

Africa Dialogue Series: Webinar

Opening Remarks on behalf of Mr. QU Dongyu, Director-General of the Food
and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
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1. It is an honor to provide the opening remarks,

7. And with this, we are losing our natural capital to desertification and deforestation, biodiversity is declining and, with it, the resilience of our agrifood systems.
8. In April, FAO organized its Regional Conference for Africa, hosted by Equatorial Guinea, where many Agriculture Ministers and other partners discussed how, together, we can strive to boost the resilience of small-holder farmers, who are the backbone of rural development.
9. In fact, this is a key component of the

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