

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 4 February 2021 10:00 GMT +01:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Adaptive Approaches for Food System Sustainability in Nigeria
CONVENED BY	Community Action For Food Security, and Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/2931/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent

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	25	19-30	15	31-50	51-65	66-80	80+
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PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

25	Male	15	Female	Prefer not to say or Other
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

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

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

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

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The Food Systems Summit was organized with the aim of bringing diverse individuals or stakeholders to discuss measures for Food Systems Sustainability. A virtual dialogue was organized on Zoom platform to deliberate and harvest inputs from participants on what are needed to attain sustainable food security in Nigeria through a functional Food System. It was ensured that the summit commenced at the proposed time and the activities time were adequately managed. Every resource person invited for content delivery performed within the allocated time while not affecting the quality of the session delivery. The speakers were able to deliver their content richly and participants were engaged in the chat section of the Zoom application and after the session. Strategic plans were made on the choice of speakers so as to achieve the purpose of having the dialogue, for this an academia, an entrepreneur, a change agent with experience with farmers' challenges and cravings among others were involved in the discussion. This is to have a panoramic collection of thoughts and ideation to make a sustainable food system in Nigeria. This strategy incorporated principles, reinforced and enhanced principles on organizing dialogues.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The dialogue theme "Adaptive Approaches for Food System Sustainability in Nigeria " is an urgency call to right the wrongs in the Food Systems in Nigeria. It demands from every participant actions to bridge the gaps for sustainable Food System. Adaptive approaches were discussed and action calls have been made right from the basic unit of food production to processing down to the consumers in the system. Embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity: The enrichment of the diversity of the participants encouraged a multi-facet inclusion in the dialogue, rich contents from the speakers and contributor, and complaints as they affect their respective sector. Commit to the summit: participants were pleased with the dialogue and are ready to commit to ensuring sustainable food system

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

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The major focus of the dialogue was to deliberate on the measures that are needed to be implemented to make Nigeria a food sufficient country. It is lucid that there are lapses in the functionality of the food systems in Nigeria due to the food security status as caused by many factors. The dialogue was aimed to focus on the factors affecting food systems, what adaptive approaches can be done to mitigate their effects and how.

The summit addressed the importance of a sustainable Food System, the implications from an erred system, the precautionary and correctional measures, and the roles of the youths to the development of sustainable Food System in Nigeria.

Sustainable Food Systems

The discussants were able to make clear the need for a functional and quite sustainable food system in Nigeria. The rationale for a food security was stressed given the implication on citizens and the socio-economic effects in the country. Food Systems was defined to be a complex web of different food section components and not same as Food Supply Chain.

Fragility of non-functional Food System

The fragility in the food system and the underlying factors were discussed. The resultant effects of the factors were practically analyzed with possible adaptive measures.

Adaptive approaches and youth inclusion

The factors affecting food sustainability are ever-available so, adaptive measures to respond to their incidence must be adopted. Climate Smart Agriculture, incorporation of Geographic Information System and other technologies into the Food System etc have been said to be adaptive. Purposeful collaborations with the government on approaches advancement will help better the Food System. Active participation of the youths was said will proffer solutions to the developing constraints in the food system and encourage innovation in the Food Systems.

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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

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MAIN FINDINGS

For Food System Sustainability:

Pests and Diseases effects should be adequately controlled;
There should be collaboration between Food Systems Stakeholders including youths and the government;
There should be sufficient investment into Food Systems Research and Developments;
Training on sustainable practices be given to farmers to make the Food System in Nigeria better;
There should be capacity building for Agricultural Extension services;
There should be adoptable policies and planning for sustainable Food Systems.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/4

In the discussion on “Adaptive Measures for Food System sustainability in Nigeria”, the following are some of the outcomes;

Governance and sustainability are major issues concerning food system in Nigeria. It was said that an appropriate government intervention and adoption of sustainable measures will enhance the productivity of the Food Systems in Nigeria.

The degree of food wastage negatively affects Food Security. Many food losses which debase the Food Security status of the nation results from not only pre-harvest practices but majorly post-harvest. However, value addition to food crops will reduce the degree of food wastage.

It was concluded that adoption of Climate-Smart Agriculture, Geographic Information System, Technology, Crop selection etc will enhance an adaptive and sustainable Food System in Nigeria.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/4

In the discussion on “Covid-19 – Exposing the fragility of our food system”, the following are some of the outcomes;

A post-pandemic survey was carried out and it was discovered that there are more male farmers in the North and most farmers in Lagos State are female. This is to keep one abreast the participation of the two sexes in farming and to help during decision making on interventions.

Farmers in Lagos and Benue States received supportive interventions from private sectors. It depicts that it is not the governments work alone to make the food system better, every unit, sector, party, local, zonal or national body has roles to play.

Pests & Diseases, drought and flooding are pressing challenges affecting farmers and need urgent attention.

Among the challenges farmers encounter after harvest is bribery to Forces for transportation of their produce to the market. This has been recurrent and even is discouraging to farmers to transport their harvest to where they can be highly valued. It was concluded that swift actions should be taken to address this act.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/4

In the discussion on "Role of policy towards achieving small scale farming sustainability: future outlook", the following are some of the outcomes;

Policies should be adaptive and inclusive and specific to suit different communities and regions across the country.

Policies should help to address issues around our local food security sustainability before exporting to the international market.

Intentional promotion of framework around agro ecology as the help to preserve the soil.

Creation of more sustainable engagements with small scale farmers for a swift paradigm shift as the population grows.

Urgent attention by the policy makers around policy that drives small scale farmers' productivity.

There should be a strong linkage and interaction between all actors across the entire value chain for a sustainable food system using the top bottom approach.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 4/4

In the discussion on “Building effective advocacy youth in agriculture movement for sustainable and equitable food system development in Nigeria”, the following are some of the outcomes;

Youth inclusion and intervention in the food systems will bring about a change in the trajectory because of their creativity.

Collections and implementation of individual solutions from the youths will help meet our food sufficiency and sustainability needs.

Youths were implored to connect and engage with Agriculture Movements to explore the possibilities of adaptive Food Systems in Nigeria.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

All voices of participating stakeholders were heard and there was an open space for everyone to make a contribution. There were no points of divergence but some points were felt as very strong to those who brought them up.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **WEBINAR RECORDING: Adaptive Approaches for food system sustainability in Nigeria**
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/IOYDBP58j98ozwIPGW7XJ8lbVsqFDGfAHJLgQ44S7wkWXMV5c_FD2RkSm4GoXbz5.bInzqlbz1dS80h2u