



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

13 December 2021

Dear Mr. von Braun,

I would like to extend my appreciation for your engagement and leadership in helping to shape and to realize the 2021 Food Systems Summit which took place on 23 September 2021.

This Summit was the first of its kind to seek transformative action within food systems to deliver on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and it would not have been successful without your invaluable leadership and contribution throughout the entire preparatory process.

Over the last two years, you played a pivotal role in shaping the intentions and commitments of governments and their stakeholders, as we work together towards the 2030 Agenda.

With the outcomes of the Summit now in hand, it is time to focus our collective efforts and resources to continuing the momentum and accelerating action, particularly at the country level. The national pathways, action areas, and the many initiatives emerging through the Summit process, provide a strong basis for all stakeholders to continue to come together and take action for the good of future generations.

Our work has begun, and I count on your support as together, we act boldly to deliver on our shared vision for people, planet, and prosperity.

On behalf of the United Nations family, I extend our gratitude to you for so ably rising to the challenges and opportunities presented by this Summit. We will continue to be your partner in this effort.

Yours sincerely,

with my warmest regards


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