

# Canadian Food Security Policy Group

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The Hon. Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.  
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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Canadian Food Security Policy Group (FSPG), we would like to congratulate you on your election as Member of Parliament for Ottawa Centre, and for your appointment as Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Our association of 24 leading international development and agriculture organizations looks forward to engaging with you in your new role. We have engaged in policy dialogue with the Minister of International Development, and Global Affairs Canada over several years.

We are particularly eager to share our collective experience and expertise toward assisting and informing your efforts to combat climate change and assist developing countries to adapt to its impacts. Agriculture is one of the sectors most affected by climate change and natural disasters, and conversely, one of the sectors most responsible for greenhouse gas emissions. There is growing evidence that appropriate investments in food security and agriculture can contribute to climate adaptation and mitigation, enhance climate resilience and support the conservation of land, water, biodiversity and ecosystems.

Guided by the new Sustainable Development Goals and recent Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Canada can be a leader in assisting the world's poorest and most vulnerable. The majority of these people are small-scale farmers, herders, fishers and forest-dependent communities, who derive their livelihood from renewable natural resources. Toward this end, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your counterparts in Cabinet to present our joint recommendations for

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designing policies that build on the Canadian experience working with these vulnerable communities.

Thank you for your consideration, and we wish you great success in your new role.

Sincerely,

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