

2021 Food Systems Summit PSM Ambition Statement

The Private Sector has the following ambitions for the future of Food Systems and the Summit, and we look forward to working in partnership with all stakeholders to achieve each of these important goals.

- Human ingenuity will enable us to do more with less, improve quality and health, protect the planet, and ensure that no one goes hungry.
- We welcome holistic dialogues with all stakeholders, respecting the rights of everyone to contribute towards meaningful change. We must move from ideology to meaningful and measurable actions.
- We recognize that there can be no “one size fits all” approach to agriculture. Farmers, communities and countries must be empowered to make their own choices about the agricultural tools, techniques, technologies and new innovations that are appropriate for their environment, climates, and local contexts.
- We acknowledge that agriculture has a major role to play in environmental sustainability through innovative, regenerative agricultural practices that contribute to improved soil, water, livestock and plant health while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- We further acknowledge that agriculture must contribute to biodiversity protection and enhancement and creation of a more circular economy, through improved systems e.g., precision application of inputs, integrated management practices, and recycling.
- The adoption of more sustainable and efficient use of the land and seas’ resources will enable us to feed the expected 8.5 billion people on earth by 2030.
- Improving health of soil, plants and livestock, contributes to overall human health, livelihoods, and nutrition.
- Embracing diverse diets contributes to human health and reduces food and nutrition insecurity.
- Enhancing trade, whether at a local, regional or international level, connects farmers to markets and ensures greater accessibility of food and feed.
- As women make up a significant proportion of the rural economy, ensuring greater connectivity to markets will improve their ability to make informed choices about their lives, families and diets.
- Youth are the future of the food system and they should be encouraged to enter the sector, including through digital and other innovations.
- Improving nutrition and diets will need more education, it will also require improved access to a variety of food choices as well as a better understanding of the context in which it is produced, prepared and consumed, in different communities.
- Food safety is paramount, and science and evidence-based international standards be applied.
- The private sector invests in science and all members of the scientific community, whether public or private, have a key role to play.
- Science and technological advances, in plant and livestock breeding, and production practices, support a new renaissance in agriculture.
- Science and technological advances in food production, storage, movement, trade, processing, preparation, and delivery support a more sustainable food system.
- Everyone in the food system requires a level playing field based on science and evidence and a predictable, stable policy framework to thrive and thus contribute to the realization of the SDGs.