



## **G20 AGRICULTURE MINISTERS MEETING**

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### **Session 5: G20 contribution to COP26 and UNFSS**

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Formal Statement

Excellencies, Distinguished guests, good morning.

CGIAR is deeply involved in the UN Food System Summit process and the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference by contributing evidence and solutions for food systems transformation and climate action.

After building a 50-year track record of delivering science and innovation on food security and sustainable agriculture, CGIAR is undergoing major reforms unifying our network of research centers across the globe to respond in a more effective manner to today's interconnected challenges. This reform, in both our approach to science and the way we do business, is our major commitment to food, land and water systems transformation and climate change.

These global events — UNFSS and CoP26 — call for a systems approach to expand work on sustainable production, resource management and policy analysis.

We have been actively engaging in the UNFSS in several ways:

- (1) providing scientific evidence and game-changing solutions,
- (2) technical support to the preparatory work of the Science Group and Action Tracks,
- (3) hosting and participating in numerous Food Systems Summit national and global Dialogues.

Going forward, we are committed to the UNFSS coalitions where our science can make the greatest contribution. We stand ready to support a robust, evidence-based science-policy

dialogue. And we are committed to accelerating the development and deployment of tools, technologies, and science-based innovations through a new ambitious research agenda.



For example, for COP26, CGIAR is generating climate scenario analyses to inform national policies and investments for climate adaptation and mitigation by agri-food sectors. For governments, this analysis can inform best-bet investments and actions to combat climate change and build resilience and contribute to economic security.

Now, we are launching a new investment plan of 33 initiatives for the next 3 years, many with a climate adaptation and mitigation focus. COP26 will provide the space to announce these climate-focused Initiatives that will leverage CGIAR networks, especially with many of our partners from the Global South.

We see the G20 supporting the UNFSS and COP26 by (i) catalyzing greater investments in Research and Innovation and delivering them effectively as rightfully stressed in today's communiqué, (ii) by repurposing public support – as we heard from G20 members - to create incentives for producers to adopt sustainable practices and consumers to make healthy dietary choices, and (iii) by supporting countries to reorient their policies in support of sustainable food systems, as the choices by one country has implications on those available to others.

The UNFSS and COP26 stand for the achievement of our common and global goals. This requires both concerted and coordinated action, and the G20 can help provide the framework for this much needed action.

We stand ready to support your efforts.

Thank you.