



The Samoa Society of Agricultural Professional (SSOAP) is proud to have contributed to the successful launch and presentation of the **Global Food Systems and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Report (2025)** at the **5th World Shiology Forum**, held from **28 – 31 October 2025** at the Hilton Haikou Meilan in **Haikou, Hainan Province, China**.

The **World Shiology Forum**, convened under the theme “*Addressing Food System Issues through Shiology*”, brought together global experts and policymakers to explore holistic approaches to food governance and sustainability. The **Global Food Systems and SDGs Report**, compiled by experts from 115 countries, was formally presented to **representatives of the United Nations**, marking a significant milestone in the application of Shiology theory to real-world food system challenges.

In the report's foreword, former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon emphasized the need for a comprehensive knowledge system covering the entire food system, stating that “Shiology is such a knowledge system”, and in a message delivered by **H.E. Liu Zhenmin**, China’s Special Envoy for Climate Change, **UN Secretary-General António Guterres** further highlighted that the holistic principle of Shiology “*points the way for exploring the path of human coexistence*”.

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The report outlines a three-year implementation plan, starting with an assessment of key issues in 2025, followed by a food issues index in 2026, and culminating in long-term governance solutions in 2027.



Asuao Kirifi Pouono, President of the Samoa Society of Agricultural Professionals (SSOAP), representing the **Pacific Islands**, took part in **Session II: Safeguarding Humanity's Table – Ensuring Sufficient, High-Quality and Safe Food for 8 Billion People**, where he shared perspectives on **multidimensional solutions for food supply chains** and sustainable agriculture in island contexts.

Food issues are a critical area of global governance, with 13 of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals closely linked to food. Current challenges include hundreds of millions facing hunger, over 2 billion suffering from hidden hunger, about 3 billion threatened by food safety issues, and one-third of all food produced being wasted.

Li Feng, vice-governor of Hainan, said food security is a cornerstone of national welfare and social stability. He noted that Hainan, as China's only tropical island province and free trade port, is implementing a **"Big Food View"** approach by developing a modern seed industry, promoting green production, and improving cold-chain logistics.

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The forum introduced a new theoretical framework called the "Five Food Needs": basic sustenance, dietary diversity, food safety, healthy longevity, and sustainable supply. This framework signifies the maturation of Shiology as an interdisciplinary field. The theory systematically integrates the multi-level demands of "Eaters, Food and Food Order", providing an analytical tool for global governance, and a full-chain approach to understanding food system issues.

Zhu Juwang, director of the Public Institutions and Digital Government Division and officer-in-charge of the Sustainable Development Division at the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, acknowledged China's efforts. He confirmed the UN's support for the forum and highlighted the importance of Shiology's holistic principle and its "Five Food Needs" framework for tackling global food challenges.

SSOAP warmly congratulates the **World Shiology Forum** and all contributors for their efforts in advancing global dialogue on food governance. The launch of the **Global Food Systems and SDGs Report** marks an important milestone toward more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient food systems worldwide.

TO THE GROUP: REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS FOR OUR NEXT VERSION.

Asuao Kirifi Pouono (President)

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