

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 22 March 2021 13:00 GMT +09:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Japan National Food Systems Dialogue with 4H Club members
CONVENED BY	Mr. Makoto OSAWA, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, Convenor of Japan
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/11622/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Japan

The outcomes from a Food Systems Summit Dialogue will be of use in developing the pathway to sustainable food systems within the locality in which they take place. They will be a valuable contribution to the national pathways and also of interest to the different workstreams preparing for the Summit: the Action Tracks, Scientific Groups and Champions as well as for other Dialogues.

1. PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

31

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

31-50

51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

30 Male

1 Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

26 Agriculture/crops
Fish and aquaculture
Livestock
Agro-forestry
Environment and ecology
Trade and commerce

Education
Communication
Food processing
Food retail, markets
Food industry
Financial Services

Health care
Nutrition
5 National or local government
Utilities
Industrial
Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan
Large national business
Multi-national corporation
Small-scale farmer
Medium-scale farmer
Large-scale farmer
Local Non-Governmental Organization
International Non-Governmental Organization
Indigenous People
Science and academia

Workers and trade union
Member of Parliament
Local authority
5 Government and national institution
Regional economic community
United Nations
International financial institution
Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
Consumer group
26 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

HOW DID YOU ORGANIZE THE DIALOGUE SO THAT THE PRINCIPLES WERE INCORPORATED, REINFORCED AND ENHANCED?

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

DO YOU HAVE ADVICE FOR OTHER DIALOGUE CONVENORS ABOUT APPRECIATING THE PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT?

3. METHOD

The outcomes of a Dialogue are influenced by the method that is used.

DID YOU USE THE SAME METHOD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONVENORS REFERENCE MANUAL?

Yes

No

In the Japan National Food Systems Dialogue with 4H Club members held on 22nd March 2021, MAFF explained the outline of FSS including the purpose, the key issues of sustainable food system and asked following questions. Q1. What kind of action and measures (including developing technologies, establishing systems for spreading, accelerating investments, etc.) do you need for reducing the use of chemical fertilizer and chemical pesticides, and further promoting organic farming? Q2. As a young farmer like yourself, do you feel any difficulty to express your opinion in the local community? Is there anything you want to change to improve the present situation? The 4H Club members made comments on that.

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

In this dialogue, we discussed challenges and opportunities related to Action Track 3 especially regarding action and measures for reducing the use of chemical fertilizer and chemical pesticides, and further promoting organic farming, and Action Track 4 especially regarding difficulties of young farmers in expressing their opinions in the local community and solutions to the situation.

ACTION TRACKS

- Action Track 1: Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all
- Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns
- Action Track 3: Boost nature-positive production
- Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods
- Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

KEYWORDS

- Finance
- Innovation
- Human rights
- Women & Youth Empowerment
- Policy
- Data & Evidence
- Governance
- Trade-offs
- Environment and Climate

MAIN FINDINGS

The meeting with 4H Club members was held to exchange opinions related to SDGs and sustainable food systems. Main ideas and opinions regarding action and measures for reducing the use of chemical fertilizer and chemical pesticides, and further promoting organic farming are as follows: (1) When Japan intends to promote organic farming, genome editing crops may become a barrier to the export of agricultural products in the future. It is necessary to stay in line with international standards while facilitating innovation in Japan. (2) In Europe, the public purchase of organic farm products has become widespread. 50% of school lunch in France are said to be public purchased organic products. In Japan, we need to introduce locally produced organic products into lunch at public schools. (3) There are only a few kinds of pesticides in the field of horticulture. It will be helpful if a pesticide that steers resistibility of plants is developed. (4) As pesticides cannot be used much for organic farming, it will be useful if the herbicide that only makes specific weed died down is developed. (5) Organic farming and reduced pesticides are feasible only when consumers are willing to buy the products for a high price. Without changing consumers' attitude, farm producers cannot be changed. (6) When promoting organic farming, we need well-established training systems including a curriculum of sales for organic products. (7) There is a gap in items and areas for reducing pesticide use and organic farming that can be introduced. Therefore, it is necessary for us to develop technologies suitable for the land at an experimental laboratory in each prefecture. (8) It often happens that excess supply in the market pushes down prices, and farm products are easily influenced in terms of price. If an IT system indicating the timing of seeding in each production area is developed, we can avoid overlapping of picking seasons and free fall of the prices. (9) 20% to 30% of agricultural products are discarded in the process of production, therefore, we should consider reforming the existing standards and distribution systems. -Main ideas and opinions regarding difficulties of young farmers in expressing their opinions in the local community and solutions to the situation are as follows: (1) Active young farmers are joining in the agricultural organizations for youth such as 4H club. It is important to expand these activities nationwide, and the involvement and support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is very helpful. (2) After I joined in 4H club and was assigned to an official position, I won the confidence to be able to express my opinion. We would like to encourage young farmers to participate in agricultural organizations and to have experience to express their opinions.

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	Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

KEYWORDS

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✓	Innovation		Data & Evidence
	Human rights		Governance
✓	Women & Youth Empowerment		Trade-offs
		✓	Environment and Climate

OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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