

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

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DIALOGUE TITLE	Independent Dialogue in Support of the 2021 Food Systems Summit: "Different routes, similar goals"
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DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	No borders

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

48

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

4

19-30

12

31-50

22

51-65

9

66-80

1

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

27 Male

21 Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

4 Agriculture/crops

Fish and aquaculture

0 Livestock

Agro-forestry

7 Environment and ecology

4 Trade and commerce

4 Education

4 Communication

2 Food processing

Food retail, markets

0 Food industry

Financial Services

5 Health care

5 Nutrition

6 National or local government

Utilities

Industrial

7 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan

1 Large national business

Multi-national corporation

Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

0 Large-scale farmer

3 Local Non-Governmental Organization

6 International Non-Governmental Organization

5 Indigenous People

5 Science and academia

Workers and trade union

2 Member of Parliament

1 Local authority

5 Government and national institution

5 Regional economic community

3 United Nations

International financial institution

3 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

9 Consumer group

Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

Before organizing the Independent Dialogue «Different Routes – Similar Goals» in support of the 2021 Food Systems Summit, we worked out its concept. This concept was based on Dr. Kalibata's appeal: "Global food systems can only be truly transformed through a People's Summit." When creating the concept, we were inspired by the work of large international organizations and small communities, which locally implement, day after day, tasks that contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We were able to create a platform where they could meet and understand that despite the difference in the actions taken, we all strive to move in the same direction. We have ensured the participation of many parties, invited representatives of different countries. We have provided a respectful and meaningful dialogue, and we are not glossed over the problems, but on the contrary have attracted the attention to them.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The fact that people from different countries and continents took part in the dialogue contributed to the awareness of the commonality of the problems. This made it possible to recognize that the complexity of food systems management is a challenge for all countries, but at the same time emphasized that the solutions, the ways of building these systems cannot be the same for everyone. Different natural conditions, different economic conditions require different approaches. Today, about a billion people worldwide suffer from chronic hunger, and at the same time, the current trend of unprecedented increases in food prices exacerbates poverty, unemployment, hunger and causes social unrest and political instability. A fragile economic recovery and high unemployment rates in many countries, as well as persistent hunger hamper efforts to achieve agreed sustainable development goals. The key factors affecting the deterioration of food security and malnutrition in all their forms are conflicts, extreme climatic conditions, economic shocks and the impacts of a pandemic. Experience has shown that there is no centralized program for the implementation of sustainable development. Both its content and its translation into practice require it to be negotiated or planned through intense dialogue and collective discussion embedded in management systems i.e. organizing all types of negotiations, consultations and exchange of information between government representatives, social partners or between social partners on issues of common interest related to economic and social policy.

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

Should we use The Principles of Engagement in operating, developing and promoting Independent Dialogues? The answer to that is a definite YES! The Principles of Engagement will allow you to structure your work, to more accurately define the goals and objectives of your events. The Principles of Engagement help create a space for a free and respectful exchange of views, even by hostile parties.

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

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The main focus of the dialogue was aimed at restoring supply chains in the post-pandemic period and effectively integrating into these chains the most diverse producers from large companies to local farmers. It has been repeatedly emphasized that centralizing supply chain management is detrimental to efficiency to a large extent. At the same time, it was especially emphasized that it is necessary to put a person at the forefront of every action. Of particular interest in this regard were the speeches and remarks that touched upon both food security and the need to increase food production without harming the environment. In this regard, hopes were pinned on the development of IT management systems for agro-industrial production and product sales.

The humanitarian component also got its sound when discussing the promotion of Food Banks as systems for effectively overcoming hunger, social protection and environmentally friendly solutions.

ACTION TRACKS

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- ✓ 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

Among the findings it was pointed out that it is necessary to constantly monitor and analyze the state of the food systems and supply chains across countries and continents. New standards are needed in the training of specialists in this area. It has been repeatedly emphasized that education and science are cross-border in nature. It is necessary to create both international educational clusters and national laboratories and associations. These findings carry important messages for media policy makers. All of the above led to the conclusion about the need to create a new integration platform and an intellectual environment that will allow implementing new initiatives. In addition, the Russian office of FAO, supporting the need to enlighten and promote the ideas of the Summit, in the person of its director made a proposal to create the Institute of FAO Goodwill Ambassadors.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

ANDREY YU. BELYANINOV - Secretary General of the Eurasian Peoples' Assembly :

"The success of the 2021 Food Systems Summit depends on the engagement of representatives from a wide variety of actors, organizations, movements and initiatives. The independent dialogue in support of the Summit, organized by the Eurasian Peoples' Assembly, is an open platform for finding solutions to real problems.

Listen to each other; explore both synergies and divergences; collaborate to identify promising courses of action, welcoming different perspectives, forging new connections."

Alexandra Ochirova, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, Deputy Secretary-General, Eurasian Peoples' Assembly:

"I believe that the issue of food security is one of the most important global development agendas and it applies to all countries and nations without exception, to every human being on the planet.

In this regard, the global threats of hunger, poverty and disease existing today in many countries, on the one hand, and the vulnerability of methods of production and consumption of food worldwide, on the other hand, as well as imperfect functioning of food systems, limited natural resources and other environmental problems require new protocols of interaction between all spheres of human activity, between states, nations and public organizations to reform the existing national and global food systems in order to remove the existing threats to education, health and the economy, to human rights, life and health, to peace and safety worldwide.

Practical decisions concerning all systemic changes in this area must proceed from the possibility of safe and sustainable development of a human being and society, the preservation of nations and of all mankind. These decisions must be moral and responsible."

MR. RICHARD GILMORE - founder of the GIC Group, an international agro-industrial company with partner offices in Beijing, Sao Paulo, Quito, Moscow and Tel Aviv. Chairman of the nongovernmental organization «Global Forum on Food Safety»:

"The pandemic and its after-effects underscore the need for a cultural shift in which both private and public sectors recognize the importance of food safety systems for future risk avoidance in our new normal world. If and when we transition to a 'New Normal', the stark threats to food systems and human health are real. So are the solutions, which depend on new technologies and a supportive policy environment for sustainable agriculture"

Yulia Nazarova, president of The All-Russian Charity Foundation Foodbank Rus:

"24 tons of distributed products, this is not only 2.5 thousand people who were fed during the week, but 12 tons of greenhouse gases that did not enter the atmosphere".

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

The main areas of disagreement related to methods of solving common problems. Everyone agreed that even those countries that now look prosperous are not insured against a worsening situation.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Concept-Note-FSS-Independent-Dialogue-Different-Routes-Similar-Goals.pdf>
- https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Codex-Alimentarius_Karsybekova-in-English.pdf
- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/PROGRAMME-INDEPENDANT-DIALOGUE-18052021.pdf>
- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Press-Release-Independent-Dialogue-in-Support-of-the-2021-Food-Systems-Summit.docx>
- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Dr.-Richard-Gilmore-GIC-Group.pdf>
- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Гармонизация-образования-и-науки-БалыхинМГ-2021-05-18-ENG-1.pdf>

RELEVANT LINKS

- **Independent Dialogue «Different Routes – Similar Goals» in support of the 2021 Food Systems Summit**
<https://fb.watch/5AIW-1yStU/>