

The Bahamas' participation in the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit
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Ministerial Statement

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Good Afternoon Chairman,

The Bahamas at the outset wishes to commend the UN Secretary General and the Agencies and Entities of the UN System for leading the charge towards the Global Food Systems Summit. The convening of the Summit is bold action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and an exemplary and innovative approach to rethink our food systems. It is quite rightly called a 'People's Summit' and the aim of the Food Systems Dialogues is to amplify the voices of all stakeholders especially those that are seldom heard. As a Small Island Developing State the Principles of Engagement are of critical importance and it is imperative that global commitments to support food systems in SIDS are upheld.

Since The Bahamas' announcement of its

The Bahamas has prioritized three main action lines to facilitate the transformation of the food systems, they are:

1. Improvement of the public sector's systemic competitiveness
2. Promote and facilitate private sector investments
3. Facilitate agribusiness financing to the sector

The Bahamas' Blue and Green Sectoral Strategy proposes to consider the growth potential of sustainable activities linked to the ocean and to the land of the archipelago, while preserving the wealth carried by these natural rT

expected outcomes over the medium term of five (5) years and the long term of ten (10) years to reflect the ambitious vision of transformation of the Bahamian food system.

The Bahamas is charting its pathway of transformation and looks ever forward to a new Bahamian food system.

Thank you.