

FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT
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Dear Secretary General,

Dear Colleagues,

When Secretary General Guterres launched the idea of this Summit in 2019, malnutrition was already on the rise.

Today, this plight has become even more dramatic.

According to the latest data, almost one in ten people in the world is undernourished.

The pandemic and the global downturn have pushed nearly 100 million people into extreme poverty, bringing the total to 730 million.

Climate change has increased the risk of droughts, floods and extreme weather events, which affect the agricultural sector disproportionately.

Changes in precipitation patterns and heat waves have reduced crop yields and land productivity.

The combined effect of health crises, economic instability, and climate change has the potential to undermine our collective efforts to fight hunger globally.

Italy is fully committed to promoting sustainable and resilient food systems, both at the national level and as G20 Presidency.

At the G20 Ministerial Meeting in Matera in June, we signed t