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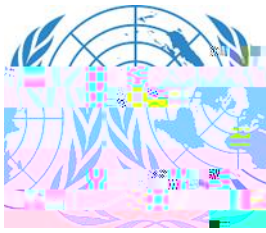


Second, digitization is a gamechanger that can easily support increases in production. Financing for small holder farmers is an indispensable tool that can enable African farmers access to the latest technologies to improve their productivity.

Third, food-based social protection initiatives, such as school-feeding programmes, are essential to building resilience against socio-economic crises, to address malnutrition, and to invest in

And fourth, understanding the food-climate-energy nexus is critical to achieving resilience. Implementing climate smart agricultural technology, including off-grid renewable energy solutions to deploy irrigation systems, is indispensable to equip African farmers with the tools they need to overcome the risks created by climate change.

My friends,



We are not lacking in food; indeed, we have enough to feed the planet. What we do have is gaps in distribution, in access, in purchasing power.

Transforming food systems therefore requires addressing these underlying inequalities and restoring fair, or equitable, access to resources, including water, land, and seeds, as well as access to information, technology, and justice.

It also includes support for vulnerable groups, such as women, indigenous peoples, farmers and fishers, and migrants.

The COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and now, the war in Ukraine, have shown us that developing nations are constantly



faced with external shocks whose sources they cannot prevent nor control.

More efforts are needed to prevent, anticipate, prepare for, cope with, and recover from shocks, and to not only bounce back but to go further, stronger.

I am confident that these two days of High-level Policy Dialogues will provide the opportunity for insightful discussions, and I trust they will feed into the discussions of the General Assembly to collectively identify actionable recommendations to support

I wish you a successful Africa Dialogue Series.

Thank you.