

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 17 June 2021 15:30 GMT +05:30
DIALOGUE TITLE	JUST TRANSITION in LIVELIHOODS for RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS
CONVENED BY	Ms. Ruwani de Silva, Coordinator, Global Youth Forum on Climate Change
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/21189/
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

45

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

1 0-18 27 19-30 14 31-50 3 51-65 66-80 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

22 Male 23 Female Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

3	Agriculture/crops	8	Education	2	Health care
3	Fish and aquaculture	4	Communication	1	Nutrition
	Livestock	1	Food processing	4	National or local government
	Agro-forestry		Food retail, markets		Utilities
2	Environment and ecology		Food industry		Industrial
	Trade and commerce	2	Financial Services	15	Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

	Small/medium enterprise/artisan		Workers and trade union
1	Large national business		Member of Parliament
	Multi-national corporation	1	Local authority
	Small-scale farmer	2	Government and national institution
	Medium-scale farmer	1	Regional economic community
	Large-scale farmer	1	United Nations
20	Local Non-Governmental Organization		International financial institution
5	International Non-Governmental Organization		Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
	Indigenous People		Consumer group
9	Science and academia	5	Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The Independent Dialogue was organized in adherence with the principles of the UN Food Systems Summit, particularly those on embracing multi-stakeholder inclusivity, recognizing complexity, complementing the work of others, and building trust. By bringing together members of different stakeholder groups and applying principles of a just transition to national and global food systems, the dialogue facilitated an open, interactive, and participatory discussion that led to concrete results and key inputs. Moreover, the structure in which the dialogue took place enabled discussants to build on the experiences and expertise of each other and gain further input on the roles of different stakeholders and multi-actor partnerships including government, the private sector, civil society, and local communities. The event included the following speakers: Ms. Vositha Wijenayake (Executive Director, SLYCAN Trust), Mr. Lasse Bruun, (CEO, 50by40), Mr. Duncan Williamson (Founder, Nourishing Food Systems), Ms. Fleur Newman (Unit Lead – Gender | Youth | ACE, UNFCCC), Ms. Katherine S. Miles (Gender Consultant, InsuResilience Global Partnership), Mr. Kairos Dela Cruz (Deputy Executive Director, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities), and Ms. Chalani Marasinghe (Research & Programme Officer, Global Youth Forum on Climate Change). In addition, the participants were divided into breakout groups to discuss the following key questions: Question 1: What are solutions and challenges for a just transition in livelihoods to build resilient, climate-friendly, and equitable food systems? Question 2: What are solutions and challenges to localize value chains and rebalance agency for more resilient and equitable livelihoods? Question 3: What are solutions and challenges for a just transition in livelihoods to build resilient, climate friendly, and equitable food systems? Question 4: Any additional input, solutions or challengers related to just transition, livelihood and food systems?

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The Dialogue opened a conversation among many stakeholders, some who directly work with the Summit and others who work with those whose livelihoods are threatened as a result of inconsistent food systems. Furthermore, keeping in line with the Principles of commitment, understanding complexity and respect, the Dialogue was also an opportunity to discuss the implications of different just transition elements (such as policies and social protection) for food systems and connect them to a just COVID-19 recovery as well as to share knowledge, experience, best practices, and lessons learned. Complementing the work of other sectors, the Dialogue provided a platform to identify and explore opportunities to mainstream just transition and integrate it with sustainable development, climate action, and just recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

i) Have a sound understanding of the Principles of Engagement and see how best it can be incorporated into the Dialogue ii) Invite a wide variety of stakeholders to participate in the discussion to ensure it is a rich and productive Dialogue iii) Effective and efficient use of time management which will ensure there is sufficient time for all stakeholders to engage and provide inputs - be it orally/ via other tools and mechanisms used. iv) Understand the context and sensitivities in which the Dialogue is taking place as well as the context and sensitivities that the area of discussion has upon the stakeholders. This would enable a more holistic approach to the discussion that would better incorporate the challenges and opportunities as well.

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

Building on findings from previous events such as SLYCAN Trust's 2020 Food Systems Summit and Virtual Summit on Just Transition, the dialogue explored several key questions: How can food systems be part of climate action and become more resilient while protecting livelihoods and social cohesion? What are the existing initiatives, mechanisms, policy processes, and opportunities for synergies regarding just transition? How can a just recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic be integrated with a just transition to more climate-friendly and equitable food systems? What examples and lessons can be replicated to address just transition in food systems at national and global level?

The following main thematic areas were addressed throughout the session:

- Identify through an inclusive and participatory process solutions to be introduced under Action Track 4 and its three action areas, in particular related to just transition and building equitable and inclusive resilience in food systems.
- Gain further input on the roles of different stakeholders and multi-actor partnerships including government, private sector, civil society, and local communities.
- Build on the technical capacity of key stakeholders working on the topic of adaptation and mitigation, just transition, and food system resilience.
- Identify entry points for integrating context-specific and holistic just transition approaches into national and international policies, plans, and processes and existing infrastructure. ▪ Highlight and further explore the role of Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, other relevant processes and mechanisms under the UNFCCC, and the SDGs. ▪ Integration of resilience-building and social protection among youth and women and the inclusion of gender and youth empowerment in planning and policy processes. ▪ Discuss implications of human mobility and informal employment for just transition in food systems.
- Connect just transition to just recovery from COVID-19, and resilience-building in food system livelihoods.
- Share knowledge, experiences, best practices, and lessons learned.

