

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Friday, 11 December 2020 13:00 GMT +00:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	"Maintaining Functionalities By Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities"
CONVENED BY	John Aggrey - Founder & CEO, HIRED Consult
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/1260/
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

68

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

16 0-18

37 19-30

11 31-50

4 51-65

0 66-80

0 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

35 Male

33 Female

0 Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

10 Agriculture/crops

4 Fish and aquaculture

9 Livestock

2 Agro-forestry

3 Environment and ecology

4 Trade and commerce

7 Education

6 Communication

8 Food processing

4 Food retail, markets

3 Food industry

0 Financial Services

4 Health care

Nutrition

3 National or local government

0 Utilities

0 Industrial

1 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

13 Small/medium enterprise/artisan

Large national business

Multi-national corporation

8 Small-scale farmer

2 Medium-scale farmer

5 Large-scale farmer

9 Local Non-Governmental Organization

7 International Non-Governmental Organization

3 Indigenous People

Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

3 Local authority

Government and national institution

Regional economic community

0 United Nations

3 International financial institution

Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

15 Consumer group

Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

Act with Urgency The disruptions to food systems caused by Covid-19 have exposed the vulnerabilities in food systems across many African countries. This called for swift response from HIRED Consult to convene this dialogue for stakeholders and industry players! Commit to the Summit The outcome of the dialogue and discussions was to contribute to the overall preparation of the Food Systems Summit and by the end of the Dialogue period, Stakeholders and Participants will have identified the practices and policies that will have the greatest impact on the achievement of the desired future vision within their local food systems. Be Respectful The Dialogue took place in the form of discussions between a diversity of Stakeholders to explore convergences and divergent views on the guiding questions under discussions. Each participant was listened to, ideas and points were collectively welcomed. Diversity and Inclusion formed the foundation of the dialogue! Recognize Complexity Though Food Systems is complex in nature, the dialogue sort to unpack the systems in to smaller units thereby making each person fully grasp what is needed and better position Food Heroes to contribute meaningfully! Embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity Building on diversity and inclusion, we opened up to every stakeholder possible including Chefs, Refugees, Farmers, Youth Voices as well as Foresters. Complement the work of others We cannot work in isolation when dealing with food systems. By working on a common goal and vision, we were able to address other underlying other global processes relevant to food systems. Build Trust Based on shared principles of accountability and transparency, we had an open and safe space for every to feel comfortable engaging with one another.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The dialogue made sure to embrace the rich diverse group of people from across the African Continent though we had other regional representatives. Building a comprehensive and inclusive dialogue also calls for morally dictated principles, and that was were we factored every aspect of the Principles of Engagement!

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

The Principles of Engagement are a critical component THAT SERVES as the guiding moral metrics for an engaging dialogue. An dialogue that does not conform and adhere to these principles cannot be accepted as a true reflection of Food Systems Dialogue

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 focus of the Dialogue was on:

- (i) environmental and economic shocks on African Food Systems caused by global pandemic
- (ii) examining gaps and functionalities of African Food Systems
- (iii) a comprehensive exploration of key players of Food Systems (including Chefs, Refugees, Youth Voices)

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Policy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Data & Evidence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Human rights | <input type="checkbox"/> | Governance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Women & Youth Empowerment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trade-offs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environment and Climate |

MAIN FINDINGS

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1. Africa's rural areas and food systems will have to play a bigger role in absorbing young job seekers than they did in other regions, given the continued growth of rural populations.

2. There are more Opportunities in food systems for youth but very little is seen across board

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Invest not only in education but also more broadly in sectors such as transportation and energy infrastructure to create inclusive food system opportunities.

2. Create more vibrant rural economies, support policies and initiatives aimed at enhancing youth's long-term economic prospects, which in turn will cultivate trust in government among young people to build resilient food systems.

3. Focus on broad-based growth, not just on youth, to create an economic environment in which food system businesses can thrive and generate jobs for both young and old.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

1. contribute to human health by preventing food-related diseases due to either malnutrition or overconsumption. Action to be taken by each and everyone of us. No one is left out of this action point
2. deliver good quality of food in order to meet consumer and cultural aspirations. Action to be taken by Government and agencies in the food sector
3. provide decently rewarded employment across the supply chain, with skills and training. Action to be taken by Business owners, and Government

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Strengths and vulnerabilities within food systems

Many were of the view that the vulnerabilities in food systems is due to bad governance whereas others also stated otherwise it is due to non-existent policies of what actually a food systems is

Areas that need further exploration

More participants had the notion that Food Systems was all about food. With experts in the dialogue, they were able to grasp few understanding of the general scope of food systems. This means more explorations needs to be done to further educate and highlight the importance of a robust food systems to productivity and efficiency

Practices that are needed for food system sustainability

Some of the submitted different answers were good governance, youth inclusion, realistic policies, technology and education.

Stakeholders whose interests should be prioritized

According to some participants, Youth must be the first prioritized while others made cases for Farmers as the first to be considered as without farmers, no food production.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Maintaining Functionalities By Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p-kpAUPes0&t=7023s>