



## **The Republic of Uganda**

### **Talking Notes for the Hon. Minister of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries**

**At the**

**Pre-Summit of the United Nations Food System  
Summit**

**26 -28 JULY 2021, ROME, ITALY**

**Virtual Meeting**

All Your Excellencies Present,  
All protocol observed,  
Good morning / afternoon!

- 1)** Distinguished participants, I bring to you warm greetings from His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. At the same time allow me to convey my sincere gratitude to the organizing team that has brought us together to discuss this important subject of food system transformation that touches virtually everybody in the world. In line with the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), food systems transformation will help Uganda to sustainably feed itself and transform her economy.
- 2)** I wish to point out that the intended outcomes of the food summit are in line with the Government of Uganda agenda as enshrined in our relevant agriculture, food security and nutrition policy frameworks. My country will take advantage of this summit, evaluate it self and take steps to ensure we completely become food and nutrition secure but also utilize the inherent great agricultural potential we have to become a middle-income country in the shortest time possible.
- 3)** As part of the preparations for the Food System Summit Uganda has been undertaking food systems dialogues at various levels. The outcomes of the dialogues will result in a policy shift on the country's position towards building and transforming the National Food System.
- 4)** Uganda contends that free trade plays a big role in reduction of food insecurity by connecting regions with limited agricultural potential in terms of food supplies and large populations; to regions with comparative advantages in agriculture. Trade also provides consumers access to more diversified and nutritious food. Therefore, ensuring easy market access to agricultural products at all levels regionally and internationally is key for agricultural transformation. Our countries need

to build necessary infrastructure that can ensure distribution of foods within and outside the country. There is need to do away with all kinds of trade barriers and fast track the implementation of enabling agreements at regional and international level. Uganda would like to put emphasis on research to develop high yielding, resilient, nutrition dense crop varieties and animal breeds and value addition of agricultural produce exported from our countries. If we do things right, Uganda alone can potentially feed the whole of the East African region.

- 5) Finally, I wish to state that, **Uganda will move with the rest of Africa** to propose a set of game changing solutions that will guide all countries on the continent to ensure food and nutrition security, health and prosperity of her people.

I wish all of you fruitful deliberations. I thank you so much.

**For God and My Country**

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