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

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

MAIN FINDINGS

Throughout the dialogue as well as during the breakout sessions, the following main findings emerged:

- Enhancing awareness and attitudes toward food system transformation and sustainable, climate-friendly, localized food production
- Changing consumption patterns and highlighting the role of plant-based diets,
- Engaging women, youth, and vulnerable or marginalized communities and enhancing their access to finance, risk management, entrepreneurship, and other opportunities
- Integrating just transition with just recovery and overcoming challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Identifying gaps in knowledge and address them through focused, context-specific research and interventions
- Investing in rural development, skills development, capacity-building, and entrepreneurship training for youth and farming communities
- Strengthening infrastructure, including transport and digital infrastructure, in rural areas
- Enhancing the social recognition and standing of food producers; improving the “branding” of food systems and agriculture
- Involving all stakeholders, including the public, in decision- and policy-making processes and incorporating their feedback and inputs in an iterative process; setting up open forums for feedback and input into these processes
- Acknowledging the reality of culture, traditions, customary laws, and religion for food production, land ownership, gender, etc., addressing existing inequalities and vulnerabilities
- Exploring the role of blue foods and strengthening sustainable fisheries, mariculture, and aquaculture
- Providing financial support and climate risk finance and transfer mechanisms to protect farmers and allow them to take risks and move toward more sustainable and resilient practices

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

A. What are the solutions and challenges for a just transition in livelihoods to build resilient, climate friendly and equitable food systems?

- Raising community awareness, attitudes, and understanding of concepts such as food miles, sustainable food systems, plant-based diets
- Enhancing gender-responsive climate and disaster risk finance and transfer; closing the gender gap in financial inclusion and facilitating women to own and scale up businesses
- Strengthening e-commerce and digital infrastructure
- Overcoming challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitating a just recovery
- Enhancing governance (public/private sector)
- Improving food access for suburban areas
- Facilitating youth involvement to find solutions for a sustainable future
- Forming public-private partnerships
- Promoting local knowledge for food production
- Addressing unequal access to information and technologies
- Increase the supply, availability, and affordability of plant-based food items
- Promoting plant-based food systems
- Identifying entry points
- Enhancing trust in technology
- Identifying gaps and addressing them
- Reducing the influence of multinational corporations in food systems to help local and agroecological food systems to survive
- Economic development of rural people
- Building skills and technical capacity
- Reducing wastage
- Integrating an adjustable food system

B. What are solutions and challenges to localize value chains and rebalance agency for more resilient and equitable livelihoods?

- Building awareness and overcoming limitations in capacity and technology
- Promoting value addition to food
- Conducting gender analysis of value chains to understand diverse roles with value chains of women and men
- Enhancing marketing opportunities for youth and empowering youth to find innovative solutions
- Promoting entrepreneurship and enhancing entrepreneurship skills among youth and farming communities
- Investing in sustainable food startups
- Acknowledging and addressing context
- Valuing labor and strengthening labor justice
- Respecting and supporting land rights
- Supporting smallholder farmers against large corporations
- Implementing climate insurance mechanisms
- Identifying key market points where the supplies could be provided, and then connecting farmers to the buyers based on the demand, for them to have a sustainable supply chain.
- Finding innovative ways to address agriculture problems, branding the food production
- Enhancing access to markets and financial literacy
- Breaking up market monopolies that are harmful for food producers, especially small-scale ones
- Investing in economic development of rural areas

C. What are the solutions and challenges to strengthen food systems governance and develop participatory and inclusive policies and plans

- Creating incentives for women's participation in governance mechanisms
- Strengthening women's participation in government sector and the private sector, including both companies and business associations
- Boosting engagement with women's associations and ministries of gender/women where they exist
- Conducting awareness creation programs
- Strengthening market linkages
- Engaging youth in the identification of key policy issues related to food systems
- Promoting more transparent decision-making processes
- Including more stakeholders in policy-making decisions through knowledge sharing and project partnerships with NGOs/CSOs/research institutions
- Creating incentives for women's participation in governance mechanisms

D. Additional solutions related to just transition, livelihoods and food systems

- Supporting the formalization of agricultural enterprises
- Addressing gender discriminatory laws on land ownership and registration as well as discriminatory customary practices related to land ownership
- Enhancing policy coherence between difference policy areas related to food systems, the financial sector, climate change, and inclusion
- Providing financial resources allocated to ensure engagement of impacted communities
- Highlighting the role of blue food in the discussion

- Changing consumption habits
- Improving infrastructure and transportation facilities for food
- Involving stakeholders in policy dev-

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

None

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Independent Food Systems Summit Dialogue Just Transition in Livelihoods for Resilient Food Systems - SLYCAN Trust**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/UNFSS-Independent-Dialogue-2-Just-Transition.pdf>

RELEVANT LINKS

- **Just Transition in Livelihoods for Resilient Food Systems**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HS3umdg7WIY&t=38s>