

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 31 May 2021 12:00 GMT +05:30
DIALOGUE TITLE	National Independent Dialogue on Food Systems Summit in India
CONVENED BY	Pooja Moitra , Programme Director, Institute For Motivating Self Employment
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/23381/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	India, 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

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18	16	19-30	26	31-50	17	51-65	3	66-80	80+
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PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

34	Male	12	Female		Prefer not to say or Other
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

16	Agriculture/crops	2	Education	3	Health care
9	Fish and aquaculture	4	Communication	9	Nutrition
3	Livestock	1	Food processing	5	National or local government
5	Agro-forestry	2	Food retail, markets		Utilities
1	Environment and ecology		Food industry		Industrial
1	Trade and commerce	1	Financial Services		Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

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

The Dialogue was organized by inviting participants from various sectors and across various age groups. The discussion took place in a mixture of English, Bengali and Hindi language for ease of understanding and there was ample scope for each and every participant to express their ideas, views and suggestions. The recommendations from the breakout groups were well documented and presented.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

We used the principles of engagement to discuss on specific topics.

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

The Q & A sessions should consist of lucid language and direct questions to the farmers to receive answers straight from the field.

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

- Raise farmer awareness and elevate public discussion about how reforming our food systems can help us all to achieve the SDGs by implementing reforms that are good for people and planet.
- Generate pro-farmer policy recommendation and significant action and measurable progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by identifying solutions and leaders, and issuing a call for action at all levels of the food system, including national and local governments and development partners
- Agree on a system of follow-up and review to ensure that the recommendations generated at the national independent dialogue are considered by the national government and by various action tracks towards new actions and progress

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
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- ✓ Women & Youth Empowerment
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MAIN FINDINGS

The Key Findings from the three groups formed in the FGD are as follows:

Group 1 - Access to safe and nutritious food for all (this group will also deal with Nature Positive production (Action Track 1 and 3):

- Promoting sustainable agriculture vigorously with eco-friendly technologies to mitigate Food & Nutrition security through integration of multiple agriculture and rearing of improved livestock.
- Localised weather-based food systems with diversified foods and water arrangement through agro-ecology to address malnutrition and sound health of the poor.
- For landless people the activities on CPR management maybe legalised and make it functional through the local governance. Plantation of trees with food, fodder, fertiliser, timber on untapped land and fallow land in the CPR management to restore degraded ecosystem.
- To minimise food waste energy efficient storage system may be promoted in the rural areas.
- Significant policy initiatives may be made to recognise women cultivators as "farmers" conferring the land rights and ownership to productive resources and livelihood rights in domestic space and environment.

Group 2 - Resilience (Action track 5). This group may deal with Sustainable consumption (AT 2):

- Identifying the climate relevant crop through a zonal mapping, with a focus on local crop and nutritious crop
- Identifying the existing climate relevant technologies and use them as a knowledge products. Disseminating the knowledge among small holders
- Policy dialogue on appropriate crop risk coverage insurances
- Practice of appropriate agriculture that would contribute to stress management.
- Increasing women and youth involvement in agriculture infrastructure development.
- Diversified livelihood for stress prone zone.
- Farmer's innovation should be well documented.
- Efficient knowledge management across the farming community.
- Policy dialogue for small food producers livelihoods, who are displaced due to extreme climate events.
- More investment in climate resilient agriculture

Group 3 - Livelihoods and equality (Action track 4) :

- Focus on Organic certification
- Availability of a cold storage in each panchayat is key
- Regular soil testing to be mainstreamed as a practice supported by government/FOs
- Proper training to women farmers on market linkage
- Strengthening the extension services and adding innovative solutions.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

The outcomes are listed under the " Main Findings" section.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

There is need for searching innovative solutions as well as working closely with PRI (state) to promote food and nutrition security and to strengthen small food producers livelihoods. Focus needed on a comprehensive planning and collective efforts to this end. We are hopeful that PRI will take lead in promoting sustainable agriculture. There is also a pressing need for capacity building of the fishers and farmers, proper training on climate resilient agriculture, need for multilateral cooperation, innovative solutions and change in consumption behavior.

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