

STATEMENT

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His Excellency Mr. Antonio Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Excellencies Heads of State and Government

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies & Gentlemen:

On behalf of my Government, I commend you, Mr. Secretary-General, for your inspiring and visionary leadership; and in particular, for dedicating this year - 2021 - to the advancement of the vision of the 2030 Agenda through the transformation of our global food systems.

I also express profound gratitude on behalf of my Government for the opportunity given to Liberia to serve as one of the two representatives, along with Morocco, representing Africa on the Advisory Committee of the Food Systems Summit.

EXCELLENCIES, DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I strongly believe and I am aware that Food Systems are fundamental to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Food systems impact the lives and livelihoods of people around the world. It is also evident that the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed deficiencies in our food systems, and has had a negative impact on progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Secretary-General, I am delighted to note that actions to transform our food systems will be informed by the outcomes of our national food systems dialogues. The dialogues are considered

In the same vein, Excellencies, my Government further commits to enlisting and advancing, the

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