

The Role of Agriculture in Global Economy (Example of Informative Speech Outline)

Introduction

- A. Did you know that 40 percent of the world's land area is occupied by agriculture? (Alston & Pardey, 2014).
- B. Explain the relevance of agriculture on global economy.
- C. Agriculture serves three main roles in global economy: agriculture serves as the foundation for food security, drives economic development, and supports global trade.

Transition: To begin, agriculture allows for billions of people across the world to be fed.

Body

- A. Agriculture is the backbone of food security worldwide. It directly provides the raw materials for food products that sustain the global population.
 - a. According to the World Health Organization (2022), 828 million people were affected by world hunger in 2021. There is still work to be done to ensure that everyone in the world has access to food.
 - b. Without agriculture, billions of people, especially those in low-income regions, would experience food insecurity.
- B. Stress the importance of the role agriculture serves in developing countries.
 - a. Is the main source of employment, livelihood and income for between 50% - 90% of the population in developing countries (Kwa, 2001).
- C. With that being said, one of the biggest threats to food security right now is climate change, as rising temperatures, unpredictable rainfall, and an increase in extreme weather events has decreased crop yields and food productions.
 - a. The Food and Agriculture Organization (2018) predicts that climate change could reduce global food production by as much as 10 percent by 2050.

Transition: In addition to food security, agriculture plays a critical role in driving economic development.

- A. Support
 - a. Example
 - b. Example
- B. Support
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Transition: Lastly, agriculture supports global trade.

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- B. Support
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Conclusion

- A. Reiterate that agriculture serves three primary roles in the global economy: ensuring food security, driving economic development, and supporting global trade.
- B. Ask for audience to reflect how important it is to support sustainable agriculture for future global stability.

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