

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 3 June 2021 14:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	The transformative potential of the UNDDF towards sustainable, resilient, inclusive and viable food systems
CONVENED BY	European Commission (DG INTPA); World Rural Forum (WRF)
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	<a href="https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/17025/">https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/17025/</a>
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	No borders

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

0	0-18	15	19-30	66	31-50	55	51-65	7	66-80		80+
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### PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

84	Male	57	Female	2	Prefer not to say or Other
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### NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

24	Agriculture/crops	3	Education		Health care
2	Fish and aquaculture	1	Communication		Nutrition
4	Livestock		Food processing	4	National or local government
1	Agro-forestry		Food retail, markets		Utilities
5	Environment and ecology		Food industry		Industrial
	Trade and commerce		Financial Services	100	Other

### NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

2	Small/medium enterprise/artisan		Workers and trade union
	Large national business		Member of Parliament
	Multi-national corporation		Local authority
	Small-scale farmer	9	Government and national institution
	Medium-scale farmer	2	Regional economic community
	Large-scale farmer	14	United Nations
46	Local Non-Governmental Organization	4	International financial institution
4	International Non-Governmental Organization	1	Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
	Indigenous People		Consumer group
8	Science and academia	34	Other

## 2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The Dialogue was organized after reading the principles of engagement and they were taken into account to guarantee respect for all these principles. However, the basis of the UNDIFF includes the SFS principles. The topics and the methodology were thought to reach concrete action to act with urgency. The participants came from different sectors and from different constituencies from local farmers' organizations, CSO, governmental institutions, UN organizations, and academia. All participants recognize the complexity but the strength of multistakeholder's dialogue is complementary to their ideas.

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

Act with Urgency: The dialogue with the working group brings concrete actions to implement actions. Commit to the Summit: The dialogue on the UNDIFF invited partners who participate in Action Tracks and are involved in the FSS Be Respectful: The dialogue ensured the respect of ideas and opinions on a common basis to sustainable and inclusive food systems. Recognize Complexity: The UNDIFF gathers the complexity of food systems with solutions to transform food systems into sustainable, resilient, inclusive, and viable food systems. Embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity: The UNDIFF is an ongoing process of multistakeholder working together for a common cause. Complement the work of others: In order to complement the work of others and build trust to achieve the objective, one solution presented in the Dialogue is the National Committee of Family Farming, which is a platform in which each actor brings its expertise.

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

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# 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?

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Yes

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No

# 4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

## MAJOR FOCUS

The UNDIFF has recognized the key role of family farmers towards ensuring global and local food security, strengthening sustainable food systems, eradicating poverty, protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development. The global independent dialogue explored the different (game-changing) opportunities created by the UNDIFF to enable family farmers to contribute to, and benefit from, sustainable, inclusive, viable and resilient food systems.

The event brought together different stakeholders in order to explore debate and shape pathways to sustainable food systems centered on family farming.

The dialogue took a participatory approach combining two panels of keynote speakers, discussions in plenaries and in working groups, in order to ensure knowledge sharing between the different participants. Simultaneous English, French and Spanish interpretation was provided to ensure effective participation of all participants from different countries.

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- ✓ Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

### KEYWORDS

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MAIN FINDINGS

During the Independent Dialogue, the importance of highlighting NCFFs’ experiences of exploring farmers' needs and placing them on the political agenda was clearly shown. The NCFFs are diverse and their richness and specificity should be preserved. They should participate in the debate on food systems as key actors.

The UNDIFF proposes a set of coherent, inter-connected policies and actions to address the environmental, economic and social dimensions of rural development and provide a bridge between emergency relief, recovery, and development contexts while placing family farmers at the center.

Furthermore, the NCFFs are involved in the process of drafting and implementing the National Action Plans of the UNDIFF (NAP), which are coordinated plans to outline tangible measures and specific actions with regard to family farming, especially in terms of public policies, programs and regulations, and which act as a roadmap for countries and regions in their efforts to support the sustainable development of family farming. In other words, the NAPs transform the needs and priorities identified by various stakeholders into measures, policies and processes in favour of family farming, considering the programs and mechanisms already in place and trying to align and coordinate efforts in order to overcome the challenges of the current food systems.

