

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

<b>DIALOGUE DATE</b>	Wednesday, 19 May 2021 19:00 GMT +03:00
<b>DIALOGUE TITLE</b>	Addressing challenges in Arab food systems from youth perspective
<b>CONVENED BY</b>	Regional Youth Focal Point for the MENA - Rayan Kassem - UNMGCY
<b>DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE</b>	<a href="https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/13718/">https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/13718/</a>
<b>DIALOGUE TYPE</b>	Independent
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS</b>	Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

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

10

## PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

7

19-30

2

31-50

51-65

66-80

80+

## PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

Male

Female

10

Prefer not to say or Other

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

3 Agriculture/crops  
Fish and aquaculture  
Livestock  
Agro-forestry

3 Environment and ecology

1 Trade and commerce

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

Health care  
1 Nutrition  
National or local government  
Utilities  
Industrial  
Other

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

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

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

## 2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The dialogue was focused on youth perspectives and the calls to actions within regional food systems.

### HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The dialogue opened space for youth from different sectors to find common actions that would suit the future of the region.

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

# 3. METHOD

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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 dialogue included the challenges within food systems in the MENA region from all action tracks of the FSS. Primary focus was divided among three regions; the Gulf and Yemen, the Levant, and North Africa as the challenges seen within these sub-regions are closely related.

The presenters highlighted economic, environmental, technological, nutritional, social and cultural challenges within their sub-regions.

### 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

Our main findings are that food systems should focus on local and regional challenges. Some outcomes displayed in this dialogue are not common discussion points other dialogues include. Of which are:

- 1) Need to invest in advanced technology in agriculture
  - 2) Embed sustainable agricultural methods
  - 3) Promote lifestyle education
  - 4) Protect heritage
  - 5) Address Yemen food crisis
  - 6) Need to restructure food safety measures and implementations along the supply chain to protect consumers' health and to avoid wasting food and resources
  - 7) Implement sustainable agricultural practices
  - 8) Need for green entrepreneurship
  - 9) Circular blue economy
  - 10) Using fisheries (seaweed, seagrass, mangrove zones) can increase yield by 25% and reduce methane emissions by 90% if used as feed.
  - 11) Using seed bombing as a method to create feed for cattle during raining seasons
- Alternative proteins (algae)

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

The panelists all agree that decision-makers should have regional lenses on food systems and that global discussions and actions might not fit the needed challenges within their sub-regions.

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## AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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# ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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## ATTACHMENTS

- **dialogue notes**  
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/dialogue-notes.pdf>