

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



THE PRIME MINISTER

Closing remarks by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister

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**At Africa Food Security Leadership Dialogue
(AFSLD)**

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- **Excellency Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of Nigeria,**
- **Excellency Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister, Federal Republic of Ethiopia,**
- **Honorable Ministers here present,**
- **Distinguished delegates,**
- **Development partners,**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good afternoon once again!

1.It is with great pleasure that I address you once more, as we conclude this Africa Food Security Leadership Dialogue. I wish to thank all of you, distinguished participants, for actively contributing to the productive exchanges over the last two days.

2.I also would like to commend our development partners for committing to a new coordination framework as per yesterday's communiqué. This will support the continental efforts in ending food and nutrition insecurity.

3. Special thanks go to the World Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the African Development Bank (AfDB), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for partnering with the Government of Rwanda in convening and hosting this important Leadership Dialogue.

Distinguished participants,

4.As we depart from this place, let us all go with one mind that the best way to ensure food security in a changing climate is to work together and move from theories to action.

5.I would like also to reiterate the commitment of the Government of Rwanda to strengthen partnership with other African countries, development partners and other key stakeholders to implement continental, regional as well as national priorities to ensure sustainable food security.

6. Once again, thank you all for coming to attend this important meeting. For those who have travelled to Kigali and are staying on, I hope you will enjoy exploring the beauty of this country.
7. With these few remarks, I am pleased to declare the Africa Food Security Leadership Dialogue officially closed.
8. But before I say thank you, I want to say that we have all of us an assignment which is this one; let's work together, tell and show the rest of the world that we are able to feed our people, and we can achieve that for sure.

I thank you so much!