



The Republic of Uganda

Country Statement at the UN Food Systems Summit+2 Stock taking Moment

**By the Honorable Minister of State, Ministry of
Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries**

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(Protocol)

Your Excellency, President of the UN General Assembly,

All Your Excellencies Present,

All Protocol observed,

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, I convey to you warm greetings from Uganda.

Your Excellencies, The Government of Uganda is committed to taking bold and accelerated steps to fast-track transformation of the country food systems within the overall framework of achieving sustainable development for her people.

In line with this commitment, the country has made strides in transforming her food systems:

- (i) We have established the National Food Systems Coordination Committee in the office of the Prime Minister. It is composed of constituting of multi-sectoral agencies of government, UN office in Uganda, Academia, Agricultural research bodies, CSOs and the private sector. The committee is supporting the strategic analysis of the country food systems that will be used to chart out a food systems transformation plan for Uganda.
- (ii) We are organizing and rallying stakeholders behind the National food systems pathway to implement the food systems transformation in a programmatic way.

- (iii) We have prioritized research and production of nutrient rich foods such as iron rich and zinc rich beans, Vitamin A rich sweet potatoes and industrially fortified food products plus their access to households.
- (iv) Continuing with improvement of supportive infrastructure 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. We are also scaling up access to mechanisation through provision of tractors to large scale farmers and putting in place easy to reach mechanization units where farmers can access tractor services including repairs and hiring for land opening.
- (v) We are fast-tracking the review of the food and nutrition policy with a food systems lens and launch it as key overarching national policy framework for food systems transformation.
- (vi) Since last financial year (2022/23) we have been implementing a special Food & Feed Security Program through direct annual budget support of about US\$ 47M, aimed at large scale production of key staple foods for human consumption and animal feeds with the goal of stabilizing food availability and access for vulnerable populations in the country.
- (vii) Starting this financial year (2023/24), we will implement a six-year nation-wide climate Smart Agricultural Transformation Project (Approx US\$ 350M) that aims at achieving the triple gains of improved agricultural productivity, social economic transformation and nature friendly production.

(viii) Effective last financial year we are implementing a nationwide nutrition sensitive agricultural Parish Development Model that aims at ensuring economic / financial inclusion of the poor 39% of the population in Uganda. Resource poor friendly agricultural enterprise such as zero grazing units, poultry farming for egg production, fish farming, fruits and vegetable growing, intensive coffee production and production of food security crops are promoted and financed.

I Thank you

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