

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 15 July 2021 19:00 GMT +01:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Africa Will Feed the World
CONVENED BY	iamtheFood and Social Gastronomy Movement
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/31404/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia (Republic of The), Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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

16

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

4 0-18 4 19-30 8 31-50 51-65 66-80 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

6 Male 10 Female Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

1	Agriculture/crops	2	Education	2	Health care
	Fish and aquaculture	4	Communication		Nutrition
	Livestock	4	Food processing		National or local government
	Agro-forestry		Food retail, markets		Utilities
	Environment and ecology	3	Food industry		Industrial
1	Trade and commerce		Financial Services	2	Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

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

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The core activities of our institutions are directly committed to the Summit principles: Make sure our food systems work or take the road to where they should go. In practical terms we also had people specifically staff assigned to take care of the dialogues preparation tasks. Be Respectful, Recognize Complexity, build trust - These are part of our code of conduct and we made sure to communicate with respect and look after each other. Our dialogue was co-organized by two foundations, which shows that working together is paramount for us. We are not alone and need to join forces to find the solutions needed for changes.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

We have dedicated a lot of time and effort to follow standard procedures, participating at training sessions, reading the manual, reference, and social tool kit to ensure we could achieve the level of details and complexities required to follow the Principals. We counted with the expertise of our advisors and colleagues from the African continent to made sure we focused not only on the problem, but with people who are already working on the solution, to deliver an actual dialogue instead of a lecture/webinar.

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

Partially, by researching other dialogues information to understand in detail the practice. We could see the principles could be achieved by being inclusive and creating a safe space for discussion, as per the principles of engagement. It is also important to remark we have co-convened the dialogue together with the Social Gastronomy Movement that hosted other dialogues and were very important to granting adherence to the principles.

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

Despite its huge agricultural potential, Africa spends around US\$35bn each year on food imports. Our dialogue highlighted the importance of food and nutrition for women and girls worldwide.

We could have a comprehensive exploration of the following major focus of the dialogues were:

- (i) Changing the face of agriculture - technology and innovation
- (ii) The role of women and youth on job creation
- (iii) Investment in African business

The event brought together a good range of stakeholders, including civil society groups, those from the private sector, regional, and international bodies.

The dialogue was curated by Lady Marième Jamme, founder and CEO of iamtheCODE and iamtheFOOD and Nicola Gryczka, Co-Founder and Orchestrator of The Social Gastronomy Movement (SGM).

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data & Evidence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human rights | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governance |
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MAIN FINDINGS

1st - FOOD WASTE

In the developing world the main problem is about leftovers. In the developed world excess shopping, people overbuying and not consuming

In some countries waste happens in the farms, for example: When there is excessive production of tomatoes but there isn't enough store space, or trucks for distribution to take to sale, these tomatoes are thrown away, and we see waste while people is hungry not even miles from this farm.

One way to tackle this is processing food: if there were facilities to dry, cut, pack and send to supermarkets for consumers to buy.

However there are basic Issues such as lack of electricity.

How can developing countries can compete with the packaging, and all details requested by the market? Huge cost to meet the standards, also design is important to attract consumers.

2nd - SKILLS

Ministry of Agriculture talks to many investing companies. Governments are ready to offer them tax breaks, and incentives to invest in the country, but many companies still say NO to these benefits because they do have money and big processing facilities. However they wanted trained and skilled people to work there for them. And many times they invest in a country and have to import talents, and how to achieve this?

There are few agronomists, people who see the images of a satellite, to make sure the land is ok. The agro-tech business needs this, people who have studied a particular set of skills.

Young people don't want to get involved until we change the image of agriculture, show it is indeed attractive. We have to show this side and dissociate from only brutal and manual work.

Government and UN could provide scholarships focusing on that.

3rd - INVESTMENT

We spoke about the power of capital. There are huge investments being done, unfortunately we find that the money goes to people who are not african people.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/2

Channeling the right Investment / Women as the driving force of our Food Systems

How do we help women entrepreneurs to create jobs?

- Create an obligation to have shelf space in big distributors such as Carrefour, Wholefood, being able to take it to the world without having to be a fight everytime.

- Targeted investments, creating jobs, and all that comes with it

The current and sad truth is that nor even 10% of national budgets goes to agriculture

- University to create more agritech courses

- When talking about private sector, should include LOCAL private sector to empower them, only the locals know how they will target sustainability.

Trade balance statistics (More imports than exports)

How can african-Americans can learn about how to invest in Africa? What kind of business can a rich person invest in and help?

Make sure to talk to African people who is taking care of the businesses

Share the steps of what is being done in africa in America, for exemple organised tours in these communities, have these them showing what they want and like, so they can go back and produce what the market wants

Shared journeys of transformation

Open investment or Real purpose of economy

Power of capital, intersection of culture, storytelling, investment

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/2

The Continents Super Foods

What actions in next 3 years will have greatest impact on the Discussion topic?

- Engage and include major corporations to support local impact
- Make sure the supply follows the demand

What are the divergences that are revealed and how to manage them?

- The Food System needs to be changed since it's an uphill battle and the United Nations needs to know where the battle is.
- Provide investment and technology
- Corporates need to be part of the solution.
- Support small entrepreneurs who do not know how to add value to their products

What contributions will our organisations make?

- Connecting local farmers and families with the market
- Provide sustainable farming
- Support small companies that are the ones who are bringing market to small crops
- Find technology and local partners in West and Central Africa Partners
- Protect the seeds regionally and make sure the ultimate beneficiaries are the famers

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Participants were well aligned and no areas of divergence were raised. However these were sensitive topics worth mentioning.

Performance of UN Food Programme - This is about intentional efforts for coordination of partnerships
How effective current materials and information talk to people regionally and respect their background

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