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Dear Ms Kalibata,

On behalf of the [Committee on World Food Security](#) (CFS), I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment as Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit. With only ten years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, this Summit will be a decisive moment to propel momentum, expand knowledge, and share experiences worldwide to help countries and stakeholders to promote sustainable food systems in their three dimensions - economic, social, and environmental - for the benefit of both people and planet. The Summit will also offer a catalytic moment for global mobilization and actionable commitments in relevant areas such as inclusive development, climate change adaptation and mitigation, resilience, and sustainable peace.

Through this message, I wish to inform you that the Committee on World Food Security, which I understand you are already familiar with, is in the process of developing the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN), to be presented for endorsement at the 47th Plenary Session of CFS from 12th to 16th October 2020. These guidelines will provide guidance on policies, investments, and institutional arrangements needed to make food systems healthy and sustainable, and address the key causes of malnutrition in all its forms from a food systems perspective. They are intended to contribute to the implementation of the Framework for Action of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) and the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025). Their preparation is informed by findings and the scientific evidence provided by the [CFS High level Panel of Experts](#) (HLPE) Report (#12, 2017) on Nutrition and Food Systems, and by inputs received during regional consultations held during 2019.

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Ms Agnes Kalibata
Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit
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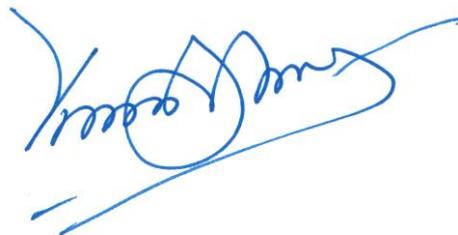
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Chairperson, FAO Council

Mr H. Badr
President, WFP Executive Board

I understand that the Chair and Vice Chair of the HLPE Steering Committee have been in touch to offer their assistance and propose synergies between your work and ours. The HLPE is a core component of CFS, and serves as one of the UN system's unique and valuable assets related to food security and nutrition knowledge.

CFS will continue its help to countries and other stakeholders to promote healthy and sustainable food systems, and can make very relevant and practical contributions to the deliberations of the Food Systems Summit. As its Chairperson, I believe that the CFS, in partnership with the Rome-based Agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP), can directly support the preparatory process towards the 2021 Summit. I understand that you will be arriving in Rome on February 10 for meetings with IFAD and others. I look forward to that occasion to make your acquaintance. If you are so inclined, I can also organize a special meeting of the CFS Bureau and its Advisory Group, to broaden the conversation, to discuss the importance of developing an early and strong collaboration between your mission and the mandates of CFS, the Rome based Agencies, and member state delegations, in order to achieve our common goals of eradicating hunger and malnutrition in all their forms. I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thanawat Tiensin', with a large circular flourish in the center and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thanawat Tiensin
Chairperson
Committee on World Food Security