

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
FOR THE 2021 FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

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Excellency,

I am writing to you with great pleasure to share an update regarding the Pre-Summit of the Food Systems Summit scheduled to take place in Rome, Italy from 26-28 July, 2021.

Following the invitation letter and government guidance note shared with all Member States on 14 June, 2021, momentum continues to build towards the Pre-Summit as a moment that will bring together all of the work done over the past year and help determine how we move forward with food systems to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Given the importance and urgency of this Pre-Summit, we are pleased to see strong interest in the form of confirmations of in-person and virtual participation coming from Member States and constituencies in all regions of the world.

In this regard and given the significance of this Summit, **the Secretariat is pleased to extend the final deadline for the submission of national delegations for the Pre-Summit until Tuesday, 13 July, 2021** to allow more Member States additional time for decisions as more information becomes available on the Pre-Summit program, modalities, and Covid-19 protocols for the event. The latest program and responses to a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) are now available on the Pre-Summit webpage. A Covid-19 protocol is expected soon, which will enable safe, efficient, and inclusive participation of all official delegates from any country in the world.

**It is important to note that the Summit is anchoring the food systems agenda in Member State leadership and Ministerial engagement throughout the program.** As a result, in addition to the opportunity for Ministerial statements by every Member State which are both physical and virtual, the program will also feature opportunities for tone-setting leadership in all of the Summit's plenary sessions, Ministerial Roundtables, as well as thematic sessions across the three days. The Secretariat is therefore finalizing speaking roles in the program in the course of next week with priority opportunities for Member State leadership in mind.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we look forward to your country's leadership at the Pre-Summit later this month. Please accept Excellency, assurances of my highest consideration.



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