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**Online consultation for review and comments on the zero-draft International Code of Conduct for the Use and Management of Fertilizers.**

**Please respond to the questions leaving your comments below:**

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| Question   |
| Is an International Code of Conduct for the Use and Management of Fertilizers beneficial and useful? To whom, and why? No doubt, there is a need to develop and adopt an International Code of Conduct for the use and management of fertilizers. Although the sooner the better but enough time should be given to all stakeholder to thoroughly read and discusses the contents of the code and to give them the opportunity to make suggestions that can be seen from their standpoints but not from others. In other word it is interdisciplinary subject which require an interdisciplinary team to look at it from various aspects. Therefore, we recommend to postponed the adoption and give more time to all stakeholders specially the industry to read, understand it and make any suggestions for improvement ..etc. After all, the stakeholders are the ones who are going to adopt, comply with it and guide their activities.   |
| Does this Fertilizer Code of Conduct address all aspects necessary to ensure the responsible use of fertilizers, optimizing benefits while minimizing risks? Some other aspect can be addressed and some new ideas might come up after circulating the code for more reading and discussion to all stakeholder  |
| Are there any topics or subject matter missing from this Fertilizer Code of Conduct? If so, what are they? While addressing the aspects of the role of fertilizers in producing healthy / nutritive and safe food, there should be a clear differentiation between fertilizers and other agrochemicals such as pesticides, herbicides, hormones, contaminants of emerging concerns and pharmaceutical compound. Public and even many specialists are mixing all these chemicals in one category of “harmful agrochemicals”  |
| Are there redundancies or unnecessary items or subjects within this Code of Conduct? If so, what are they?  There are few repetitions but I believe are justifiable for completeness and comprehensiveness of the topic to be addressed    |
| Do you have any other suggestions or comments not covered in the above questions? If so, please elaborate.  1. Give more role to industry to support and be involved in scientific applied research on balanced fertilization and on promotion of 4R Nutrient stewardship as a tool for managing nutrients application for the benefit of sustainability. The industry shall also be involved more in dissemination and knowledge and technology transfer activities specially to farmers. The translation of the 4R into deferent language as well as developing 4R manuals for different farming systems (rainfed, irrigated, fertigation etc) is also important
2. We would like to see more emphasis on the issue, negative impact of other sources of nutrients such as all kind of organic liquid and solid wastes which are increasingly used as fertilizer. Such sources require special and more accurate management to avoid any negative impact on health and environment
3. Origination of periodic training seminars by industry in collaboration with academy, policy makers, extension and company dealers .. etc. are highly recommended. Industry should be involved more visibly on this issue
4. Once again, there should be more time given to industry to provide their thought and suggestions to improve the code.

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