



**23 April 2021**

Mr. Sergio Luis Bortolozzo  
Director, Brazilian Association of Corn Producers (Abramilho)  
Vice President of the Brazilian Rural Society (SRB)  
Brazil

Dear Mr. Bortolozzo,

**RE: Invitation to become a Champion of the UN Food Systems Summit**

With only ten years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we are not on track to meet many of these goals, and in some instances, we are moving in the wrong direction. We need to protect gains, renew our ambition, and move at the scale and speed required to get back on track. As such, the United Nations Secretary-General is convening a Food Systems Summit in 2021 aimed at empowering people to leverage food systems as accelerators of progress to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Experts agree that transforming food systems offers one of the strongest tools we have to change course and realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda. The Summit will be convened in the context of the United Nations Decade of Action as a catalytic moment for global public mobilization and actionable commitments by various stakeholders. It is an opportunity to invest in diverse ways to make food systems inclusive, climate-adapted and resilient, while supporting better health, economic well-being and whilst remaining within planetary boundaries.

Achieving all these entails mobilizing various sectors of the society, particularly including producer organizations and those focused on the development of rural communities and rural areas.

Given your vast experience, leadership and involvement in the transformation of our foods systems, particularly through your efforts at the Brazilian Association of Corn Producers (Abramilho), the Brazilian Rural Society (SRB) and other institutions in further informing policies internationally with different stakeholders, governments and organizations, it is my distinct pleasure to invite you to join the Champions Network for the Food Systems Summit.

It is envisaged that the Champions Network will become the heartbeat of the Summit, encompassing leadership from a broad range of constituencies, in all parts of the world, who are championing food systems and food systems transformation. The Champions Network will inspire and facilitate coordinated action on the road to the Summit, building a movement to achieve the most successful Summit and get us on a stronger path to achieving our shared goals for 2030. The terms of reference for the Champions Network are attached, which set out the expectations of Champions.

If you are willing to serve as a Champion, please confirm your acceptance no later than **Wednesday, 28 April 2021**. You will be provided with further information and support from the Summit Secretariat. Please get in touch by responding to [foodsystemssummit@un.org](mailto:foodsystemssummit@un.org).

I look forward to working with you on this critical opportunity as we collectively push towards 2030.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



**Dr. Agnes Kalibata**

**Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit**