

Your Excellencies,

One in ten people suffer from hunger, and this figure is rising.

We have reached the limits of what our planet can take.

Our food system is in crisis, and this has fundamental implications. Not just for Zero Hunger, but for all SDGs.

I would like to thank the organizers of this summit for bringing us together.

We know the causes of the crisis: poverty, exclusion, conflict, COVID-19, climate change, water scarcity and biodiversity loss.

Now we must move towards solutions.

The Dutch experience may be helpful to find these.

Although we are not a large nation, our food and agriculture sector is a powerhouse, with strong international links.

This is the result of constantly innovating, changing, and adapting.

We are currently transitioning towards a more healthy, sustainable, and resilient system.

To speed up similar innovation around the world, we urgently need better policies and broader cooperation.

To achieve that, policy- and decision-making need to be based on the best knowledge and latest insights.

Science is essential to any effective action.

