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Dear Director-General

Requesting the FAO to develop a Paris-aligned, zero hunger roadmap to 2050

We are writing to you as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Elders – a group of global leaders who work to tackle existential threats such as the climate crisis. We would like to begin by recognising the crucial work the FAO is doing this year, under your leadership, to meet the challenge of overlapping global crises, which are making it harder for people to produce and access food.

Looking to the future, we support your vision for the FAO - to transform agri-food systems to be more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable, while ensuring food security and nutrition. In support of these aims, **we are delighted that the FAO is considering spearheading efforts to deliver the world's first comprehensive roadmap to a sustainable global food system by 2050.**

Such a roadmap should show how agri-food systems need to transform to achieve global goals on climate, nature, and food security together. It would set out the pathway and milestones to a 1.5°C-aligned, resilient, global food system, and would thus be an important reference for policymakers and investors alike. We note that a [\\$14 trillion investor coalition](#) led by FAIRR has written to you in support of such a roadmap, and we back their call.

Last year, the International Energy Agency published a net zero roadmap for the energy sector, which has been very influential. There is now a need for an equivalent roadmap for the food and land use sector. Action in both sectors is needed: even if fossil fuel emissions were eliminated tomorrow, it would still be impossible to reach the Paris agreement's 1.5°C goal without changing the way we use our land and produce food. In addition, agriculture is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

We believe the FAO is the UN agency best placed to produce this landmark report, given its mandate and influence in shaping agricultural policies worldwide. We are pleased to learn that

there is already some early discussion happening within the FAO, and hope that an announcement can be made at COP27.

Director-General, we wish you well as you continue your important work. Please be assured of our highest consideration and esteem.



Mary Robinson
Chair



Ban Ki-moon
Deputy Chair