

**SPEECH FOR MINISTER MARIE-CLAUDE BIBEAU
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA
UN FOOD SYSTEMS PRE-SUMMIT**

- Vos Excellences,
- Hauts représentants du monde entier provenant :
 - du secteur privé, de la société civile, du milieu universitaire et du secteur agricole;
 - et amis et hôtes à Rome,

Thank you for making this important event a reality.

I am joining you today from the traditional territory of the Abenaki
People and the Wabenaki confederacy (P.M. (21) 08 70 24 82 (nc) 0

Canada looks forward to drawing on these dialogues and the broader work on our national pathway leading up to the Summit.

This **inclusive approach** to food systems change is **at the heart** of our **Food Policy for Canada**.

Our shared vision of the policy is that *people in Canada are able to access a sufficient amount of safe, nutritious, and culturally-diverse food.*

And that Canada's food systems are resilient and innovative, help

As well as economic sustainability, we are focussing on **environmental sustainability**. We see urgently the need to take action to address climate change and to protect the environment, both vital to a resilient food system.

In Canada, we are investing in new technologies and farming practices to advance the use of regenerative agriculture and improve soil and water conservation.

We've also launched innovative challenges to reduce food loss and waste.

We are also focusing on **social sustainability** to ensure that our food systems are inclusive.

We recognize the need to break down barriers so that more women,

Par conséquent, il faut un environnement commercial mondial fondé **sur des règles et la science** pour que les aliments puissent être acheminés là où ils sont nécessaires et que les agriculteurs aient accès aux outils et aux technologies dont ils ont besoin.

Every nation plays a part in shaping long-term positive change in **all** aspects of society, including our food systems. **Everyone's voice matters.**

On behalf of Canada's Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, on behalf of our farmers and seafood producers and processors