

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 31 May 2021 16:00 GMT +03:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	THE ROLE OF SMALLHOLDERS FARMERS IN BUILDING FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCE TO REVOLUTIONALIZE AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA. WHAT DO SMALLHOLDER FARMERS NEED EXACTLY IN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION IN AFRICA?
CONVENED BY	Convener Jackson Buzingo Country Representative - ONE MORE SALARY Tanzania
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/21759/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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

2 0-18 7 19-30 5 31-50 51-65 66-80 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

8 Male 6 Female Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

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

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

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

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

All principles were adhered to in our Dialogue

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

We rely on mutual respect while speaking and listening

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

No

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

Theme;

The main theme of the webinar is to discuss the reality of the state of the smallholder farmers right now and evaluate what are the discrepancies in their involvement in food systems dialogues. What should be transformed to ensure smallholder farmers practice climate smart agriculture?. Smallholder farmers plays an important role in these ongoing discussion, are they being involved effectively? Smallholder farmers are able to reverse the trend of broken food systems if they are given a chance to speak for themselves. We stress about regeneration initiatives, agri-tech, and agroforestry etc, does smallholder farmers aware of these initiatives? If not! How are we going to assist them make their voice heard and counted?

Objectives

- To highlight the current setbacks that hinder smallholder farmers in agriculture.
- Policy makers should create a space for smallholder farmers to engage effectively in the agriculture issues.
- Explore ways and opportunities available in climate smart agriculture particularly in Regenerative Agriculture and Agroforestry.
- To mobilize governments and policy makers to recognize the role smallholder farmers play in feeding the world.

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

MAIN FINDINGS

Expected Outcomes

- To get the governments, organizations and private sector partners to put young people first in Agriculture sector.
- To realize the involvement of young people in agriculture as a means of increasing youth employment and scaling of climate smart agriculture initiatives.
- Investors, governments, decision makers should invest in farmers led agricultural initiatives to assist them fight climate change, transform broken food systems and heal our planet.
- Farmers empowerment in agriculture sector is a debatable issue since most of the farmers are left behind in these important moments. Creating awareness to smallholder farmers in the grassroots level is very crucial.
- Smallholder farmers should be drivers of change in Agriculture sector. School clubs should be established to students in order to transmit ideas first hand during early years of school.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

- i. Smallholder Farmers needs digital technology in agriculture
- ii. Smallholder Farmers needs natural methods to assist their depleted soil so that they can be able to improve soil health and increase income.
- iii. Smallholder farmers need regenerative agriculture trainings and education to know modern ways of agriculture.
- iv. Smallholder farmers needs to be empowered in terms of finance and loans to have access to their money.
- v. Associations for crop harvest stations in order to assist them in deciding the price of their crops produces.
- vi. Smallholder farmers needs seed banks savers to be established in their villages and communities.
- vii. The government should assist smallholder farmers in setting up policies that are friendly for them.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Areas of divergence

Areas of divergence that emerged during our Dialogue. An area of divergence is an issue where participants held diverse views, different opinions and/or opposing positions. For example, this might be related to a) strengths and vulnerabilities within food systems, b) areas that need further exploration, c) practices that are needed for food system sustainability, d) stakeholders whose interests should be prioritized.

- a. It was emphasized that smallholder farmers does not need chemical fertilizers, pesticides and GMO seeds while others said it needs time to undergo transition.
- b. Shifting to nature based fertilizers is not an option right now while others said it depends on the willingness of the farmer to decide whether to use chemical based fertilizers or nature based fertilizers.
- c. Agro ecology has been recommended as the best way to assist smallholder farmers especially regenerative agriculture and permaculture while others said farmers should be trained in modernized agriculture
- d. Governments, Financial institutions and Companies should work together to assist farmers in creating friendly infrastructure to make them flourish. While others stressed that government and policy makers has upper hand in making these dreams come true.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ONE-MORE-SALARY-FSS-Dialogue.pdf>

RELEVANT LINKS

- **ONE MORE SALARY**
<https://onemoresalary.com>