

**STATEMENT**

**By**

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DEFENCE FORCES**

**DURING**

**THE VIRTUAL UNITED NATIONS FOOD  
SYSTEMS SUMMIT HELD**

**ON**

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**Excellencies,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**1. My Administration has focused on ensuring 100% food and nutrition security in Kenya. We also recognise that to feed a fast-growing population, we need a step change in policy and practice.**

**2.** We have developed a **Kenya's Food Systems Call to Action**. It seeks to develop food systems, which are data driven, **inclusive, and innovative, and which** ensures Kenya's food systems provide a rich and **diverse diet and** builds **climate resilient livelihoods**.

**3.** The specific Actions we are taking include:-

**I. Enhancing food production systems by** making available relevant information to our **farmers, and traders** through the national e-voucher programme, **market information systems** and **commodity exchanges**.

**II. Engaging the youth in agriculture.** The **launch** of our **4-K Clubs** and **Young Farmers Clubs** will engage the youth in the food production cycle, ignite their passion for agriculture.

**III. Increasing access to nutritious food and diversifying the diet** by bringing back **forgotten** and **neglected traditional foods**, and investing in **fisheries, aquaculture, livestock, fruits,** and **vegetable** farming.

**IV. Enhancing our School Meals Feeding and School Milk Programme.** I am pleased that Kenya is taking a leadership role in the **School Meals Coalition** as a critical driver for institutionalising nutrition-based school feeding programmes in all **participating countries.**

**V.** Harnessing the power of **innovation** and **digital technologies** in **agriculture** and fostering an environment that allows our innovators to thrive and contribute to agricultural transformation. Using **mobile technologies,** we are equipping our farmers with information on markets and inputs.

**VI.** Developing **climate smart agriculture programmes.** We will further **expedite** our ecosystems restoration efforts through agroforestry, reforestation, and ensure sustainable use of our natural resources.

**4. To support transformation of our economies,** I would like to challenge our **global financial institutions** to **innovate** and **design** appropriate **de-risking** and **financing instruments** for increased **investment** in Agriculture.

**I Thank You.**

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