

Experts weigh in on aggie regulations amid climate change



Policy plays an important factor in addressing the needs of the people on the ground, and this is one of the key issues that was the focus of discussion about policies and regulations and its impact on securing food resiliency in the country.

The panel discussions led by Mr. Jayson Cainglet, executive director of the Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura (SINAG), Dr. Emil Q. Javier of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), and Mr. Christopher Matthew Ilagan, Corporate Affairs director of Cargill Philippines.

For the joint panel, the resource persons tackled issues on transportation, distribution, and consumption of agricultural goods, and of inputs into agriculture during the COVID-19 pandemic, the supply chain issues resulting from Russia's war on Ukraine, as well as shortage on the supply of key commodities.

Furthermore, attendees, through table top discussions, weighed in to discuss the impact of unexpected severe weather events, which have destroyed human lives, property, and crops

which exacerbate the recurring constraints already faced by smallholder farmers, such as soil degradation and pest and disease outbreaks.

Experts also highlighted the disconnect between agriculture policies and regulations and the experiences of farmers on the ground, leading to a better understanding of how this could be addressed. Mainly, regulations on the access to technologies and sciences was tackled fully by those in attendance.