

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 15 July 2021 09:00 GMT -04:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Market Cities: Bridging Partners for More Resilient Public Market Systems
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DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/29694/
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

48

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

34 31-50

12 51-65

2 66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

24 Male

24 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

0 Education

Communication

Food processing

47 Food retail, markets

Food industry

Financial Services

Health care

Nutrition

1 National or local government

Utilities

Industrial

0 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan

Large national business

0 Multi-national corporation

Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

13 Local Non-Governmental Organization

International Non-Governmental Organization

Indigenous People

11 Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

1 Local authority

Government and national institution

Regional economic community

United Nations

International financial institution

Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

Consumer group

23 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

Sustainable food systems must include sustainable ways of delivering food to residents. As such, we organized our dialogue with a focus on those stakeholders and actors that have a role to play in designing, creating, and operating local public markets in urban settings. These actors included market operators, government officials, researchers/academics, civil society, and the private sector from around the world. Our dialogue introduced the 7 principles of a market city and highlighted the work being done by five cities (Hanoi, Arusha, Barcelona, Toronto, and Accra). We then broke out into 4 breakout group discussions where we discussed the topics that are needed by participants to advance local markets in their cities and the ways they wish to remain connected into the future.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

Our dialogue was focused on bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders from around the world (embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity) to discuss the important role that local public markets play in a sustainable food system. This allowed us to empower the stakeholders participating in our session to contribute to the Food Systems Summit. Through the breakout sessions we were able to foster new connections, and the focus of the breakout sessions was on the ways to move forward collectively (commit to the summit). All participants were given an opportunity to share their thoughts and needs (being respectful; building trust). Our dialogue also highlighted the importance of developing local public markets systems, which involved all the stakeholder groups meeting as part of the dialogue (recognize complexity; complement the work of others).

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

No feedback.

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

One of the most undervalued assets of cities and regions are traditional public markets. As became even more evident during the Covid 19 pandemic, successful markets play a critical role in supporting local food systems, helping to grow and connect urban and rural economies. They offer low-risk business opportunities for vendors and farmers and feed money back into the rural economy where products are grown, raised and produced. And importantly, they increase access to fresh, affordable and healthy food.

Despite their many benefits, public markets across the globe are endangered by a combination of many forces, ranging from a lack of management capacity and investment in infrastructure to exclusionary economic development practices.

Through this dialogue we explored the need and opportunity of the Market Cities Initiative and why such an approach is a key component to a healthy food system. The dialogue convened market operators, governments, researchers, civil society, and the private sector to discuss how these groups would connect and collaborate to advance local Market Cities' strategies.

ACTION TRACKS

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- ✓ 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
- Trade-offs
- Environment and Climate

MAIN FINDINGS

The Market Cities Initiative was established to advance a new vision for public market systems at the scale of cities, regions, and beyond. The best way to overcome the challenges that face markets is for markets to work together in partnership with other groups with common interests in order to maximize the impact of public market systems on their communities. Creating and strengthening a local public market system improves health, reduces inequalities, improves livelihoods, and supports a more sustainable distribution of food throughout cities and regions.

The Market Cities Initiative is being carried out through four key strategies: Resources, Training, Advocacy, and Network Development. Each strategy has associated activities, ranging from issue area webinars, trainings, and conferences, to a resource library, evaluation tools, and case studies developed through on-the-ground projects. Participants in the breakout were specifically asked to focus on the network development components of the initiative in order to better understand the interest in meeting more regularly.

Participants identified areas of interest including measuring markets, creating stakeholder groups locally, support vendors and market managers, and creating markets as community spaces. Participants in each group agreed that they wanted to connect regularly and preferred to meet regionally (North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America) as participants felt like people within their own regions would share similar issues. It was felt that meeting regionally, but with a diverse group of stakeholders within each region, would garner the most benefits. However, all agreed that meeting once a year with the other regions would also be helpful. Participants also identified the desire to participate in more skill building events.

Moving forward, the Market Cities Initiative will be developing ways for stakeholders to connect through online platforms, events, and conferences. Opportunities to connect to an even larger group of stakeholders will also be explored.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/2

Participants in all the breakouts agreed that they wanted to meet regularly through regional networks. The Market Cities Initiative will begin this work. Due to COVID and the ongoing restriction on travel, we will explore online means to bring people together and develop governance models for each regional network. Membership in the networks and participation in meetings will be the main way to determine progress towards this outcome. Challenges include time to participate and access to reliable technology in some parts of the world to be able to meaningful participate.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/2

Another outcome, is the importance of ensuring that local public markets are considered an essential part of a sustainable food system. Markets should not be viewed as independent entities but rather should be considered as part of an overall system. Given markets' critical role in distributing healthy, fresh, local, and safe food, their lack of profile and discussion is a problem for overall sustainability. By investing in a Market Cities strategy, public market systems can help address multiple high-level societal issues as outlined in the UN's Sustainable Development goals and the five Action Tracks. These include:

- Tackling economic, social, gender, and racial inequality;
- Increasing access to safe, nutritious, and affordable food year-round;
- Creating safe and socially resilient environments where diverse people interact;
- Decreasing violence and discrimination against women and increasing the number of women leaders;
- Expanding decent work and business opportunities for all, but especially for the most marginalized.

The Market Cities Initiative partners will prepare a paper that will outline the ways that markets can help achieve all 5 Action Tracks and will be seeking addition ways to ensure markets are considered an essential part of the food system.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

There was no real divergence among the groups in terms of supporting the need to continue to meet regularly. However, the researcher/academic group would like to continue to meet as a sector. The other groups felt that regional groups made more sense. Both are possible and there's no need to prioritize.

There were, however, groups not well represented in the dialogue. Farmers were not present and therefore their views are not included in the dialogue. Government officials were also not well represented (although they were represented). Further connecting with government and learning more about how they want to connect is important.

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