

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 10 June 2021 16:00 GMT +08:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Participation in Agriculture Value Chain Development: Increasing Market Power of Family Farmers
CONVENED BY	Asian Farmers's Association for Sustainable Rural Development; Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organizations; Pacific Farmers Organizations, UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2020; World Farmers' Organization; ComDev Asia
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/24914/
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

147

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

5

19-30

90

31-50

49

51-65

3

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

Male

Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

Agriculture/crops

Fish and aquaculture

Livestock

Agro-forestry

Environment and ecology

Trade and commerce

Education

Communication

Food processing

Food retail, markets

Food industry

Financial Services

Health care

Nutrition

National or local government

Utilities

Industrial

Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan

Large national business

8 Multi-national corporation

92 Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

Local Non-Governmental Organization

10 International Non-Governmental Organization

10 Indigenous People

3 Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

Local authority

4 Government and national institution

3 Regional economic community

United Nations

2 International financial institution

15 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

Consumer group

Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The dialogue was organised with diversity and regional representation as possible selecting a sub-topic: Agriculture Value Chain and Increasing Marketing Power to Family Farmers which is an urgent concern and faced perennially by smallholder family farmers. the Dialogue highlights the related issues to it such as barriers to trade, policy environment barriers, and to Internal and External Governance. Speakers from sub-regions were being put an emphasis such that are resource speakers and sharing of experiences from Southeast Asia, South Asia and the Pacific.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The Dialogue incorporated key aspect that smallholder farmers are also investors in the Value Chain development, and recognising the important role that Farmers' Organisations and Agriculture Cooperatives have in self-help, participation in value chain processes, promotion and advocacy of important trade and investment policies. Speakers aside from coming from different sub-regions, also presented diverse experiences related to market approaches in different commodities and crops, and willingness to enhance or further innovate their game changing solutions out of the lessons of these diverse experiences. Recognizing the complexity of the issue at hand, while documenting the lessons learned from the sharing, it was included in the later part of the dialogue how the participants and stakeholders can compliment each other.

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?

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Yes

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No

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The major focus of the dialogue is on advancing equitable livelihoods specifically recognising the game changing initiatives of farmers' organisations and cooperatives in market access at the same time affirming the diverse related issues and challenges in agricultural value chain development. The presenters were also able to present the inter-relatedness of different action tracks based on country specific realities and priorities.

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

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

MAIN FINDINGS

The following are the main findings and recommendations as a result of the Dialogue>

1. Formation of cooperatives, as they play a major role in terms of value addition, development of agri-enterprises and access to support and financing from different institutions; empowerment of cooperatives in negotiating with markets.
2. Establishment of rural distribution network/trading centers managed by farmers; provision of storage facility system to reduce pest, enables bulk orders/wholesale.
3. Involvement of youth in agricultural activities – advanced methodologies in farming, technologies used in processing and online marketing platform; awareness of youth on benefits of farming.
4. Empowerment of farmers to utilize online platforms or e-commerce; creation of platform where farmers and buyers meet; farmers dictate the price.
5. Implementation of organic agriculture suitable for small scale farmers; prioritization of healthy and organic produce; standardization of organic farming policy.
6. Cutting of long market value chain/processes; strengthening of farmers to negotiate directly to end consumers/large scale companies.
7. Incentives and support to farmers from agricultural banks.
8. Market positioning – tapping markets offering higher price regardless of the minimum bulk volume, at the same time, ensuring product quality. Establishment of partnership with other organizations/institutions to highlight farmers' products.
9. Land security for farmers.
10. Reduction of tax for agricultural products
11. Focus on market requirements and needs
12. Long term branding and plan
13. Assessment of different types of seeds for resiliency; farmer to farmer exchange seeds, non-dependence on hybrid seeds
14. Plant health clinic: platform to discover and diagnose pest issues.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Participation in Agriculture Value Chain Development: Increasing Market Power of Family Farmers**
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