

CANADA'S NATIONAL STATEMENT
UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT
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(English version)

- Excellencies, senior representatives;
- Canada is pleased to welcome this Summit and its focus on the transformation of food systems.
- This Summit addresses a crucial challenge of our time: ensuring that food systems can equitably feed our growing global population with nutritious and sustainable diets.
- As part of the Summit process, Canada brought together industry, civil society, academia, Indigenous partners and governments, through independent and Member State Dialogues, to advance positive food systems change.
- The Dialogues examined key challenges and solutions across Canada's food systems relevant to our context, cultures and geography.
- Participants agreed: timely action is needed at home and abroad, and they identified areas for new, continued and increased actions to inform Canada's National Pathway Document.
- This document will build on existing initiatives and leadership from across Canada's food systems:
 - Canadian companies are deploying innovative and high-impact solutions to reduce and prevent food waste.
 - Our food and agriculture sector is developing and adopting clean technologies around green energy, energy efficiency, precision agriculture, and the bio-economy.
 - Canadian livestock producers are global leaders in sustainable production of protein with one of the lowest greenhouse gas emission profiles. Through sustainability assurance programs, Canada's producers are demonstrating their commitment to further lowering their environmental footprint and making strong socio-economic contributions.
- We must break down silos and build partnerships, as demonstrated by our Living Labs Program, which brings together farmers, scientists, and industry to accelerate the development and adoption of sustainable practices and technologies.
- We have much to learn from partnerships with Indigenous peoples, who have been safeguarding biodiversity and who have proven the importance of preserving traditional food systems.

- Empowering women is a prerequisite for food system transformation, and will result in systems that are more sustainable, equitable and efficient.
- Canada has been pleased to work with its partners to maintain the focus on gender equality, and amplify the voices of Indigenous peoples in the Summit process.
- The Sustainable Development Goals will not be achieved without an inclusive approach.
- Canada recognizes the importance of rules-based trade, science-based international standards and risk-based approaches to improving food security.
- We are pleased to see the strong global commitment to scaling proven methods to achieve Zero Hunger.
- As we move to implementation, the spirit of collaboration should continue.
- Every nation contributes to the development of positive long-term changes. The voice of each nation matters.