

## PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI STATEMENT AT THE UN FOOD SYSTEM SUMMIT

### PROTOCOLS:

**Secretary General, Heads of States and Govt, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen.**

Let me thank the Secretary General of the United Nations, for convening the 2021 Food Systems Summit, it is a bold step towards achieving the 2030 global development Agenda at a time COVID-19 pandemic and its attendant consequences is threatening progress.

Over the past several months, we have engaged in dialogue with numerous stakeholders to understand their food systems, experiences and needs. The stakeholders stressed that the setting up of a food system focused plaquing these gaps while prioritizing healthy diets and affordable nutrition will go a long way in improving lives and livelihoods of the over Two hundred million Nigerians.

Our goal remains to have an efficient, inclusive food system. This is vital especially taking into account the impact of climate change.

Following the recommendations from the dialogues and our plan to lift 100 million Nigerians out of poverty within a decade, Nigeria is committed to:

- a) Investing in food security and nutrition knowledge dissemination, skills' development, and information management systems to enhance agricultural productivity.
- b) Building sustainable, responsive, and inclusive food systems.
- c) Enhancing the productivity of smallholder farmers; and empowering women and youths for greater access to food production and processing.

As we work to transform our food systems and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda, we hope to learn from, and collaborate with Member States that have grappled or are grappling with food systems concerns similar to ours. We especially support the emerging coalitions of actions and sustainable food systems.

Thank you