now these solutions need to be globally recognized with the aim to deliver long term, tangible action building climate resilience.

Sustainable development starts with listening to the people, ensuring that they are active partners in their own development. During the last three decades of its existence, the Foundation has given priority to the needs of the people and has worked extensively in building synergies across sectors, Governments and communities to make food systems more sustainable. The Sustainable Development Goals emphasize on enhancing the productive capacity of the natural resources. UNDP has been helping Governments to implement the Goals in 170 countries through its work.

In India, UNDP is supporting the Government, communities and institutions to achieve the 2030 agenda through mainstreaming, acceleration and policy support. UNDP is proud to have worked with the Foundation on issues related to climate change, biodiversity and natural resource management.

I extend warm felicitations to the Foundation for organizing the conference on "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals and Strengthening Science of Climate Resilience". I am sure, thematic sessions during the conference will facilitate an open dialogue between individuals, organizations and government in translating small efforts into big impacts. I wish the conference a great success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Achim Steiner'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Achim Steiner