

Your Excellency the Secretary General of the United Nations

Excellencies Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of State and Government,

Excellencies Ladies and Gentlemen Ambassadors and Members of the Diplomatic Corps,

Any observed protocol

On behalf of the President of the Republic of Madagascar, Mr. Andry Rajoelina, I would like to send you our greetings, and thank the United Nations for initiating and organizing this "People's Summit and Solutions Summit" on food systems.

With more than 41% of its population affected by chronic malnutrition, and on the basis of the April 2021 national diagnosis, Madagascar, the 4th largest island in the world, wants to reverse the trend, and make our slogan a reality: "Malagasy population well-nourished and healthier, through efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable food systems" by 2030.

Two participatory national consultations were carried out in order to outline a roadmap, which will guide the country towards the food systems transformation which requires behavior change and more inclusive and multisectoral approaches in the consideration of food systems.

Through the Madagascar Emergence Plan which directly contributes to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals 2030, and to put an end to food crises in regions strongly affected by the adverse effects of climate change, particularly in the south of the island, our country is committed to promote:

- access to a diversified, healthy and nutritious diet with the involvement of the private sector and civil society
- governance that promotes equitable and resilient livelihoods;
- youth and women's entrepreneurship
- climate resilient production, with local transformation, agri-business, the landscape approach and the use of renewable energies
- And finally, to do everything possible to accelerate the process of effective decentralization in order to establish a territorial balance and guarantee equity in the distribution of public resources.

The increase in agricultural production will go through the development of agricultural infrastructure and opening up, the scaling up of innovative mechanisms to improve access to local agricultural services in terms of advice, extension, training, technical supervision and funding.

Honorable assistance,

Madagascar has already joined three coalitions including Zero Hunger, Resilient Food Supply Chain and Transformation Through Agroecology.

We are confident that all countries of the world share the same belief in making food systems more inclusive, resilient and sustainable for the benefit of humanity.

Long live Madagascar and long live international cooperation.

Thank you