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It is an honor for me, to be in this very important session.

Five-year implementation of 2030 Agenda, we have been making progress on social and economy goals but we are lagged behind in environmental goals.

In food security, we made progress on agriculture productivity; malnourished also reduced between 2015-2019, but the number is still big. Many reports provide detail data and information that we are still behind in many targets.

There are few points that I need to share to accelerate action to achieve “Ending Hunger and Achieving Food Security” on time.

First, I would like to remind you that as suggested by GSDR 2019; we need to see all 17 Goals in a systemic manner, because they have trade-off as well as co-benefit. The GSDR 2019, suggests 6 Entry Points for Transformations and one of them is: Food System and Nutrition Pattern.

- (i) We need to upscale current food production to meet projected demand but we need to find a sustainable food system because simply upscaling will not meet Paris Agreement and many of the SDGs;
- (ii) We need policy changes to enable more equitable global access to nutritional foods;
- (iii) Technological innovation is prerequisite for the transition, but cannot its own deliver the transitions.

Second, Covid-19 has highlighted inequality and vulnerability in our food system. Covid-19 also underline the importance of interlinkages between health-food system-economy; and Interlinkages across 6 Entry Points of Transformations suggested by GSDR 2019.

At the same time, Covid-19 also can be seen as opportunity to transform our food system and nutrition pattern, because there are lessons from “survival activities” on the ground:

- (i) People are doing more home cooking and more concern on healthy diets. So, this is an opportunity to “shift consumption patterns towards healthier diets”.
- (ii) Online and direct marketing of fresh products, prepared food and ready-to-eat-food in increasing. This is an opportunity to use IT to fundamentally shift towards sustainable food production system and value chains.
- (iii) During Covid-19, many governments also provide social protection widely. Very interesting that during Covid-19 people solidarity also increases, to share and care for each other. The role of Women and Youth also very strong.

Therefore, my last point is that, Government at country level needs to provide the right Governance; Fiscal and Economy; support Behavior and Collective Actions of the people; and in increasing the use of Science and Technology; *to Build Back Better*.

During Covid-19, we can see that IT plays critical role and can be used to promote *Sustainable Agriculture and Food System*. Highly involvement of women and young generations is key. Discussion with local scientist and stakeholders is key to find the right policy in transforming Agriculture and Food System and how it will link with five other Entry Point for Transformation,

Globally, we need to increase Partnership; Transform our financing; and Use science, technology and innovation; to accelerate and intensify our transitions To End Hunger and Achieving Food Security.

Thank you very much for your kind attentions.

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