There is universal acceptance that there is no single model for food systems transformation, and the trade-offs vary by country and region. Multilateral assistance to developing countries to transform food systems should, therefore, be delivered in line with the national priorities and realities, ensuring that the processes of transition are just, equitable and fair.

The transformation of global food systems should strike a balance among the following objectives:

The capacity to increase food production levels and variety;

Agricultural health and food safety;

Nutritional diversity and quality; and;

Equitable food standards that govern trade, and environmental, economic and social sustainability.

Let me reiterate that responding to these challenges requires an inclusive, multidimensional, systems-based approach that addresses the range and complexities of our challenges in a holistic and sustainable manner.

Our collective participation and contributions in this forumems