



The Republic of Uganda

**Country Statement to the United Nations Food
Systems Summit**

**By the Minister of Agriculture Animal Industry
and Fisheries**

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Your Excellency, President of the UN General Assembly,
All Your Excellencies Present,
All Protocol observed,
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the H.E the President and the people of the Republic of Uganda, I convey to you warm greetings from Uganda – the Pearl of Africa.

Your excellences, Uganda responded to the Call of the UN Secretary General regarding this Food System Summit by organising dialogues right from the grass-roots to the national level. The climax was the national dialogue presided over by H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda.

A number of issues emerged from the dialogues key of which include:

- (i)** Uganda is endowed with favourable agro-ecological conditions that can support all year round food production and supply. However, this potential has not been adequately exploited due to limited access to and use of technology, inadequate infrastructure, poor production and post-harvest handling practices, limited market access, climate change effects, environmental degradation and low levels of value addition among others.
- (ii)** Some unsafe food and poor-quality products are affecting health and market competitiveness of Uganda's foods.
- (iii)** Limited social protection services and coverage across the country.

(iv) Low investment in food systems research, science, technology and innovations.

Despite these challenges, Uganda has made significant strides in the transformation of food systems:

(i) Supportive infrastructure has been improved across the country including, improvement of the road network, irrigation infrastructure, increased rural electrification, development of sub-national and cross-border markets, supporting digitalization and e-commerce.

(ii) An enabling policy environment exists and SDGs have been fully integrated in national development.

(iii) The Government will increase investment in research as a critical enabler to resilient, sustainable food systems development.

The Government of Uganda is committed to taking bold and accelerated steps to fast-track implementation of resolutions and plan of actions from the Summit.

I thank you



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