

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Tuesday, 18 May 2021 08:30 GMT +07:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Exploring National Commitments for Sustainable Food Systems for Cambodia in 2030
CONVENED BY	His Excellency Sok Silo, Secretary General, Council for Agricultural and Rural Development.
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DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Cambodia

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

82

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

1

19-30

53

31-50

25

51-65

3

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

64 Male

18 Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

9 Agriculture/crops

3 Fish and aquaculture

1 Livestock

2 Agro-forestry

3 Environment and ecology

3 Trade and commerce

5 Education

1 Communication

Food processing

1 Food retail, markets

Food industry

Financial Services

4 Health care

18 Nutrition

14 National or local government

Utilities

4 Industrial

Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

7 Small/medium enterprise/artisan

1 Large national business

Multi-national corporation

4 Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

4 Local Non-Governmental Organization

11 International Non-Governmental Organization

Indigenous People

1 Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

Local authority

36 Government and national institution

Regional economic community

United Nations

International financial institution

4 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

2 Consumer group

8 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The dialogue was structured to give participants an overview of major directions, and then to allow representatives of each concerned ministry or institution an opportunity to present on their commitments. Each Ministry and institution invited to participate was invited to submit commitments in writing in advance of the meeting, with the intention of combining individual contributions under the broader themes of the action tracks. The development partners, civil society, private sector and sub-national level representatives were invited to respond to the commitments by ministries by aligning their commitments with the major directions of government or in filling in gaps. In the follow-up to the meeting, those present and those who had not attended were given opportunity to respond in writing.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The dialogue was designed to encourage commitment to the National Dialogue process and to support the roadmap. Formal letters were directed to each relevant Ministry seeking their commitments in writing in advance of the dialogue session. All those presenting were asked to respect other participants by limiting their statement to the most significant contributions from their side. The set of presentations was intended to highlight the diverse interests in the food system and the opportunities for different ministries to complement each other in their work and for the other partners to complement the government actions. The event was split between different sections to allow government and other partners opportunities to respond to each other.

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

This dialogue was built around formal preparations but to ask ministries to prepare their commitments however, in most cases they did not make these preparations. More time and high level support is needed to ensure that the ministries can prepare a formal statement and that they have adequate understanding of the meaning of the food system and the significance of a systems approach in dealing with new challenges. Similarly, development partners and other actors were reluctant in some cases to make a statement without more formal preparations. It would be useful to allow more time and an iterative process to generate these commitments. There was sufficient discussion to identify potential high-level commitments to support preparations for the pre-summit and summit. We need to allow the dialogue process to run further in order for the paradigm change entailed in a systems approach to take effect.

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

The format was quite different in that it was aimed at eliciting a formal commitment to actions supporting the action tracks. The process required an invitation to ministries to prepare commitment statements based on current plans and strategies and envisaged steps for sharing these commitments and allowing other non-government partners to identify points of alignment with the goals of the various ministries. Points of convergence between sectors were difficult to establish during the event but are possible in post-dialogue analysis. No major points of divergence were aired in during the event, either amongst the ministries or in the statements of other partners attending.

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The dialogue focused on the commitments of different sectors and stakeholders to the achievement of sustainable food systems for 2030. The purpose was to align the activities of the different actors and institutions with particular action tracks and to highlight the key actions underway or established in existing strategies and plans of action. This event built on the initial engagement event conducted at a technical level with staff of ministries and institutions of the Royal Government of Cambodia on 31 March 2021.

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
- ✓ Policy
- Innovation
- Data & Evidence
- Human rights
- ✓ Governance
- Women & Youth Empowerment
- Trade-offs
- Environment and Climate

MAIN FINDINGS

Exploring National Commitments for Sustainable Food Systems for Cambodia in 2030

Line ministries contributing to governance and implementation of activities associated with food systems were invited to make statements of commitments to support sustainable food systems for Cambodia by 2030. The ministries and institutions that responded and the nature of their commitments are summarized below.

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

1. Promote competitive production value chain.
2. Increase the support to infrastructure and trade facilitation.
3. Strengthen the management of forestry and fisheries.
4. Strengthen institutions, human resource and legal framework.

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport

1. Continue to implement scholarship and school feeding program.
2. Include fundamental life skills in the school curriculum.

Ministry of Commerce

1. Control the stock of reserved food, ensuring quantity, quality, technical standard and delivery to people.
2. Assure food allocation aligned with the Royal Government policies.

Ministry of Industry, Technology and Innovation

1. Upgrade all production with modern technology.
2. Promote primary food industry.
3. Increase food productivity in accordance with technical standard, hygiene and social demand.

Ministry of Environment

1. Maintain water sources for people for farming, especially for villagers who living near the forest.
2. Promote agricultural practices to reduce dependency of people on forest, wildlife or other natural resources.
3. Promote eco-tourism as a source of livelihood to reduce dependency on forest and other natural resources.

Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology

1. Expand irrigation systems by 25,000 to 30,000 ha per year.
2. Establish 4 to 5 Community Water User Groups per year.
3. Build new Techo Sen Meteorology Station in Kampong Thom Province.

Ministry of Planning

1. Develop legal framework for food fortification.
2. Raising awareness to all levels of people about fortified food.
3. Research into basic types of foods suitable for fortification.

Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation

1. Provide cash to pregnant and lactating women and children under 2 years old.
2. Provide cash to suffering families in IDPoor 1 and IDPoor 2 categories.
3. Provide cash to disabled people and orphans.
4. Provide cash to retired officials and veterans.
5. Provide cash to suffering people in lockdown areas and COVID-19 infected people.

Other commitments

In addition to these statements, IFFAD, the ADB, the NGO Forum, JICA, the SUN CSA and the Provincial Governments of Kampot, Kampong Thom, Kampong Chhnang and Ratanakiri and GIZ MUSEFO Project all made statements concerning the alignment of their contributions and their commitment to supporting the RGC and people of Cambodia in the achievement of sustainable food systems. These various commitments included: support for agribusinesses, market linkages for smallholders, provision of improved services for poor households, digitalization in agriculture and value chains, clean safe and sustainable value chain development for agriculture and food, water supply and sanitation in rural areas, expansion of the irrigated areas for cropping, adapting agriculture to climate change, improved seed supply; promotion of multi-stakeholder platforms and support for sub-national level governance of FSN, nutrition for mothers, infants and young child feeding, promoting food safety and nutrition in schools.

It was recommended that this information should be shared with the CDC and that CDC should also be given an opportunity to contribute in terms of the national commitments.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

No areas of divergence or emerged in the discussion.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

ATTACHMENTS

- **Opening remarks by HE Sok Silo**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Speech-for-Food-Systems-on-National-committment-on-18-May-2021.pdf>
- **IFAD Programme for Cambodia**
https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/IFAD-Cambodia-FSS-national-dialogue_v2.pdf
- **MISTI Presentation on National Commitments**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Food-System-2121-Final-PDF.pdf>
- **Ministry of Commerce Green Trade Presentation**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/GREEN-TRADE-slide-for-food-system.pdf>
- **MAFF Commitment for Food Systems**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/MAFF-Commitment-on-Food-systems..pdf>