Joint Statement for Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition at the Climate Summit 23 September 2014

In today's world there is enough food for all to be well-fed, yet one person in eight is still undernourished. Ensuring food security and good nutrition for the world's population is one of our most pressing challenges. With the world's population expected to exceed 9 billion people by 2050 and climate change already impacting all aspects of food security, food systems need to be more sustainable and more productive. The progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security is more difficult in the face of climate change, and smallholder farmers, often women, and indigenous peoples are acutely vulnerable.

Given the significant relationship between food security and climate change, our task is to dramatically scale up efforts to make agriculture more resilient. We welcome the UN Climate Summit's focus on agriculture and climate change as it offers a platform for catalyzing substantial, scalable and replicable contributions.

We undertake to improve food security and nutrition by incorporating climate-smart approaches into agriculture of all types and all scales, in order to achieve the following three aspirational outcomes: (i) Sustainable and equitable increases in agricultural productivity and incomes; (ii) Greater resilience of food systems and farming livelihoods; and (iii) Reduction and/or removal of greenhouse gas emissions associated with agriculture (including the relationship between agriculture and ecosystems), wherever possible.

We acknowledge that context-specific priorities need to be determined by farmers, based on the social, economic and environmental conditions at each site, and according to the specific type and scale of agricultural activity.

We recognize the essential role of farmers, fishers, foresters and livestock keepers, and collectively aim to enhance the resilience of 500 million people in agriculture by 2030, through the implementation of climate smart agriculture approaches, as an essential component of attaining global food security.

We invite you to join us in these critical endeavours.

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- Costa Rica
- European Union
- France
- -Guatemala
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Lithuania
- Mexico
- The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Republic of the Philippines
- -Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- -Vietnam (Ministry of Aariculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam)

- Agriculture for Impact
- The Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC)
- Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA)
- Bosongo Community Veterinary and Agricultural project (BOSCOVET)
- CGIAR Consortium
- Colorado State University
- CSA Youth Network
- Eastern Africa Farmers'
- Federation -Environment Defence Fund
- Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)
- GFAR
- Gates Foundation
- Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

- Global Biotechnology Transfer Foundation
- IFDC/VFRC
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
- International Coffee Organization
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Kellogg Company
- McDonald's
- NEPAD Agency
- -Rainforest Alliance
- Solutions from the Land
- Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)
- SNV the Netherlands **Development Organisation**
- The Nature Conservancy

- Tropenbos International
- Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE)
- Walmart
- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)
- World Bank
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- World Farmers' Organisation
- -World Food Programme (WFP)
- Yara International