

UN Food Systems Summit 2021
Independent Dialogue
Towards Safe Food, Nutritious Diets, and Resilient Food Systems
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CLOSING REMARKS

Good evening, good afternoon or good morning to our distinguished panelists, colleagues, and guests. Congratulations for having very interactive and productive discussions in sharing your experiences, ideas, and initiatives to promote resilient and sustainable food systems.

As we know, food system by nature is comprehensive, which includes so many actors and subsectors like crops, livestock, fish, and so forth, as well as activities starting from production to consumption, and even the disposal of its leftovers. I am glad to see today's dialogue discussed these from different perspectives and spatial diversities.

As experts from different areas have participated in this dialogue, I am confident that today's discussions will result in pragmatic actions that will

achieve our overarching goal to end hunger and malnutrition, not only in the Mongolia or Pakistan, but in the whole Asia and Pacific region.

This dialogue is organized as an integral part of upcoming UN Food Systems Summit in September, focusing on action Track 3, which is on “Boosting Nature-Positive Production.” I cannot emphasize how important it is for us to produce safe food with minimum carbon footprint, and minimum impact on nature and climate change.

We had a very interactive discussion today in a specific country context, which was Mongolia, on how to promote nature-positive production, as well as healthy consumption with the balanced intake of animal and plant-based food. This dialogue also discussed how to integrate knowledge, finance, and service platform to catalyze more private and public investments in all segments of the food systems in the region, where experiences from Mongolia will very useful.

The most important question is how to distill the pragmatic actions from today’s discussions and implement them. So, today’s dialogue is just the beginning. I would like to see it as instrumental, or a starting point,

rather an end discussion, to bring together all of us to continue the journey in building resilient and sustainable food systems. I hope our collaboration and joint efforts will continue until we reach the goal of this important journey.

Finally, I would like to conclude by thanking our partner organization in this event, IFAD, and participating organizations European Investment Bank, FAO, Government of Mongolia, Green Climate Fund, Mastercard, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Wageningen University, World Organization for Animal Health, and the World Vegetable Center. I would also like to thank my own colleagues from SDCC, EARD, and Mongolia Resident Mission. The dialogue is now officially closed.

Thank you everyone, and stay safe.