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## 1. PAKISTAN DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE SDGs

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ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for National Food Security and Research, Sikander Hayat Khan Bosan on Thursday said that Pakistan was determined to achieve all the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Addressing the 39th Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Rome, Sikandar Bosan said the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda was a milestone towards a world free of hunger and malnutrition. The session was opened by the President of Italy, Sergio Mattarella, says a press release received here Thursday from Rome. Bosan highlighted the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan for rural uplift, agricultural development and poverty alleviation. He elaborated on the agricultural development package, worth Rs. 341 billion announced by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in September last year. He stated that the package primarily targeted small landholder and underprivileged farmers.

The Minister also enumerated Government's various other initiatives such as the enactment of NAPHSIS, Plant Breeders Rights and Seed Amendment bill. The Minister stated that the Government's agenda for youth development and women empowerment would transform the young men and women of Pakistan into a veritable asset.

He spoke about schemes of "Youth Skill Development", "Youth Business Loan" and the "Benazir Income Support Programme." IFAD's contribution in Pakistan over the years was deeply appreciated by the Minister. He assured the organization of the support of the Government of Pakistan and called upon IFAD for enhancing its activity in Pakistan.

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سید احسن ممتاز بینظیر انکم سپورٹ  
پروگرام میں ڈائریکٹر تعینات  
اسلام آباد (نیوز رپورٹر) وفاقی حکومت نے ڈپٹی سیکر  
ٹری وزارت تجارت سید احسن ممتاز کو بے نظیر انکم سپورٹ پر  
وگرام میں ڈائریکٹر لگا یا گیا ہے۔ اسٹیبلشمنٹ ڈویژن  
نے انکے تبادلے کا نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کر دیا ہے۔