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Side event at the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
United Nations Headquarters, New York
26 September 2015, 3.00 PM – 4.30 PM
Conference Room 5

Welcoming remarks

- Hon. Maurizio Martina, Minister of Agriculture of Italy
- Hon. Hanna Serwaa Tetteh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ghana
- Hon. Carl Greenidge, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana
- High Level Representative, Thailand (TBD)
- High Level Representative, Brazil (TBD)

Panel discussion

- Amina J. Mohammed, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning (TBC)
- Graziano Da Silva, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization – FAO
- Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme
- Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of the International Fund for Agriculture Development – IFAD

Moderator

- Thomas Gass, ASG DESA for Sustainable Development

HL Programmed intervention from the floor

- Ministers and high level representatives inscribed in a dedicated list of speakers

Q&A

Background

In the aftermath of the approval of the Sustainable Development Goals, the issue of food security will have to be addressed with renewed energy with the aim of fostering partnerships between Member States, UN agencies and civil society.

To this end, the most important international event focused on the theme of food security – Expo Milano 2015 - delivered the *Milan Charter*, an international initiative open to the contributions of citizens, companies, associations and institutions, which all share and jointly engage to tackle the challenges posed by the Universal Exhibition, summed up in the question: "Is it possible to ensure good, healthy, sufficient and sustainable nutrition for all?". The *Charter* represents a compass to guide individual behaviors and political choices of those who adhere to it. It focuses on key issues such as food waste, the right to food, food safety, poverty reduction, the role of women in agricultural development, sustainable agricultural production and food consumption, preservation of biodiversity. The document, which is presently open to public subscription and which will be formally delivered to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, on the occasion of the World Food Day on October 16th, can be seen as an exercise of "global citizenship" and a new departing point for strengthening international cooperation to reach the common goals of ensuring sustainable nutrition for all.