

Ministerial Statement of the Alliance of Champions for Food Systems Transformation (ACF)

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We, the Ministers of Rwanda and Sierra Leone – on behalf of the founding Members of the Alliance of Champions for Food Systems Transformation (ACF) - have convened at the African Food Systems Forum (AFSF) in Kigali, Rwanda, with a shared vision to accelerate the transformation of global food systems. This key meeting marks a critical moment for the Alliance as we reaffirm our commitment to driving systemic change for better outcomes for people, nature, and climate ahead of COP16 and COP29.

The ACF is a coalition of countries, each determined to act urgently and consciously to inspire and galvanize action across all sectors of society, recognizing that food systems are central to addressing some of the most pressing challenges of our time, including food insecurity, malnutrition, environmental degradation, and climate change.

Africa, a diverse continent, with rich agricultural resources, a burgeoning young population and growing investment, has immense potential to deliver food systems that thrive in the face of climate change, nourish populations and support farmers. At AFSF, we are united in our view that food systems must be transformed to be resilient, sustainable, and equitable.

As signatories of the Alliance, we are committed to a ‘whole of government’ approach that ensures integrated and coordinated actions across sectors and ministries. This approach is crucial to addressing the complexities of food systems and to ensuring that our efforts have the greatest possible impact.

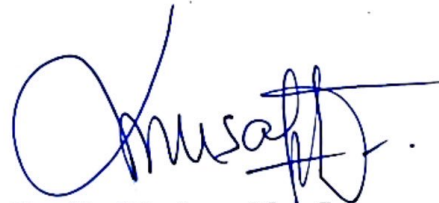
Our nations recognize that the transformation of food systems is not merely an option, but an imperative. The health and well-being of billions of people, the preservation of our planet, and the stability of our economies depend on it. As we meet in Kigali, we pledge to accelerate our efforts, working both within our countries and across borders to share knowledge, resources, and best practices. We will also seek to amplify our impact by welcoming other countries as members, and partnering with international organizations and others who share our vision.

The Alliance of Champions will continue to lead by example, demonstrating that it is possible to achieve food systems that are healthy, sustainable, and resilient.

Signed,



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