

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Tuesday, 13 April 2021 11:00 GMT +00:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Transforming agri-food systems for biodiversity and sustainable development
CONVENED BY	Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework - EU Support, Expertise France
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/25725/
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

302

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

31-50

51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

172 Male

118 Female

13 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

22 Multi-national corporation

Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

Local Non-Governmental Organization

57 International Non-Governmental Organization

Indigenous People

65 Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

3 Local authority

74 Government and national institution

Regional economic community

45 United Nations

International financial institution

Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

Consumer group

38 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The Dialogue strived to constitute a bridge between the biodiversity and food systems communities, with a view to mutually enhancing their processes and principles, to reach a common vision for sustainable food systems and flourishing biodiversity. In this sense, the event incorporated the Principles relating to multi-stakeholder inclusivity (bringing experts from various backgrounds and organizations), complementing the work of others (a synergistic approach to both the food and biodiversity challenges); and recognizing complexity (in particular the links between food production, food sovereignty and access to quality food, and the fight against biodiversity loss). With a focus of catalyzing synergies between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Food Systems Summit, the Dialogue contributed to reaching a fruitful Summit, but also to sharing experiences and practices so that both communities benefit from its outcomes. Bear in mind each actors' unique expertise, stances and priority ("Be respectful"), the Dialogue supported mutual trust and support amongst actors that seldom have the occasion to exchange views. Finally, the Dialogue underlined a need for bold, transformative change in both food systems and biodiversity, highlighting the urgency of reaching true sustainability, and for implementing strategy underpinned by science, whole-of-society approaches, good governance and ambition.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

This Dialogue had a specific focus and contribution to two of the UN Food Systems Summit: - Recognizing complexity: food systems and nature are intrinsically related. By shedding light on the relationship between biodiversity and agriculture, and the importance of reaching sustainable food systems to solve both the planetary crisis and reach global human wellbeing and health, the Dialogue showed that food systems are embedded in the wider context of sustainability and nature governance. Understanding these dynamics and acting at a multi-factor level was described as the key enabling factor to a successful food systems transformation. - Act with urgency: the biodiversity and food systems crises require immediate and ambitious action. By uniting these two dimensions and underlining the momentum of 2021 as a cornerstone for international sustainable development (CoP15 of Convention on Biological Diversity, UN Food Systems Summit, CoP26 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) the Dialogue called for stakeholders to come together beyond silos and sectoral lines to recognize this emergency and join forces to find holistic, transformative solutions. Finally, the Dialogue also reflected multi-stakeholder inclusivity, by welcoming representatives from countries, the UN system, the private sector, youth, academia and other actors to reflect on the path to building common ground for biodiversity and food systems action.

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

The event was constructed as a conversation and panel discussion between representative of the food systems and biodiversity communities, around two main questions: a pathway to strong commitments to Nature and food convergence and action, and a cross-stakeholder discussion on solutions, implementation and the contribution of non-state actors. Participants had the occasion to listen to short presentation for each speakers on a question related to each of the two themes, then to ask questions directed to one or more of the panellists. Each speaker also had the possibility to address questions in written and elaborate in an open chat. the resulting discussion was lively and let various points of convergence appear, in particular: - interrelation and interdependence as a key feature of nature and food systems - the importance of triggering systemic change, however the recognition that this transformation results from complex processes, and that it will only be achieved with a wide movement across society; - the role of science and knowledge, including traditional, put to people's use; - a strong reminder about inclusivity, putting people's wellbeing to the centre and supporting those most vulnerable, while designign a system in which achieving accesible, nutritious food does not harm nature; - the unprecedented opportunity of 2021 to build convergence and start walking the transformative path; - the need to productively engage with stakeholders, in particular youth and the private sector as leaders, innovators and contributors to reaching our syustainability goals. Additionally, the webinar's was made available online, allowing it to reach a wider audience, with a positive feedback from various stakeholders who were not able to attend.

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

This Dialogue focused on offering a space for a wide array of participants to become more familiar with the centrality of agri-food systems and the importance of their transformation in contributing to an ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It aimed at shedding light on the convergence between agri-food systems and biodiversity agendas, and highlighted the role of a mutually-beneficial dialogue between both sectors, supporting informal conversations between negotiators, stakeholders and experts.

The online session was divided in two sequences. The first one was focused on (1) introducing a state-of-play as to recent reports, initiatives and discussions on fostering mutually supportive goals and agendas within agri-food systems and biodiversity communities and (2) providing an overview of enablers for aligned ambitions and implementation, taking into account the contributions by all levels of government and all stakeholders. The second part highlighted opportunities and challenges to move this agenda forward, as well as triggers for transformative change.

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✓	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

From the discussion, various conclusions emerged, pointing towards a need to establish closer coordination and mutual support between the biodiversity and food systems communities, to reach all their objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals. It showed that the co-benefits arising from the sustainable use of biodiversity were key to ensuring food quality, access to nutrition and livelihoods, while also being a cornerstone to a nature-positive, carbon-neutral and equitable future.

More particularly, participants suggested the need to:

- Further enhance convergence and cooperation, and take a holistic approach to food, nutrition and nature;
- Create science-based, actionable knowledge that can be applied both in the environmental and food production and consumption sector (metrics, models, levers, science-policy interface), using existing, traditional and new tools.
- Support multi-level and multi-governance intervention, and win-win development programmes, from a common understanding of the drivers of negative change, and the opportunities for positive action;
- Foster positive financial flows, and tackle environmentally harmful subsidies, to direct resources towards nature- and food-positive activities;
- Promote a paradigm shift by coming together beyond egos, interests and sectors for an equitable future in harmony with Nature

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

RELEVANT LINKS

- **News - Transforming Agri-food systems for biodiversity!**
<https://4post2020bd.net/agri-food-systems-webinar/>
- **Webinar recording - Transforming agri-food systems for biodiversity**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jjKRRY-hzw&feature=emb_title
- **Webinar teaser - Transforming agri-food systems for biodiversity**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnjRSsQGszc&feature=emb_title
- **Publication - Mainstreaming biodiversity in agri-food systems**
<https://4post2020bd.net/resources/expertise-on-29-mainstreaming-reconciling-our-food-systems-with-nature/>