

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Wednesday, 30 June 2021 11:00 GMT +04:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	2nd MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS MEETING/Agri-food systems transformation for sustainable national food systems: scientific approaches from Strategy to Action
CONVENED BY	Ms. Ilhama Gadimova-Convenor, Mr. Rashad Farajov Invisible Convenor,
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/28139/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Azerbaijan

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	3	19-30	32	31-50	9	51-65	66-80	80+
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PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

33	Male	11	Female		Prefer not to say or Other
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

1	Agriculture/crops		Education		Health care
	Fish and aquaculture		Communication	1	Nutrition
	Livestock	1	Food processing	18	National or local government
1	Agro-forestry		Food retail, markets		Utilities
1	Environment and ecology	1	Food industry		Industrial
3	Trade and commerce		Financial Services	18	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
	Small-scale farmer	18	Government and national institution
	Medium-scale farmer		Regional economic community
	Large-scale farmer	1	United Nations
	Local Non-Governmental Organization		International financial institution
	International Non-Governmental Organization		Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
	Indigenous People		Consumer group
17	Science and academia		Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

A special attention have been paid to ensure the diversity and inclusion of all stakeholders during the Dialogue. Convenor of the Dialogue sent invitation letters to broad and diverse range of both government and non-government institutions to foster their participation in the process. A standardized approach have been adopted for the convening, curation and facilitation of the Dialogue, as indicated in the guidelines of organizing the Dialogue. Throughout the Dialogue, facilitator created a supportive environment for meaningful and open dialogue among the participating stakeholders. Respectful questions have been formulated by the facilitator to encourage dialogues and discussions, clarify some of the ideas mentioned and check understanding. Dialogue opened a space within which representatives of various organizations shared their ideas, positions as well as explored each other's perspective that are essential to shape the food system in the following years. Forward-looking discussion topics have been chosen to build on and add value to the existing policy processes and initiatives directed to the agricultural development and food system transformation. Importantly, all of the discussion topics were related to the local realities within the country and this in turn made it possible to formulate challenges and define sustainable solutions. Amid COVID-19 outbreak, in line with the local rules, regulations and guidelines, Dialogue was organized using an online platform. It was agreed to communicate via emails to share participants' comments and views that are not expressed during the meetings.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

For the organizing team is was essential to guarantee that Dialogue reflects specific aspects of the Principles as planned for the design. All the participants of the Dialogue embraced the principles such as building trust, be respectful, complement the work of others and recognise complexity. Discussions were organised in a way to ensure safe space as well as promote trust among the stakeholders. Participants of the Dialogue respected each other's view in formulating sustainable food system, agriculture and rural development. Questions and concerns raised during the discussions have been addressed appropriately by the responsible participants. Participants of the discussions also recognised the utmost urgency of sustained and meaningful actions to achieve SDG 2030. All of the participants were committed to contribute to vision, objectives and final outcomes of the Food System Summit preparation and follow up, because they are aware that this is an essential milestone to mobilize future actions in transforming food system. Regards the embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity principle of the most of the representatives of the different stakeholders were active during the open discussions. The second Dialogue provided a unique platform for national stakeholders to exchange their views and interact with each other's aiming to support food system transformation.

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

During the planning of Dialogue, one should take into account that not all invited institutions will participate in the meetings. In addition, one should also take into account that not all of the participants of the Dialogue will be active during the discussions. Selecting and briefing facilitator/s is also vital for the success. This may ensure that facilitator/s are not pushing their own agenda but creating a space for all to express themselves and listen to each other. Finally, one should design discussion topics that represents the current situation and points critical issues. This certainly will help avoid rather artificial conclusions.

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

The main objective of the second dialogue meeting was to share information among stakeholders on the status of the food systems in the country including assessing the scientific approach in achieving sustainable national food systems, discussing and reviewing evidence on key challenges to strengthening food systems – as highlighted in Dialogue 1 – and determining practical next steps along the pathway to more sustainable food systems that can be pursued at the country level.

During the first session a presentation on “The status of the food systems in the country, key challenges to strengthening food systems and practical next steps” was presented by addressing the below points:

- Status of food systems in the country;
- Major challenges to strengthen those systems;
- Possible solutions.

The presenters noted the importance of the identification of the priorities focused on transformation of the existing systems into sustainable systems up to 2030. Two major information sources are used: the first source of the information is the outcomes of the first dialogue when extensive information was provided on digitization. The second source is the set of different strategic papers prepared and implemented by the government, as well as international organizations

Main priorities emphasized during the 2nd dialogue process were:

- Priority 1: Promoting advanced technologies and digitalization throughout the food system;
- Priority 2: Strengthening food safety and promoting healthy diet;
- Priority 3: Strengthening sustainable use of natural resources and increasing climate resilience;
- Priority 4: Supporting family farmers and agri-food SMEs;
- Priority 5: Improving quality of education and research, strengthening collaboration between science and policy making;
- Priority 6: Development of food systems in liberated territories and integration of them into the national food system.

The dialogue was actively participated by representatives of scientific institutions and the relevant feedback provided on how to achieve the mentioned priorities with the effective scientific approach.

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
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MAIN FINDINGS

Main findings can be summarised as follows:

- Improve the role of science in achieving the priorities defined under the national pathway via the enhancement the capacity of scientific institutions and ensuring their active engagement in policy making process.
- A special attention should be paid to the Priority 2 which mainly focuses on nutritious and healthy diet. The responsibility of all actors of this specific issue should be clearly identified;
- Effective coordination between the Food Safety Agency and the Ministry of Health is still crucial;
- The comment on the food nutrition and health to be included as a sub-clause to the Priority 2 in order to emphasize the importance of all related actors' roles – Establish stakeholder coordination and promote consolidated policy making on health dietary;
- Priority 2 needs to be further discussed after the Summit by involving different agencies and stakeholders of various sectors including agriculture, education, health, nutrition. This issue is the main activity of FAO in Europe and Central Asia; the FAO is ready to support Azerbaijan as well;
- Regards the Priority 6, it is offered to include the transfer of best practices and modern technologies;
- The mitigation measures and adaptation in the climate change, forecast of changes in climate to be included to the Priority 3, as well;
- Climate-smart agriculture technologies, capacity building and education on climate change should also be emphasized;
- Improving and upgrading legal framework of cooperatives is of importance for small and medium farms to be considered;
- The impacts and benefits of the identified priorities on sustainable food system to be further assessed;
- Adaptive mechanisms or strategies for emergency/perilous situations can be included to the Priority List;
- All priorities should be considered as a whole system while the implementation;

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

Discussion based on the pre-identified priorities listed below:

Priority 1: Promoting advanced technologies and digitalization throughout the food system;

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Participants raised the key challenges and proposed solutions for ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all. The discussions also centered on the question of what measures should be taken towards transitioning to nature-positive sustainable production practices.

Participants agreed that the impacts and benefits of the identified priorities on sustainable food system to be further assessed and the adaptive mechanisms or strategies for emergency/perilous situations to be included to the Priority List. A special attention should be paid to the Priority 2 which mainly focuses on nutritious and healthy diet. The responsibility of all actors of this specific issue should be clearly identified.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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