

UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

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- Excellency, Secretary-General António Guterres
- Excellencies, Heads of State and Government
- Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

I commend the Secretary-General for his vision in convening this summit, the first ever focused on food systems as a driver of sustainable development.

The global food system is estimated at around \$8 trillion, which is one-tenth of the entire global economy. In Africa, 70% of adults work in agriculture and agri-business. But our continent's food systems are often fragmented and inefficient.

This represents a tremendous opportunity to speed up progress

The African Union Development Agency, NEPAD, has worked to facilitate an African Common Position in advance of this Summit, with the following priority tracks:

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