



**Excellency, President of the United Nations General Assembly  
Excellency, the Secretary General of the United Nations  
Excellencies, Dear Colleagues, Heads of State and Government  
Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the 2021 United Nations Food  
Systems Summit  
Ladies and Gentlemen, Any Protocol Observed**

I thank the Secretary General of the United Nations for inviting me to this Summit on Food Systems, where I will outline Africa's common position.

Africa plans to double food production by sustainably increasing productivity through the adoption of high-yielding agricultural varieties, while supporting research to develop biotechnology and innovation.

As you all know, climate change is having a negative impact on food systems. Africa emits the least greenhouse gases but is the most impacted by the actions of others. We are seeing extreme weather events like rising temperatures,

Finally, we must have a monitoring system to measure progress and hold each other accountable for the outcome of the Summit, as is the case with the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP). We are ready to consider modifying the latter to integrate the food systems approach into monitoring progress towards 2030, and to share our lessons and experiences with the rest of the world.

**Thank you.**