

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 18 March 2021 12:00 GMT +09:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Japan National Food Systems Dialogue with the Committee Meeting on New Policies for Agricultural Communities
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/13936/
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

12

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

31-50

51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

9 Male

3 Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

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

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

Health care
Nutrition
3 National or local government
Utilities
Industrial
5 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

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

Workers and trade union
Member of Parliament
1 Local authority
2 Government and national institution
Regional economic community
United Nations
International financial institution
1 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
Consumer group
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 the Committee Meeting on New Policies for Agricultural Communities held on 18th March 2021, MAFF explained the outline of FSS including the purpose and the key issues of sustainable food system. The members from the committee meeting made comments on that.

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

In this dialogue, we discussed challenges and opportunities especially related to Action Track 2 and Action Track 3.

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 dialogue with the committee meeting on new policies for agricultural communities was held to exchange opinions related to SDGs and sustainable food systems. The main remarks of the participants are as follows.

- (1) SDGs is a way of global thinking, but when creating a vision for RMO (Regional Management Organization), there are voices from the local side to include SDGs. It is important not only to support the rural areas because they suffer from fatigue, but also to spread the idea that what they do is good for someone on the earth, to national units, prefectural units, and even smaller units. (NPO)
- (2) It is difficult to achieve the goals by agriculture alone, but it is important to achieve the goals through inclusion of the manufacturing and transportation processes of chemical pesticide and fertilizer, for example, CO2 zero emission goal. (professor's comment)
- (3) Regarding innovation originating from rural areas, I would like to emphasize not only unilaterally leaving it to private investment, but also relationships in which different players have empathy with each other (professor's comment).
- (4) I think that Japanese agriculture has a double standard, which consists of agriculture for the sake of economy and profits, and agriculture for sustainably growing vegetables by themselves. The latter remains firmly in Japan, and it may be possible to consider this as a model for sustainability (the private sector).
- (5) Young people have a feeling to empathy with SDGs, so it would be good if we could foster SDGs, including local SDGs (Regional Circular and ecological Sphere), as words that can positively grasp the future, (the private sector)
- (6) Advanced cases of SDGs in Japanese rural areas are not well known due to their weak information dissemination ability. I feel that the commonplace of Japanese rural areas may be one of the most advanced cases in the world. It is very valuable to disseminate that information to the world. (the private sector)
- (7) The global food crisis is imminent, but rice surplus is one of the biggest problems in Japan. I think we will protect the rural areas by making rice, so I would like to ask the government to create the necessary support system and mechanism so that we can continue to grow rice in rural areas in the future. (agricultural producer's comment)
- (8) If SDGs are reflected on the regional level, they will reach to the issues of agriculture, forestry, food loss and waste, even in urban areas, so the affinity with these things is very high. (professor's comment).

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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