



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to address you all today at the United Nations Food Systems Summit.

This virtual gathering via the great use of technology is a remarkable achievement-it is a display of global resilience that will further enhance international cooperation to defeat hunger, poverty, and ensure food and nutrition security for 7.9 billion people worldwide.

2021 has been a year of formidable challenges. The devastating impact of Covid-19 on the world's economies has further exposed the fragility of our food systems and these challenges have been particularly magnified in Nauru since we are heavily reliant on international trade and imported food.

Nauru calls for the need to see more regional and international cooperation, so disruptions to food production do not cause shortages and price spikes in vulnerable countries on the other side of the globe.

Nauru remains committed to restructure its agriculture sector to increase domestic food production for food security and improved nutrition. The actions to reconfigure our food systems will further be addressed through the implementation of a National Agriculture Strategy that will serve as the central pillar for a systemic reform of the food sector through a multistakeholder approach.

The outcome of national dialogues has also been critical in reaching a consensus to launch bold new solutions to transform food systems by 2030. Nauru's transformative pathway will focus on 1) addressing the critical nexus between food and nutrition for improved food production and delivery, and reduced food waste (2) promoting an efficient and climate-resilient agricultural and fisheries sector that supports livelihoods (3) and establishing a cross-sector mechanism to facilitate more coordinated governance to food systems that will serve to improve the livelihoods of all Nauruans.

Excellencies,

Achieving these transformational pathways require that no one, no country is left behind, and to realize these goals will require international financial and technical support.

On this path towards expediting the transformation of global food systems, this summit represents only the first step; the journey towards 2030 lies before us. Nauru stands firmly committed to the shared responsibility of transforming food systems to eradicate food insecurity and malnutrition in all its forms, deliver affordable healthy diets for all, and accelerate the efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

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