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# MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AT THE AFRICAN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2023,  
on the theme of

## “Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa’s Solutions to Food Systems Transformation”



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On behalf of **Ministers of Agriculture** present, with contributions from **stakeholders** across the **food systems community** on the continent and around the world, this year's **Ministerial Roundtable** surfaced the following resolutions we put forward to **AGRF community** and our **Heads of State and Government**:

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- Our food systems and communities are already suffering from climate change, and we need urgent action today.
- As we act, we recognize food systems are not only a victim of climate change, but also a contributor to the challenge, and a major opportunity of solutions for a green economy of the future.
- We recognize that we must act to deliver better for nature and climate, but we can only do this will recognising the central importance of food security and livelihoods for the growing African population. We are also committed to tackling poverty and hunger which are core part of the battle against climate change and other environmental issues. Hunger and poverty are the biggest enemies of nature.
- We are committed to put youth and women at the center of the food systems transformation agenda, and we recognize the need to prioritize creation of decent and fulfilling jobs for millions of our youth and women emerging in the labour force each year.
- We acknowledge the role of the private sector and other stakeholders in transforming Africa's food systems and commit to work with the legislature to create the right enabling environment and incentives for private sector investment.



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To **move forward** these priorities:

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- We call for a reform of the global financial architecture to deliver the means of implementation required for the sustainable food systems transformation agenda.
- We commit to strengthening collaboration, cooperation, and partnerships across all state actors and non-state actors, ensuring we approach food systems and climate action with a whole of government and whole of society approach. We will complement each other across ministries within country — Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Environment, Trade, industry, Energy, Health, Finance, and beyond and work in a coordinated manner.
- We will also complement each other by playing to our comparative advantage in food production in each country and increasing regional and continental food trade among to deliver on our shared vision of insuring food security regionally and continentally, to make this an African moment.
- In line with the call from Heads of State and Governments at this week's Africa Climate Summit, we share the recognition that we must seize this moment to bring forward a new era green growth to deliver for people, planet, and prosperity and make this an Africa moment.



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