## Statement of Sudan

## **FOOD SYSTEM SUMMIT 2021**

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**Excellency Secretary General** 

Gentlemen, heads of Global and regional organizations

Honorable heads of Member states

Ladies, gentlemen, honorable attendees,,,,

I am honored to participate in this important event which will change the map of food systems in the whole world. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the United nations for the initiative.

Our country suffers from a comprehensive imbalance, including COVID – 19 pandemic and other hazards.

This initiative will improve Sudan's food system by making optimal use of natural abundant resources in terms of land, water sources, distinguished geographical location and a range of climatic zones.

There are currently agreed upon policies, strategies and institutional framework for food security and nutrition.

Sudan is distinguished by the presence of partnership with member states, international, regional organizations private sector and civil society organizations. All of these opportunities contribute to the implementation of all required steps for sustainable food system. The political change in the country is considered as a real change that will support this initiative, as the country is now aiming at addressing all the challenges created by the former regime. As a result of these problems, Sudan has suffered from food insecurity and high malnutrition rates. her fore it requires the support from the United Nations to accelerate the achievement of these goals.

Sudan has taken as a slogan and is preparing its path way namely for developing food system to be equitable, sustainable and resilient to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Ladies and gentle men,,,

Sudan is now open to the world and is practicing democracy, overcoming all challenges to develop and implement strategies that must enable the country to achieve these goals.

Among the most important priorities, for achieving the objectives are the following;

Transform the food system and support small scale producers and population through;

Ensure food safety by modernizing laboratories and traceability system.

- Standardize channels and implementing quality indicators.
- Enhancing agricultural diversity, supporting bio diversity, and supporting bio fortification and food fortification (e. g school feeding and home gardens).
- Improving consumption and goof food cultural practices and positively changing consumption patterns.
- Improving productivity and production by applying innovations and technology transfer, reducing loss and waste. Raising the efficiency of producers organizations and encouraging adaptive agriculture to climate change
- Improving and developing food processing, quality control and benefiting from the value added by product export.
- Fair and equitable livelihood in terms of assets and strategies, mainly for segments of women, youth and vulnerable groups.
- Involving rural communities in food systems.
- Building resilience for the communities, improving access to adequate income, and managing disaster to build communities capacities to address them.
- All these objectives will be coupled by capacity building to manage the resources.

Accordingly, we declare Sudan's committeemen to fully support the implementation of these decisions including joining the coalitions and initiatives that promote the transformation of food systems.