By stimulating the development of public policies and investment to support family farming from a holistic perspective, the UNDIFF is, indeed, a key game-changing solution for local food systems. The implementation of the UNDIFF 2019-2028 will unleash the unique potential of family farming in shifting towards more sustainable, inclusive and resilient food systems and addressing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/3

### Family Farming at the center of sustainable food systems

Enabling and supporting family farmers can increase the availability of nutritious, sustainably produced and culturally appropriate food. Viable family farming-centered food systems can offer new economic and attractive employment opportunities, social inclusion and equity, while at the same time increasing rural-urban linkages and synergies through short food supply chains, which can offer promising solutions towards reducing food loss and waste.

Apart from producing food and crops, family farmers develop multiple and crucial roles within their communities. Among others, they ensure the sustainable livelihood of territories and they preserve the environment, reinforcing the efficient and sustainable use and management of natural resources, the conservation of biodiversity, as well as the prevention of soil depletion, water pollution and environmental degradation. It is essential to recognize and enhance the role of young and women farmers. Agro-ecological practices were highlighted as a contribution to the resilience of family farming.

The inclusiveness of the food system should take into consideration a human rights approach, including appropriate access to land and water and access to appropriate technology.

There is a need to strengthen the awareness of the key role that family farmers play in overcoming poverty and malnutrition, in environmental protection, as a source of employment, and their enormous contribution to sustainable food systems.

Fostering the direct link between producers and consumers was highlighted as fundamental to guarantee the demand for quality and local products is aligned with family farming production.

However, this enormous potential should be stimulated, with holistic and appropriate public policies. Among the different measures that were underlined during the dialogue were: access to rural credit, access and control over land and natural resources, technical assistance, appropriate technologies, digital marketing, and transformation processes. To design these policies, quality statistical data is needed which clearly measures the different contributions of family farmers. The promotion of family farmers' articulation and association with other actors was also highlighted during the meeting.

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/3

Multistakeholders' processes to contribute to sustainable and resilient food systems. The UNDIFF is an on-going process, characterized by the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders - including governments (both national and local), parliamentarians, specialized agencies and other relevant bodies of the United Nations, international financial institutions and other international mechanisms, farmers and producer organizations, academic and research institutes, civil society organizations and the private sector – in the design of specific measures to enhance family farming. It makes a very clear connection of the global, regional, national and local levels, from the Global UN Declaration – that places the issue among the top priorities in the international agenda- to the local level -promoting concrete and contextualized actions, legal and institutional frameworks to address the different challenges and promoting the effective participation of organizations and local governments at the municipal level. It also contributes to ensuring the rights and the creation of opportunities for women farmers and rural succession for young farmers, who will indeed be responsible for food production and the sustainable management of natural resources in the future.

The collaboration between the different family farmers' organizations, the UN agencies, FAO, governments, cooperation agencies, and other relevant stakeholders is of huge value in the UNDIFF process and needs to be reinforced. In this sense, the role of the National Committees of Family Farming (NCFF) and other platforms for dialogue was highlighted and recognized. The NCFFs provide broad and inclusive platforms to the different stakeholders in the country for interaction, reflection, debate and negotiation on the current state of the agricultural sector, the strategies, programs and plans to unleash family farmers' potential, while, at the same time, contributing to the strengthening of the role of civil society, and especially of farmers' organizations, in the policy decision making process.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/3

Setting the scene: The catalytic role of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient and viable food systems.

The United Nations Decade of Family Farming (UNDIFF) 2019-2028 calls on family farming to lead substantial transformations in current food systems, promoting actions which encompass the economic, social and environmental dimensions of family farming. The UN Resolution on the UNDIFF offers the international community an extraordinary framework in which to achieve a positive shift in food systems.

The Covid-19 pandemic highlights the need to redesign the way we produce, consume, trade and organize food supply chains in order to better prepare for future crises, ensuring more equitable sustainability in the food supply chains. Family Farming gained visibility during this pandemic, as the importance of local and sustainable food consumption has been highlighted during the crisis.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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