

2021 Global Food Systems Summit

Commitment Speech

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA

Remarks attributable to His Excellency, Mahdi Mohammed Gulaid, Deputy Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia on the occasion of the 2021 Global Food System Summit

(Pre Recorded)

Your Excellency, Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is indeed a great honour to participate in this UN Food System Summit which showcases our commitment as the federal government of Somalia to add our voice and contribute to such global efforts to transform our food systems.

Our acceptance of the call to action by the food systems champions in Somalia reflects our dedication in addition to our support for investment in agri-business and food systems by promoting infrastructure, irrigation technology, and mechanization of all stages of production, to facilitate productivity throughout the year.

We further commit to promote durable solutions to prevent the negative impacts of migration and displacement on food systems.

We endeavor to intensify efforts to combat climate change effects such as famine, floods, pests, and promote disaster risk reduction (approaches) that are context specific to Somalia.

We shall scale up Early Warning Systems, which will support early decision making, risk mitigation and reduce magnitude of displacement.

We commit to minimize the impact of shocks and scale up Social Protection programming within the country.

We shall advocate for the adoption and scaling up of nutrition sensitive, government led social protection programmes to ensure no-one is left behind.

We shall also stimulate markets, provide livelihood opportunities and more local nutritious food options by increasing investments in diversified nutrition sensitive value chains.

We shall encourage and create an enabling environment to support women's access to productive resources such as land, technology, active engagement, and involvement in leadership positions.

We shall engage the youth in designing and developing digital innovative solutions while creating youth centric opportunities meaningful engagement, participation and access to resources so as to enhance and scale up digital practices and innovations.

Ladies and gentlemen, excellencies. As I conclude I reiterate that Somalia remains supportive of food systems and achieving SDGs 2030.

We have witnessed the devastating effects of climate change, weak food systems and I hope through continued collaboration we shall have a lasting solution and a better world.

I thank you all.

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