

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Friday, 23 April 2021 10:30 GMT +09:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Japan National Food Systems Dialogue with Consumers Japan
CONVENED BY	Mr. Makoto OSAWA, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, Convenor of Japan
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/22007/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Japan

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

50

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

31-50

51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

13 Male

37 Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

1
Agriculture/crops
Fish and aquaculture
Livestock
Agro-forestry
Environment and ecology
Trade and commerce

1
Education
Communication
Food processing
Food retail, markets
Food industry
Financial Services

2
Health care
Nutrition
National or local government
Utilities
Industrial
46 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

1
Small/medium enterprise/artisan
Large national business
Multi-national corporation
Small-scale farmer
Medium-scale farmer
Large-scale farmer
Local Non-Governmental Organization
International Non-Governmental Organization
Indigenous People
1 Science and academia

Workers and trade union
Member of Parliament
Local authority
2 Government and national institution
Regional economic community
United Nations
International financial institution
2 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
38 Consumer group
6 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

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

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

In the Japan National Food Systems Dialogue with Consumers Japan held on 23rd April 2021, MAFF explained the outline of FSS including the purpose and the key issues of sustainable food system. The members from Consumers Japan made comments on that.

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

In this dialogue, we discussed challenges and opportunities especially related to Action Track 2 and Action Track 3.

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

The meeting with Consumers Japan was held to exchange opinions related to SDGs and sustainable food systems. The main remarks of the participants are as follows.

□Consumers Osaka□Zen Osaka Shohisha Dantai Renrakukai□

- In relation to Action Track 5 (Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress), measures against livestock infectious diseases, which are spreading in Japan and Asia, should be taken up and discussed to tackle them.

- Japan is located in the Asia Monsoon region and therefore, reduction of the yield and price increase per unit will be unavoidable with the expansion of organic farming. Therefore, it is necessary to improve purchasing power of the people along with labor/employment measures.

- For improving the food self-sufficiency rate, further supports such as price compensation and income compensation are required.

(Nippon Association of Consumer Specialists (NACS))

- Even if we want to eat local food as 'local production for local consumption', it is difficult to continue choosing local food if cheap agricultural products are imported from abroad by TPP, etc.

(Hokkaido Consumers Association)

- Securing the "quantity" of food is a global issue. On the other hand, there are also problems related to the "quality" of food such as genetic modification, genome editing, and the use of chemical fertilizers. At the summit, we would like the participants from Japan to emphasize food safety and security.

- For expanding organic farming, efforts at the production and distribution stages are indispensable, but prices are a major barrier in expanding consumption. It would be effective for price reduction if there was priming consumption. We request the governments to consider full adoption of organic farm products in school lunch.

□Consumers Japan□

- Regarding the expansion of organic farming and reduction of pesticide and fertilizer use, it is inevitable that the yield per unit area will be decreased. Therefore, some measures should be taken to deal with this issue.

- It is necessary to reduce the use of foreign water and land through the import of agricultural products as much as possible so as not to adversely affect the environment in other countries.

(Home Nutrition Study Group)

- In order to improve the sustainability of the food systems, how to reform the way of consumption is a challenge. Some people cannot choose desirable consumption which leads to health of mind, body, and society even if they wish. And many people are not sure about what to choose as desirable consumption in the first place. For promoting healthy diet, it is necessary to make concerted efforts by different governmental organizations responsible for food, agriculture, education, and security in the work environment.

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

OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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