

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 31 May 2021 16:10 GMT +10:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Food and Community: How does food connect diverse communities in a multicultural city.
CONVENED BY	Dr Dilhani Dissanayake - Bendigo Food For Thought
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/15502/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Australia

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

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

1 0-18 2 19-30 10 31-50 10 51-65 5 66-80 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

Male

Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

1	Agriculture/crops	6	Education	1	Health care
1	Fish and aquaculture	1	Communication	1	Nutrition
1	Livestock	1	Food processing	1	National or local government
1	Agro-forestry	1	Food retail, markets	1	Utilities
1	Environment and ecology	9	Food industry	1	Industrial
5	Trade and commerce	1	Financial Services	1	Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

5	Small/medium enterprise/artisan	3	Workers and trade union
1	Large national business		Member of Parliament
	Multi-national corporation		Local authority
1	Small-scale farmer	1	Government and national institution
	Medium-scale farmer		Regional economic community
	Large-scale farmer		United Nations
1	Local Non-Governmental Organization		International financial institution
	International Non-Governmental Organization	1	Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
	Indigenous People	5	Consumer group
9	Science and academia	1	Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

We support inclusive multi-stakeholder processes and approaches within governments and communities that bring in diverse perspectives (including indigenous knowledge, cultural insights, and science-based evidence) to enable stakeholders to find alignment through understanding and to design policy options that deliver against multiple public goods across these various systems. Our Dialogue brings to the table a diversity of stakeholders from within government, the business community, civil society, and research – working across the food system from knowledge to consumption. They are inclusive and strive to showcase as many voices as possible, capturing diverse cultural, professional, and gender-specific perspectives. The multiplicity of voices is captured in the Dialogue feedback. We organized our dialogue inclusively multicultural which will help to create an effective dialogue including diverse cultures' thoughts and perspective. This will help to have a broader discussion throughout the dialogue. Due to the global covid 19 pandemic and concerning the international value which can bring to the dialogue we organized our dialogue online.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

Our Dialogue commits to practicing what we preach personally and professionally to contribute to the vision, objectives, and final outcomes of the Food Systems Summit. The Dialogue empowers stakeholders to participate in the preparation of the Food Systems Summit. We create Food and Community Dialogue to enable the emergence of fresh and novel ideas to establish the ideas of food connects people as a new scope of opinion to add an extra value to Food System Summit 2021. Within our respective capacities and circumstances, we ensure to promote our dialogue represents multi-faith, multi-cultures and multi-ethnic communities or stakeholders to discuss their experience of food production and consumption practices that enhance resilient livelihoods and communities, and promote good stewardship of natural resources, while respecting local cultures and contexts. We work to ensure the Summit and associated engagement process will promote trust and increase motivation to participate by being evidence-based, transparent, and accessible in governance, decision-making, planning, engagement, and implementation within the given time and the idea. We, individual actors, hold ourselves accountable for commitments made with mechanisms in place to uphold this accountability.

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

Yes, We learned them from the UN Food System Summit 2021 convenor and facilitator workshops and the UN Food System Summit website.

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

Food seems the first of the essentials of life, our considerable biggest industry, our most significantly indulged pleasure, and sometimes the cause of death and disease. Despite food's material value, we here discussed and granted the idea of beyond its material value. We considered food has always been key to connecting cultures. From that perspective, we tried to establish the core focus of our dialogue embracing summit scopes the idea of food connects people and it will help to connect diverse communities bringing peace and harmony simply through taste. It is a significant fact that according to Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin (1755-1826) mentioned "tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are" shows that food represents who you are and what you are. We did not talk about the price of food but we discussed the stories beyond the price and how that food origins and came to the table after passing several steps. Food is not simply material but it highly condenses social fact. Our Dialogue tried to bring that social fact out and initiate peace and harmony in our contemporary society. Not only we further discussed how this idea enables equality and a sense of belonging and humanity in a broader perspective.

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

We found that people love to try different food despite their ethnicity or tradition or culture. According to participants' ideas they often like to eat international cuisine rather than their own palatable food. And especially when they out for meals they connect with other people and network with others. This brings the key idea of connecting people through foods particularly memories and special occasions. Food does not necessarily need to be international but even local food also has a greater power of connecting people when it comes to celebrations like birthdays, Christmas and Easter. The flavours of dishes evoke emotions that allow sharing memories in a safe and welcoming environment. These major objectives have been found to initiate the scopes of respect, inclusiveness, appreciation, and resilience.

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KEYWORDS

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✓	Innovation		Data & Evidence
✓	Human rights		Governance
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		✓	Environment and Climate

OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

Participants now aware and acknowledged that food identifies who we are and where we came from and what we and how it simply represents us. Some participants were being not knowing of how food causes us to connects the community and represents us. They may indeed try to read or listen to more food stories or food histories as a source of knowing food and traditions which are essential for making a safe and harmonious environment in a multicultural city And some people became understandable to be more flexible, resilient and respectful of other cultures.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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