

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 27 May 2021 09:00 GMT +08:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	National Food Security Webinar
CONVENED BY	DATO' HASLINA BINTI ABDUL HAMID
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/28191/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Malaysia

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



PARTICIPATION BY GENDER



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP



2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

Act with Urgency: This webinar on National Food Security, organised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries (MAFI) and Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute(MARDI) is indeed timely, considering that Covid-19 has led to severe and widespread increases in global food insecurity. Commit to the Summit: The webinar further elaborates on pathways to food systems transformation contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Complement the work of others: This webinar discussed the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on food security in Malaysia, deliberate on the mechanisms in place and examine viable solutions to support the nation and ensure they have access to safe and nutritious food. The Dialogues build on and add-value to existing policy processes and initiatives. Embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity & Build trust: More than 3,500 participants from all over Malaysia, both from the public and private sectors joined this very important event to partake, update and broaden their knowledge on the issues, status and way forward of food security in Malaysia.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

By engaging in the knowledge sharing process, the webinar creates a new unique knowledge resource. During the webinar, eight speakers from the various agricultural related industries shared their perspective and experiences in the irrespective business ventures, how Covid-19 has impacted their business and their way forward to remain resilient. To further enrich this event, two technologies and two books from the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute(MARDI) were launched.

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

N/A

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

- a) An extensive exploration of issues pertaining to sustainability and food security in agricultural development in Malaysia.
- b) An exploration of strategies and policies in Malaysia in securing food security and nutritional security.
- c) Review the roles of supply chain logistic, modern agriculture and related ecosystems in ascertaining food security.

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- ✓ 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

- a) Covid-19 pandemic laid bare the frailty of the food system especially in the sectors of the food supply chains. Malaysia also realised its heavy reliance on imports and foreign labour and this poses a threat to national food security.
- b) There is an urgent need to place food security at the highest priority level and come up with a clear and workable food security plan.
- c) Malaysia should be prepared and be ready in overcoming the food security crisis and this demands an integrated and holistic approach to crisis preparedness to combat future uncertainties.
- d) A “whole-of-government strategy” is needed where there should be a concerted effort across all agencies and ministries to:
- Establish national policies geared towards self-sufficiencies.
 - Increase the volume of domestically produced food.
 - Diversify import resources to ensure a continuous supply of foods that cannot be produced locally.
 - Support local farmers in their technology adoption to maximise productivity
 - Enhance investment in the agri-tech research and development
 - Deploy various strategies to encourage youth to venture into agriculture by providing incentives in terms of providing suitable and, technology etc
 - Identify under-utilized urban spaces that can be converted into indoor farms
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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/2

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/2

A logistic chain that can connect farmers to businesses, open up new markets, there by improving the national food security while enhancing export business.

Key elements in making agriculture successful and more resilience are to ensure that:

- i. High-quality seeds or breed that is adaptable to the local climate are used.
- ii. To have a good and strong business model.
- iii. Stay relevant in the market, improve continuously through technology.
- iv. Venture into the area of vertical, complete control environment farming.
- v. Emphasise sustainability.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

There's a variation of constructive opinions among the participants. Such as the comparative advantage of business models and entity, issues and challenges of the agriculture industry, practices that are needed for food system sustainability and self-sufficiency and the best model in agriculture.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/NATIONAL-FOOD-SECURITY-REALISING-RAKYATS-NEED.pdf>

CORRECTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS, OR CHANGES

Title TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 100 participants

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