



policies and actions to achieve the desired targets by 2030. Out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, my government is committed to achieve No poverty, Zero hunger, Climate actions in the context of agricultural policies and interventions while other remaining 14 goals are to be addressed adequately and equally in the rest of development agenda of the government.

But as an agricultural country, Sri Lanka is still capable of fulfilling 2030 agenda by eliminating all forms of malnutrition by ensuring that sufficient quantities of safe, nutritious and affordable food are available to all citizens.

Sri Lanka has almost all favorable factors required for agriculture. As a sector, agriculture continues to be significantly important to our economy, contributing to a mega share of the national output and the workforce it is a sector for Sri Lanka not only for economic point of view, but also for sociocultural reasons, and it comprises a complex system of farmers, intermediaries, consumers, and other stakeholders.

Sri Lanka's food system comprises locally produced and the balance from imported food. Majority of the domestic requirement of rice, meat, eggs, fish, vegetables, and fruits is

produced locally. However, significant portion of wheat, canned fish, pulses, milk

ecosystems, Providing market data to all stakeholders in food supply chains, Strengthening and improving loan and insurance facilities by the government and developing additional risk transfer mechanisms, Improving technology and infrastructure to minimize supply chain losses, Implementing climate change mitigation programs are some of the key strategies which Sri Lankan government is practicing at the moment.

Our government has taken another significant move to build a healthy nation by the

and other disruptions, also to protect food system and livelihoods, and ensure food and nutritional security for the country's population.

I believe this UN Food Systems Pre Summit Dialogues will be a great platform for us to share our ideas and to obtain necessary directives in developing our national pathways towards sustainable food systems in achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Finally, As the Minister of Agriculture in Sri Lanka I will assure my fullest support and the cooperation for this program.

Thank You