



PRESS RELEASE ON THE RIGHT HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY
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The Rt. Honourable Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' delivered keynote address in the Plenary Session on Food Systems Transformation in Practice – Successes, Challenges and the Way Forward on the second day of UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment being held at the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Headquarters in Rome today.

During his speech, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister said that UNFSS+2 provides the international community a valuable opportunity to assess the progress made so far since the Food Systems Summit in 2021 and chart a way forward with scaled-up innovations. At a time when affording a healthy diet is already difficult for almost 3 billion people, the COVID-19 pandemic, compounded with the climate crisis and conflicts in different parts of the globe, has further worsened the situation, the Prime Minister said.

While expressing that the Government of Nepal is steadfast in the implementation of the Right to Food as enshrined in the constitution of Nepal, the Prime Minister shared that, following the UN Food Systems Summit 2021, Nepal prepared the Food Systems Transformation Strategic Plan (2022-2030) to streamline and link the actions towards 2030 agenda for achieving all Sustainable Development Goals.

On the sidelines, Rt. Hon. Prime Minister had bilateral meetings with His Excellency Dr. Qu Dongyu, the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and H.E. Alvaro Lario, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) at FAO Headquarters this morning. During the meeting, matters related to partnership for agriculture development, food security, technology in agriculture, agri-enterprises, and access to safe and nutritious food as well as the implementation of programmes and projects run in Nepal with the support of these institutions were discussed.

The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister will attend an interaction programme organized by NRN, Italy, and the Honorary Consul of Nepal to Italy later this evening.

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