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National Food Systems Dialogue Pre-Summit Statement.

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Statement of the Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

President of the ConfeColleague Minister Convenors

Distinguished Delegates

It is my singular honour to address this august body on the occasion of the World Food Systems Pre-Summit 2021. My gratitude is extended to the Italian Government for the warm welcome to the eternal city of Rome and for hosting the pre-summit.

The Pre-Summit serve as a preparatory meeting for the Food Systems Summit in September. It brings together diverse actors from around the world to leverage the power of food systems to deliver progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The food systems are the sum of actors and interactions along the food value chain—from input supply and production of crops, livestock, fish,

and other food commodities to transportation, processing, wholesaling, retailing, and preparation of foods at household level, disposal and food waste management.

In The Gambia we were able to conduct regional, national and an independent (civil society and farmer organizations) dialogues which gave rise to our national pathway.

- 3) Milestone 6 will contribute to developing livelihoods and reducing the gaps between regions and different strata of society by creating employment opportunities and developing infrastructure.
- 4) Milestone 7 will contribute to building partnerships, particularly, the commitment to the AU-CAADP process of allocating 10% of the national budget to agriculture as contained in

