

**PRESENTATION BY THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, GHANA AT THE
PRE-SUMMIT EVENT THE FOOD SYSTEMS DIALOGUE**

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COMMITMENT PAPER**

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I would like to thank the organizers for the opportunity to be part of this forum and to also contribute to the

Ghana is plagued with the double burden of malnutrition with stunting levels at 19% in children under five and obesity at 29.3% of the population.

The key food security challenges in Ghana include sub-optimal staple food production characterized by changing agro-ecology characterized by unpredictable rainfall patterns and reductions rainfall and declining soil fertility.

II. Key areas to focus on in the short to medium term

- x Provide targeted social safety nets to protect livelihoods in the face of risks related to climate variability, conflicts and other shocks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.
- x Improve nutrition of school children through effective implementation of the school feeding programme.
- x Increase consumer awareness and education on healthy eating
- x Strengthen integrated policymaking and coherence, inter-sectoral collaboration, and private sector engagement for food systems transformation
- x Ensure enforcement of regulations to increase consumer confidence and access to regional markets.

The key milestones include:

- x Production of climate-resilient varieties of diverse crops especially vegetables and legumes using sustainable agricultural practices increased by 40% by 2030
- x Reduction of postharvest losses by 50% through increased investment in affordable on-farm storage, handling technologies, transportation and logistics systems.
- x Increase investment in technologies for value addition, food waste management, (conversion of organic waste into products such fish feed, bio-based products), and bioenergy by 20% by 2030.
- x Implement Food based Dietary Guidelines to enhance to increase household dietary diversity scores by 30% and enhance nutritional value of meals for school feeding programs by 2030.

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