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## Food Systems Transformation: A Worldwide Response to Multiple Crises

With the 2030 Agenda, the international community has set itself ambitious Sustainable Development Goals, such as ending global hunger. Despite this, the number of people affected by hunger is continuing to rise. In addition to the climate crisis, the extinction of species and the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine has become a new driving force in this crisis of global food security. The world is currently facing the worst food crisis since World War II.

Therefore, the international community urgently needs to develop and implement solutions in order to realise the right to adequate food. The only expedient solutions are those that address food security, the climate catastrophe, and the extinction of species alike.

A comprehensive transformation of global food systems is of vital importance in this regard. The **2023 GFFA** is set to build on the UN Food Systems Summit for this process. Its aim is to promote discussion and to explore possible ways for global and national collaboration in a spirit of partnership. There is a special focus on the following four questions:

- 1. How can we create crisis-proof food systems?
- 2. How can we create climate-friendly food systems?
- 3. How can we preserve biological diversity?
- 4. How can we improve collaboration for sustainable global food systems?

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Dear Readers.

The GFFA is the world's leading international conference on key issues regarding the future of the global agri-food industry. It focuses on the topic of global food security and has taken place during the International Green Week (IGW) in Berlin on an annual basis since 2009.

Over 2,000 international visitors from industry, science, civil society and politics attend the numerous public events of the GFFA each year. The political highlight is the Agriculture Ministers' Conference attended by around 70 Ministers.

In light of the multi-layered crises we are currently facing – and particularly the consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in violation of international law – we need a global platform for international cooperation and multilateral solutions now more than ever. Decisive steps towards a sustainable transformation of global food systems are essential.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the GFFA was held as a virtual event during the past two years. I am therefore all the more delighted that the 2023 GFFA will once again be an in-person event in Berlin. I would be delighted if you could save this date and I very much look forward to welcoming you in person in January 2023. Let us take action together!

With kind regrads,

Yours Cem Özdemir Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture