

Dr. Abubakr Omer Albushra- Statement- The minister of Agriculture &Forests- Sudan

Your Excellency Hon. Chairman of the Board of IFAD Governors

Your Excellency, Mr. Alvero Lario - President of the IFAD

Your Excellency, President Hassan Sheikh Mahmoud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia

Governors, heads of delegates, Representatives of diplomatic missions,

Honorable invited guests, Ladies and gentlemen

All protocol observed

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله تعالى وبركاته ،،،

In line of the convening of this session allow me to begin my speech, by congratulating, myself and on behalf of the Government of and Sudan people to the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on occasion of this assumption, wishing him success in his mission.

These meetings come and the world is witnessing extremely complex challenges, the most important of which is how to accelerate work to achieve food security for our peoples in line of the agricultural and food systems being greatly affected by a number of shocks, extreme climate changes and phenomena such as recurrent droughts and floods in addition to economic shocks and conflicts situations. However, climate change has a multidimensional impact and the main factor in shaping the reality in which we are living, and clearly add to regression of the world's efforts towards eliminating hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, the goal of achieving food security is become too far to achieve.

The impact of climate change have severely affected the human right to obtain food and live in dignity, with its negative impact on production and productivity, water insecurity, degradation of lands, pastures, forests , biodiversity, erosion of assets up on destruction of livelihoods, forced migration, continuation of the conflict , which up on ,and increase in the rate of transboundary diseases and pests . the groups most affected are those who live in fragile environments and marginalized rural areas.

Ladies and gentlemen

We must admit that the climate change and its impact are due to our actions, threatening the sustainability of our environment and resources as well as the prosperity of humanity without exception. We cannot ignore it, otherwise the cost of this ignorance will be high and the price will be paid by developing countries and vulnerable peoples.

Ladies and Gentlemen

We must work together, coordinate and mobilize resources in order to achieve food security, safe and sustainable environment. Green and climate-adaptive agriculture as main key to make agriculture as part of the solution of climate change.

The transformation must also be through the adoption of proactive strategies and a comprehensive multi-faceted approach that governs the interdependence and complementarity between the three sectors, (water, agriculture and energy),

Application of innovative solutions should be carried for sufficient healthy food with a low carbon footprint . Vulnerable groups and indigenous peoples must have a role and the right to make decisions and adopt these solutions.

There must be coordination and collaboration mobilize the private sector to invest in green agriculture, green technology, green infrastructure, and to create to green opportunities and jobs especially for youth. It is also necessary to coordinate and collect savings and invest them to create climate security and work together to enable vulnerable groups to benefit from the allocated compensation. For countries affected by climate change, these compensations should be directed fairly to all, without exceptions, conditions and prior political criteria.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Allow me to extend my thanks and highly appreciate the efforts and support of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to my country recquaring the approach of improving food and nutrition security, improving the incomes of the rural poor and working side by side to establish the process of development and peace-building through supporting the agricultural and livestock sectors , pastures, and forests, directing its investments in many projects and activities that covered most of the states of Sudan, especially the rainfed sector , and focusing on activities that achieve water security, "water harvesting projects", building and rehabilitating natural resources, and improving access to services and markets in rural areas by supporting and establishing infrastructure . IFAD also works to establish partnerships with the private sector and service providers.

IFAD is also making unremitting efforts to establish value chains for agricultural products and develop agricultural entrepreneurship. it also working for Sudan to benefit from the comprehensive green financing initiative. Hence, allow me to extend my thanks and appreciation to the IFAD country office in Sudan for all the efforts and integrated coordination that it pursues with us.

Ladies and Gentlemen

In conclusion, I must assure you that Sudan's efforts are continuing to accelerate work to achieve food security by adopting the Sudan Food Security Initiative, which is an initiative aims to mobilize all the capabilities and resources and efforts savings in order to achieve food security. Sudan that enable it to contribute to achieving food security. For his people and for the peoples of the whole world from here we open the door for cooperation and

coordination of efforts and investment, especially in the areas of investments in human capital capacity building, national capabilities, smart technology, research work, and innovations.

Establishing green infrastructure and renewable energy fields, agricultural industrialization and the added value of agricultural products, creating green opportunities for Sudanese youth, supporting and stimulating the private sector and under the auspices of IFAD building partnerships between the private sector and the foreign and local public in the areas of food security support production vertically

I wish you all fruitful deliberation and I thank you for your attention.