

Ladies and Gentlemen who are working around the world to make our food systems sustainable, equitable and resilient, on bio 820 t0.7 .991e24e0.7 3 (nab)- of our food systems and allowing us to make the voices of our the Indian Ocean heard. It is an honour as the designated er to address you all today.

et food importer. 75% of our requirements are imported.

The Covid 19 pandemic has revealed the weaknesses in our food systems. Beyond a health calamity, it has caused economic hardships, severe disruption in services as well as restrictions on movement. Our food system, health system and economic system have all been under severe stress and the pandemic has compelled us to address our weaknesses. Our food system is also faced with other challenges such as climate change, water scarcity, land degradation, flash floods, loss of biodiversity, pest and disease outbreaks amongst, others.

We intend to maintain constant dialogue with all stakeholders and the community at large in our endeavour towards a sustainable, safe and reliable food system at national and regional level.

This platform has been a forum for learning and sharing for all of us. Mauritius will transform its food systems by drawing inspiration from what is the strength and beauty of our islands, but also of humanity as a whole, and which the United Nations perfectly embodies: unity in diversity.

I thank you for your attention.