

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 15 April 2021 10:00 GMT -05:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Primer Diálogo Nacional de México-Cumbre de Sistemas Alimentarios
CONVENED BY	Ruy López Ridaura, Director del CENAPRECE y Convocante Nacional
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/11966/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Mexico

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

117

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18

0 19-30

40 31-50

40 51-65

37 66-80

0 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

63 Male

49 Female

5 Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

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

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

21 Health care
20 Nutrition
44 National or local government
Utilities
Industrial
18 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
4 Local Non-Governmental Organization
1 International Non-Governmental Organization
Indigenous People
29 Science and academia

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

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

This first National Dialogue was organized being supported by the already existing inter-sectorial collaboration platform named GISAMAC (Health, Food, Environment and Competitiveness Inter-secretariat Group, in Spanish Grupo Intersectorial de Salud, Alimentación y Competitividad). This platform is composed by the following Ministries: Environment, Health, Social Development, Agriculture and Economic Affairs. The essence of this platform is to complement the work across sectors to address complex problems. The Dialogue also served as GISAMAC's first 2021 virtual gathering, which communicated the commitment that the National Convenor has with connecting policy priorities in the country with the process of the Summit.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

- Act with urgency: The Minister of Health inaugurated the Dialogue and emphasized the urgency of acting on these topics.
- Commit to the summit: The National Convenor has expressed that the relevance of the Summit processes is that they can leverage existing policy priorities in the country.
- Be respectful: Rules and principles of discussion were established for this dialogue.
- Recognize complexity: There were two presentations to remark the complexity of the topics that were being discussed. One was on The Lancet Commissions related to sustainable food systems; and the other one was to present the proposed National Strategy to the general public.
- Complement the work of others: different sectors were invited.
- Build trust: GISAMAC was the selected platform to start the dialogues, due to the collaboration process that the group has undergone and the trust that has been built among its participants.
- Embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity: This principle will be pursued on the next dialogues. In this one, only government officials, academia and civil society were invited to participate.

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

It is relevant to clearly communicate the Principles of Engagement to the participants at the beginning of the Dialogue, and at the start of every discussion group.

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

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4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The major focus of this first National Dialogue was: a) to give a general introduction to the Summit, its global and national relevance, and the Dialogues process; and b) to introduce a new policy proposal that is planned to be implemented in the country called the National Healthy, Just and Sustainable Food and Nutrition Strategy for Overweight and Obesity Prevention, and c) to identify priority topics for the next dialogues.

The Strategy aims at being the National Food Policy for the coming years. It includes 4 pillars: 1) Policy, 2) Environments, 3) Production and Access, 4) Individual and intrapersonal actions. The discussion regarding the National Strategy is directly related to the following Action Tracks: 1) Ensure access to safe and nutritious foods for all, 2) Shift to sustainable consumption patterns, 3) Boost nature-positive production.

Opening the national dialogues by discussing a policy proposal is innovative for the country. This is the first time that food policy would be openly discussed among diverse actors—including civil society and academia—and that it will receive feedback and recommendations before being published.

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

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MAIN FINDINGS

Participants identified the following topics as priorities for the next dialogues:

- Communication, education, and behavioral change.
- Policies for the first 1,000 days of life and biofortification.
- Environmental protection and agri-food systems.
- Agroecology and sustainable food systems.
- Food loss and waste.
- Indicators, monitoring and evaluation of the National Healthy, Just and Sustainable Food and Nutrition Strategy.
- Commercial networks and public procurement systems.

General country priorities for public policy:

- Food policy tied to specific federal budget lines.
- Focus the National Healthy, Just and Sustainable Food and Nutrition Strategy on Malnutrition and not only on overweight and obesity.
- Access to nutritious and sustainable foods.
- Capacity development for smallholder farming and family farming.
- Incentives for healthy food production.
- Food policy pending regulations in the country: advertisement regulations, tax policy.
- Create appropriate food policy plans according to regional specific needs.
- Conflict of interest regulations in food policy.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/4

Individual and intrapersonal

- Establish a greater policy focus, not only include overweight and obesity, but malnutrition.
- Create Dietary Guidelines for the Mexican population that serve as the base for food policy.
- Create not only a temporary campaign, but a robust behavioral change strategy that is culturally appropriate.
- Create behavioral change strategies targeted to children and schools.
- Take advantage of digital marketing directed to adolescents to promote healthy nutrition and physical activity behaviors.
- It is relevant to create communication strategies based on human rights.
- Position the relevance of consuming local and natural products.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/4

Production and access

- Recognize the importance of traditional production techniques that are environmentally friendly.
- Encourage the use of technology for sustainability.
- Support small and medium-sized farmers.
- Encourage the production of local products.
- Value biodiversity in food production.
- Make food value chains more efficient and sustainable.
- Environmental justice and land ownership.
- Improve food distribution infrastructure.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/4

Food environments

- It is relevant to reinforce local food value chains.
- It is relevant to encourage the creation of environments appropriate for children and adolescents.
- It is relevant to consider food policy regulations as part of the environment.
- It is important to consider how advertisement influences the environment and how it should be regulated in harmony with other existing regulations (for example, the front of pack labelling ones).
- Consider how urban design, including public transportation, can influence healthier environments.
- It is relevant to communicate the new regulations to the general public, for example the one on front of pack labelling.
- Create Food Based Dietary Guidelines.
- Ensure access to drinking water in rural and urban vulnerable communities.
- Use of public space for physical activity.
- Consider school infrastructure as a mean to promote healthy food and nutrition behaviors.
- Encourage consumption of local produce.
- It is relevant to work together with civil society to create healthy and sustainable food environments.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 4/4

Public policy

- It is important to continue advancing the regulatory measures that have started in the country related to food policy. For example, the ones on food advertisement, and taxes to unhealthy food.
- It is also relevant to leave no one behind in terms of food policy and create specific programs to develop capacity and give special support to family farming and smallholder farming.
- It is relevant to create and implement new monitoring and evaluation indicators that respond to the new an innovative food policy.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

There were two divergence areas:

- Changing the title of the National Strategy to the express general orientation terms and not only a focus on overweight and obesity.
- Not all participants understood the relevance of linking the proposed Healthy, Just and Sustainable Food and Nutrition Strategy for Overweight and Obesity Prevention with the discussion related to sustainable agri-food systems.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Dialogue Feedback Spanish**
https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/DIALOGUE-FEEDBACK_Spanish_300421_final.pdf