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FAO AND DANONE TEAM UP TO FOSTER SUSTAINABLE DIETS AND FOOD SYSTEMS WORLDWIDE

Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at scaling up sustainable food and agricultural practices and provide people with access to more diverse and healthier foods

October 17th, 2019, Rome – The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Danone have agreed to work together to improve global nutrition and food safety knowledge, and promote responsible agricultural value chains for more sustainable food systems.

The UN agency and the global food and beverage company have a shared understanding of the need to scale up sustainable food and agricultural practices, and to provide people with access to more diverse and healthier foods.

Sharing data and knowledge on this, specifically on nutrition, food safety and responsible investments in agriculture, will help advance efforts to reach [Sustainable Development Goal 2](#) - Zero Hunger.

“This agreement will help advance global efforts to improve nutrition and food safety, and make food systems more sustainable,” said FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu at the signing of the agreement.

Emmanuel Faber, Chairman and CEO of Danone, said: “I am pleased to strengthen the ties between Danone and FAO by this agreement, and to work together towards regenerative agriculture practices and eating habits – in line with our ‘One Planet. One Health’ vision. FAO holds a hugely critical agenda for our common future and it is core to Danone’s goals to contribute to a collective effort in creating climate-resilient and future-proof food systems.”

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FAO and Danone is based on four pillars:

- Exchange information on emerging food safety issues, including new trends and drivers;
- Share data on food consumption and nutrient intakes to improve knowledge and foster the adoption of healthier eating habits, starting with Egypt as a pilot country;
- Exchange knowledge related to food systems and nutrition security through the provision by the FAO of its e-learning courses and digital certification to Danone employees;
- Promote compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals and responsible business conduct in global agricultural supply chains.

To support the latter, FAO, in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), gathers practical recommendations and good practices to help address gaps between corporate policy commitments and implementation actions.

FAO and Danone are also committing to work together to promote the conservation, sustainable use, management and restoration of biodiversity for food and agriculture.

This will include: promoting sustainable production systems that integrate biodiversity considerations throughout value chains, as well as the restoration of landscapes to protect biodiversity present in and around production systems; and supporting the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030](#).

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About FAO (www.fao.org)

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.

Our goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With over 194 member states, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide. We believe that everyone can play a part in ending hunger.

About Danone (www.danone.com)

Dedicated to bringing health through food to as many people as possible, Danone is a leading global food & beverage company building on health-focused and fast-growing categories in three businesses: Essential Dairy & Plant-Based Products, Waters and Specialized Nutrition. Danone aims to inspire healthier and more sustainable eating and drinking practices, in line with its 'One Planet. One Health' vision which reflects a strong belief that the health of people and that of the planet are interconnected. To bring this vision to life and create superior, sustainable, profitable value for all its stakeholders, Danone has defined its 2030 Goals: a set of nine integrated goals aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. Danone commits to operating in an efficient, responsible and inclusive manner; it holds itself to the highest standards in doing business, as reflected by its ambition to become one of the first multinationals certified as B Corp™. With more than 100,000 employees, and products sold in over 120 markets, Danone generated €24.7 billion in sales in 2018. Danone's portfolio includes leading international brands (Actimel, Activia, Alpro, Aptamil, Danette, Danio, Danonino, evian, Nutricia, Nutrilon, Volvic, among others) as well as strong local and regional brands (including AQUA, Blédina, Bonafont, Cow & Gate, Horizon, Mizone, Oikos, Prostokvashino, Silk, Vega).

Listed on Euronext Paris and on the OTCQX market via an ADR (American Depositary Receipt) program, Danone is a component stock of leading social responsibility indexes including the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes, Vigeo Eiris, the Ethibel Sustainability Index, MSCI Global Sustainability, MSCI Global SRI Indexes and the FTSE4Good Index.

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