

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Friday, 28 May 2021 16:00 GMT +01:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	DEALING WITH INEQUALITIES IN FOOD SYSTEMS: Conceptualizing A Right-based Approach to Food Systems Transformation.
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DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/19670/
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

43

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

2

19-30

35

31-50

6

51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

Male

Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

7 Agriculture/crops

2 Fish and aquaculture

Livestock

Agro-forestry

2 Environment and ecology

Trade and commerce

9 Education

3 Communication

4 Food processing

Food retail, markets

Food industry

2 Financial Services

Health care

Nutrition

1 National or local government

2 Utilities

Industrial

11 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan

Large national business

Multi-national corporation

10 Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

6 Local Non-Governmental Organization

International Non-Governmental Organization

3 Indigenous People

4 Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

Local authority

Government and national institution

Regional economic community

6 United Nations

International financial institution

Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

Consumer group

13 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

A diverse group of keynote speakers with different backgrounds and geographies was invited. Each participant was given an opportunity to share s/he views as per the topic of discussion and enough time was dedicated for Q&A.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The dialogue respected the principle of complexity and embraced multi-stakeholder inclusivity. All participants declared their support and commitment to ensure the Summit's vision is met.

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

Yes, dialogue outcomes are meaningful when they respect multiple views. This can only be achieved if each participant is given the opportunity to express his or her mind. The process of inviting participants should be carefully planned and should embrace diversity.

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 dialogue focused on conceptualizing a rights-based approach through the identification of priorities for action that could strengthen the most vulnerable, safeguard the environment and ensure equitable Food Systems for the future.

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

- Acknowledged the fact that Inequalities in food systems are complex issues underpinned by poverty, beliefs, and climate change. It must be tackled by addressing the root causes which are more or less country-specific.
- All rights are interconnected (human rights, natural rights, rights to a healthy and sustainable environment, etc) except for corporate rights which are frequently prioritized over the rights of people. We must move from theory to action by initiating practical pilot projects within our respective communities.
- To further research, take concrete actions, and deepen our knowledge on how the rights of nature can be applied to promote sustainable agro-food systems.
- A general call for the recognition and full implementation of the rights to food and the right to a healthy and sustainable environment as a catalyst to the transformation of food systems.
- The need to view nature as a legal entity or person with inherent rights to exist, evolve, flourish and regenerate as well as the rights to restoration, recovery, and preservation.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

Human rights advocacy: Recognition and full implementation of the right to food and right to a healthy and sustainable environment. Most participants acknowledged the fact that our current food system isn't delivering on the human rights obligations to fulfill the right to adequate and nutritious food given the present millions of people still suffer from malnutrition and obesity globally. Our present food systems are causing incredible damage to the environment (increase GHG emissions, deforestation, water pollution, and the increased spread of infectious diseases). One of the powerful ways to achieving a just and equitable food systems transformation is through the implementation of the rights to adequate food.

Earth-centered Law: Promote Ecocentric laws through influencing legislation on:

- nature's protection by giving legal status to particular plant species for the example The White Earth Band of Ojibwe -Wild Rice
- as a tool to oppose the most destructive agricultural practices for example ecocides.

Education, empowerment, capacity building, and training: Education was identified as a key component in achieving mindset transformation.

- Align academic programs with SDGs and toward the country's specific vision e.g flagship program on dryland agriculture offered by Lukenya University in Kenya.
- Empower and build the capacity of small-scale farmers in agriculture ecosystem management, fortified youth into agribusiness, and climate-smart agriculture technologies.

Policy advocacy: Guarantee and support the adoption of ambitious and stringent national policies that ensure inputs, finance, access to markets, and fair trade to reach the most vulnerable producers and consumers (women, indigenous people, persons living with disabilities, and young people).

Agricultural Development: Food systems improvement pathways should be built on the basis that agriculture is a key component of global food and environmental sustainability as well as an essential part of the solution. Without agriculture, there is no food, so the assurance that all people have access to enough food starts with healthy and productive agriculture which is able to provide for both the well-being of producers and rural communities, as well as enough surplus for feeding the rest of society.

Strategic Partnerships: Learn and collaborate with existing right-based across the globe. Fostering north-south and south-south cooperation that enables free technology transfer for agro-food development.

Investment: Investing in the use of innovative technology that addresses cross-sectoral environmental challenges such as water scarcity, pollution, and droughts e.g RussKap's Atmosphere Water Generators for drip irrigation and Insitu potable drinking water supply.

Raise awareness: Carry out awareness campaigns on the potentiality of right-based approaches as a solution to the world's greatest challenges.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Participants had diverged views on the kind of intervention that would best address inequalities in food systems. These views resonated around earth-centered legislations, policy, and rights advocacy, providing incentives, redefining academic curriculum, and empowering the most vulnerable.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

RELEVANT LINKS

- **The White Earth Band of Ojibwe -Wild Rice**
<https://www.yesmagazine.org/environment/2019/02/01/the-white-earth-band-of-ojibwe-legally-recognized-the-rights-of-wild-rice-heres-why>