



2019 Bhutan RTM statement by SNV, Netherlands Development Organisation

Let me start by congratulating the RGoB for organising this excellent 14th RTM.

SNV, Netherlands Development Organisation, has been working in Bhutan since 1988 and is proud to have witnessed the tremendous progress the country has made over the past couple of decades and been able to support the RGOB in achieving these results, since the 6th Five Year Plan period (1987 – 1992).

SNV is now working in the areas of Agriculture, WASH and Energy integrating nutrition and climate change (through for example climate smart agriculture technologies) in our activities. Promoting gender equality remains a key focal area for SNV. SNV is now working in a new area of creating opportunities for youth employment. SNV's main focus is on capacity building of the Government, private sector and local organisations and communities. Listening to the discussions over the past couple of days I believe these areas will remain relevant to address the needs of Bhutan. I would like to thank the Royal Government of Bhutan for their continued collaboration and our donors, the Government of the Netherlands and Australia, for their continued support.

SNV is committed to continue supporting the Royal Government and the people of Bhutan in the coming years contributing to increased happiness of the country.

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