

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

<b>DIALOGUE DATE</b>	Tuesday, 4 May 2021 10:00 GMT +08:00
<b>DIALOGUE TITLE</b>	Food Systems Summit 2021 - Youth & Food : Do You Care?
<b>CONVENED BY</b>	Mrs. Haslina Abdul Hamid, Secretary-General of Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries, Malaysia
<b>DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE</b>	<a href="https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/21386/">https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/21386/</a>
<b>DIALOGUE TYPE</b>	Member State
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS</b>	Malaysia

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



## PARTICIPATION BY GENDER



## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR



## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP



## 2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The engagement session was organized in a respectful manner for an open, transparent, and inclusive dialogue between the participants, curators, and moderator. The Dialogue with Malaysian youth is significant to assess the enablers that would increase youth participation in agriculture such as, automation, mechanization, and what it takes to bring youth to be part of the food system. The Dialogue brought a diversity of youth segments from youth associations, university students, and youth agropreneurs working across the food system from production to consumption. The involvement of youth enhances the principle of inclusivity where no one is left behind in the process leading to the Pre-Summit 2021.

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

The dialogue reflected most aspects of the Principles, : Be Respectful, Recognize Complexity and Embrace Multi-stakeholder Inclusivity. Malaysia has joined AT5 and AT1 and has started its engagement session since October 2020, demonstrating its commitment to the Summit. In the Dialogue with Youth, both the Curators and participants emphasized on the readiness of safe and nutritious food at an affordable price, the significant of STI to transform the way we produce, eat, consume our food in the future, the usage of blockchain in the food system to be more resilience during unforeseen circumstances/future shocks/economic uncertainties.

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

# 3. METHOD

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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

We need to change the narrative, and the youth must be well informed of how lucrative the agriculture sector could be. International Youth Centre started its Urban Farming Programme in 2016 to help its own staff to have their own food because 80% of IYC's staff is under the urban poverty level. IYC had sent its personnel to Thailand, Japan, and Indonesia to learn their method of urban farming. After 5 years, this program has expanded and now offers guidance to young people within the KL area interested in urban farming activity.

MARDI has done a study and based on this study, and middlemen play a crucial role in the marketing value chain. Middlemen involvement has been recurring across all industries, not just within the agro-food sector. Whilst the complete elimination of these parties would be challenging and unlikely, reliance on middlemen can be reduced through upgrading existing distribution infrastructures where applicable to improve direct farmers' access to wholesalers and retailers. A list of initiatives targeting to create new business opportunities along the supply chain should be created (usually the agricultural cooperatives' function is limited to upstream activities such as distribution of inputs and sales of agriculture produce) to reduce the existence and dependence on middlemen on agricultural produce on distribution and marketing.

Food is the most essential need to be alive. Agriculture is not business, but agriculture is life. It is the government's utmost priority to ensure that food security is always kept in check and sufficient for its people. As youth, it's our responsibility to support the government's policies and plans in the food system. Since agriculture is not a preferred profession among youths, more effort is needed to encourage youths to get involved in this business. Emerging technologies like IoT, IR 4.0 and other modern inventions have to attract more youngsters. Capital funding, supply chain, agri-education and business sustainability must be assisted by a government-private partnership. People should be educated more on food wastage and the concept of 'Eat to Live and Not Live to Eat'. The collapse of the food system will be a disaster for a country, and it will definitely create chaos in the government's system. The supply must be kept in check and together we can make food an important export to feed the world.

Food plays an important role in our everyday life and that's basically the reason why food is at the base of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Food is crucial for our survival. Innovation and technology will help us be more conscious of our food consumption, better understand what we eat, how we should eat, and how technology will shape the future of food. During pandemics, we have logistical problems due to the lockdown on which access to food is rather difficult. If we use technology to invent food that could be in form of pills, for example, pills for meat, pills for apple, pills for vegetables without reducing the nutritional value of these foods, logistical problems will no longer be a big issue. We can keep the pills for more than 2 years (long expiry date), but they must be affordable for all stages of society.

### 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

It is Malaysia's aspiration to have as much feedback from this group because the agriculture industry in Malaysia is not attractive to young and knowledgeable talent and this would be a threat to the sustainability of sectoral growth. Lack of young farmers' participation in the sector can limit the country's competitiveness to meet food security in the future. Thus, this engagement session was beneficial for Malaysia to assess the enablers that would increase youth participation in agriculture such as, automation and mechanization, technological advancement, etc.

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

We should build resilience in our food system, especially post-covid 19. It is high time for us to leverage technologies for resilience building in food systems, such as the usage of blockchain in the supply chain management, to give us a much better able to identify any loopholes in advance. Hence, the agriculture/ food industry can adapt more easily if there are any disruptions. We also can use automation, IoT, or robotics to reduce the labour workforce in planting and harvesting crops. We should learn our lessons from COVID-19 where agriculture workers cannot go to the farm and have to keep social distancing while at the farm, which might jeopardize the yield production. Thus, technologies to reduce labour and automated operations would reduce these kinds of vulnerabilities.

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## AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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# ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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## RELEVANT LINKS

- **The Recorded Session: Food Systems Summit 2021 : Engagement Session With Youth- Youth and Food: Do You Care?**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zc4HWdxS0Z8eQ5HY62QgFi4ID68y0jQz/view>

# CORRECTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS, OR CHANGES

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Title Total of 794 respondents

Date 12/07/2021

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