



His Excellency Hon.
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His Excellency

We, the Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmer Organizations (INOFO) representing organic farmers globally, to raise our voices and empower ourselves by practicing regenerative agriculture to provide healthy food for all, present our position and support. We believe organic farmers are the focal point of the organic movement, especially small-scale farmers and they are the blood of the organic sector, globally.

We, together with the organic farmers in Sri Lanka, heartily applaud your decision and pledge our full support in your endeavors. We believe that we as organic farmers are responsible to ensure a food secured future and for the preservation of the biodiversity and sustainability of Mother Earth. As such, the role of the farmers must be recognized and valued by the decision-makers in our communities and governments.

We urge your esteemed government to engage organic farmers as important partners, with the ability to lead. This will lead to more ownership in the discussions within Sri Lanka for the transformation to organic agriculture.

We humbly call upon your esteemed government, to restore the pride of our organic farmers. They are not just the producers of our food but the protectors of human health and our Mother Earth.

We are recommending following in order to achieve your goal for 100% organic Sri Lanka.

1. Develop, capacity build and support primary level and secondary level organic farmer organizations
2. Further, train and educate farmers on organic/agroecology practice by developing demonstration model farms (within the reach of the farmers) on organic/agroecology
3. Develop strong organic extension service accessible to all farmers on organic/agroecology

4. Implement subsidy schemes to support organic farmers, including value chain development to ensure product is distributed to all of Sri Lanka's people and ensuring the future of nutritious food to all.

Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmer Organization (INOFO), believes in the transformation of the current food systems into a system which is more sustainable and organic, which prioritizes the well-being of the ecosystems and the health of life on Earth. We also recognize agricultural practices that respect all forms of life based on the Principles of Organic Agriculture - as the truly sustainable solution to create a more sustainable and carbon-neutral future. We, Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmer Organization (INOFO), pledge full support of Sri Lanka transitioning into a more sustainable organic agriculture.

Yours Respectfully

Shamika Mone

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shamika Mone', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.