

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 27 May 2021 14:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Pequenas Empresas: Uma Boa Alimentação para Todos – Brasil e África Subsariana (Português)
CONVENED BY	Organização das Nações Unidas para a Alimentação e a Agricultura, Câmara de Comércio Internacional, Instituto Interamericano de Cooperação para a Agricultura, Rede Agroalimentar Internacional
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/14516/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe

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

43

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

31-50

51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

Male

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

Education

Communication

Food processing

Food retail, markets

Food industry

Financial Services

Health care

Nutrition

National or local government

Utilities

Industrial

Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

20 Small/medium enterprise/artisan

Large national business

Multi-national corporation

Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

Local Non-Governmental Organization

International Non-Governmental Organization

Indigenous People

Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

Local authority

Government and national institution

Regional economic community

United Nations

International financial institution

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?

We encouraged participants to share their stories in order to build trust before splitting into smaller groups. We had the opening speaker emphasize the importance of SME engagement in the summit and the urgency in involving them as key drivers of food system transformation in the decade of action. We asked SMEs to say what they could do and what they needed from others, in order to begin building support for specific commitments.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

It included multiple stakeholders, from government and public agencies, to small businesses and support organizations. It complemented work and interaction between Brazil and the African Portuguese-speaking countries.

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

Ensure that all involved in the planning and organizing, curators, facilitators, speakers, are aware of these.

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 was: How to boost the role of SMEs in providing Good Food for All?
Discussion groups shared positive experiences of contributions to the food systems and detailed challenges. A second group breakout considered actions within defined pathways in line with the Action Tracks.

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- ✓ Action Track 3: Boost nature-positive production
- ✓ Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods
- ✓ Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

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- Human rights
- ✓ Women & Youth Empowerment
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MAIN FINDINGS

Challenges around unfavourable regulatory/business environment for SMEs – access to finance, technology, weak markets, infrastructure deficits (especially in rural areas), etc. Also, lack of mentoring opportunities for SMEs. Technology emerged as a major issue of constraint for SMEs, especially those trying to add value beyond production.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

1. Reduce the Cost of Doing Business by:
 - addressing infrastructure deficits especially in rural areas
 - reforming the financial system and providing credit guarantees for SMEs
2. Tailor Support for Food SMEs by
 - Providing technical assistance to SMEs to professionalize their operations and grow
 - Facilitating stronger vertical linkages in the value chain for SMEs, i.e. between SMEs and their suppliers and customers

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Nothing significant was identified that created divergence by the participants.

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