

Matera declaration

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In news- It was adopted at the '**G-20 Foreign and Development Ministers' Meeting** in Matera, Italy.

About the declaration-

- The G20 ministers recognised that poverty alleviation, food security and sustainable food systems, are key to ending hunger, encouraging social cohesion and community development and promoting overall inclusive economic growth and sustainable development.
- They also called for implementing effective actions for the empowerment of women and youth in the rural-urban continuum.
- The declaration underlined the need for increasing catalytic investments for food security, nutrition, and sustainable food systems and territorial development, as part of the substantial COVID-19 emergency funding.
- It stressed on accelerating the **adaptation of agriculture and food systems to climate change.**
- The declaration emphasised on keeping international food trade open and strengthening global, regional and local diversified value chains for safe, fresh and nutritious food, as well as promoting a **science-based holistic One Health approach.**
- It has called upon the international community to step up efforts to build inclusive and resilient food chains and ensure **adequate nutrition for all, in line with the "Zero Hunger" goal set for 2030.**
- The Declaration reflects the Indian concern on issues like the welfare of small and medium farmers.
- It helps in **promoting local food cultures and recognising agri-diversity.**