An approach focused on the right to food as a fundamental human right is crucial for the transformation of food systems at the global level, in line with the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

Sustainable food systems are key to the goal we have mutually agreed of eradication of hunger by 2030, as agreed in the UN Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The path to sustainable food systems depends on an approach through which the protection, processing, distribution and consumption of food is seen through the lenses of the major challenges we currently face, particularly fighting climate change and preserving biodiversity.
In my country, Portugal, we have for long paved a way where traditional sustainable systems are highly valued, side by side with modern ones. And a country where public policies aim at supporting sustainability and climate neutrality, together with social justice, fair income and support to primary producers.

On the food and farming dimensions of food systems, Portugal is developing an integrated strategy, so-called “Future Earth” agenda, strongly supported by knowledge, innovation, and interconnecting all agri-food system dimensions: health, environment, climate and land.

Under our Presidency, the Portuguese Presidency, the EU adopted Conclusions on the priorities for this United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021.

As stated in the EU vision for this Summit, we are committed to reaching an ambitious outcome, a common vision, translating into a clear and actionable agenda, which forces a transformation of food systems and makes the right to food a reality.