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Feeding a growing world population while protecting the planet and strengthening food security in our societies are not only major challenges, but also opportunities to build more sustainable food systems. Canada is actively working with its partners to advance the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, which include eliminating hunger, promoting health and reducing food waste. Agriculture and agri-food are at the heart of the solution, and the digital economy plays an ever-growing role in the future of the sector.

More than ever, we need leaders, innovators and business people like you to develop and harness the technological advances that will help producers and agri-businesses produce more food while ensuring a smaller carbon footprint. Additionally, we need your solutions to help strengthen the local and global supply chains to ensure they can continue to feed the world sustainably and be more resilient to challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

To support the relaunch of a greener economy in the coming years, our global food systems need to be more economically, environmentally and socially sustainable, and factor in diversity and inclusion. Therefore, we need to attract more women to take on roles in the agricultural and agritech sectors so that they can spearhead the conversation.

The Global Women in Agritech Summit will provide a forum for international dialogue on critical issues and will mobilize institutions, thought leaders, innovators and investors to take action.

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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, PC, MP Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

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