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Rome, 22 June 2026

Dear Mr Oluwasegun,

I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the Hand-in-Hand (HIH) Initiative Investment Forum, to be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy, from 13 to 16 October 2026.

The HIH Initiative Investment Forum is FAO's annual flagship platform, dedicated to advancing investment in agrifood systems transformation, convened under the umbrella of the World Food Forum (WFF). The 2026 edition will present agrifood investment plans from 37 HIH countries and five regional initiatives. Developed through FAO's flagship HIH Initiative, these plans leverage advanced geospatial modelling, market analysis, and a partnership building approach, to accelerate large-scale transformation of agrifood systems, with the ultimate objective of eradicating poverty, ending hunger and malnutrition, and reducing inequalities.

In this context, I also have the pleasure to invite you to the presentation of your country's investment plan, designed under the HIH methodology.

The Investment Forum attracts a diverse community of agrifood investors, including representatives from International and Regional Financial Institutions, leading private sector companies, foundations, impact funds, donors and other development partners. This year's programme will also feature a series of focused thematic sessions addressing key investment priorities, from innovative financial instruments to the application of artificial intelligence.

From 13 to 16 October 2026, participants will have the opportunity to request bilateral meetings with high-level government representatives from participating countries and regional initiatives. Meetings may be scheduled through a dedicated application available on the HIH Initiative Investment Forum 2026 [webpage](#).

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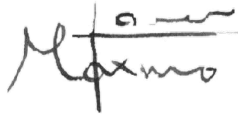
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The HIH Initiative Investment Forum is part of the broader WFF flagship week, which brings together the WFF Global Youth Forum and the Science and Innovation Forum under a shared vision to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through agrifood systems transformation.

This year, the WFF and World Food Day will share the common theme of *“Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow”*.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation, and I look forward to your participation in the fifth edition of the HIH Initiative Investment Forum and your active contribution during the Forum and the bilateral meetings.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Máximo', with a horizontal line drawn across the middle of the signature.

Máximo Torero Cullen
Chief Economist