

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Friday, 19 February 2021 13:00 GMT -05:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Fostering Collaboration
CONVENED BY	Arrell Food Insitute at the University of Guelph
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/3148/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Canada

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

103

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

31-50

51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

Male

Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

10 Agriculture/crops

Fish and aquaculture

2 Livestock

Agro-forestry

3 Environment and ecology

Trade and commerce

32 Education

3 Communication

4 Food processing

5 Food retail, markets

12 Food industry

Financial Services

Health care

1 Nutrition

9 National or local government

Utilities

Industrial

22 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan

9 Large national business

Multi-national corporation

3 Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

22 Local Non-Governmental Organization

International Non-Governmental Organization

2 Indigenous People

31 Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

Local authority

9 Government and national institution

Regional economic community

United Nations

International financial institution

3 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

Consumer group

24 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The Dialogues were organized following the Food Summit Principles of Engagement, where a diverse set of stakeholders had the opportunity to engage in purposeful and respectful exchanges to discuss concrete actions for transforming food systems. Care was taken in the recruitment of participants to have a balance of food system actors present at the Dialogue. In his framing remarks, the Dialogue Curator reinforced the Principles of Engagement, and participants were able to gain of understanding of how the ideas generated throughout the Dialogue would feed into the UN Food Systems Summit. Following opening remark to frame the discussions, participants joined facilitated break-out discussions. Members of the Arrell Food Institute team attended the Curator and Convenor training, and many facilitators attended the training offered by the Summit Dialogues team as well.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

A large focus of the Dialogue was ensuring multi-stakeholder inclusivity, which was reflected in the diverse set of participants who attended the dialogue. Attracting over 100 participants, the delegates included farmers, researchers, politicians, policy makers, restaurateurs, and NGO representatives. As guided by the facilitators via discussion questions, participants discussed concrete action points and solutions for food system challenges, and the entire Dialogue followed Chatham House Rules so that participants would feel comfortable with sharing their opinions.

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

The advice for other Dialogue Convenors would be to make sure to take advantage of all the resources offered by the Summit Dialogue team, especially the comprehensive Curator and Facilitator trainings. The reference manual offered online is also key resource for gaining understanding of the Summit 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

Ahead of the upcoming United Nations Food Systems Summit, Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph hosted three independent Food System Dialogues to bring together voices from across and beyond the Canadian Food System. The first dialogue explored models of collaborative governance to help create holistic and equitable policies and programming for food systems. There were 8 discussion groups in this Dialogue, all of whom discussed one of these three topics:

- Top priorities for a Canadian Food Policy Advisory Council
- Inequities in power and resources amongst actors in the food system
- Pathways to overcome distrust, leading to a greater willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue

Framing speakers:

Rt Hon Marie-Claude Bibeau, Federal Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food
Evan Fraser, AFI Director

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 type="checkbox"/> | Finance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Policy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Innovation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Data & Evidence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Human rights | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Governance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Women & Youth Empowerment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trade-offs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> | Environment and Climate |

MAIN FINDINGS

The Canadian Food Policy Advisory Council (CFPAC) is a unique forum that can be leveraged domestically to bring voices from across the Canadian food system together and advise on pressing issues.

Collaborative leadership is vital, bringing together a wide variety of perspectives and paying special attention to those who are marginalized. Food systems change will only happen when enough people see how they can benefit from and contribute to that systemic change. Internationally, the CFPAC is a leading example of collaborative food systems governance that can help lead to progress on all of the UNFSS' action tracks and Levers of Change.

Major global trends linked with population growth, climate change, new consumer expectations and novel technologies suggest that the next 10 years may be incredibly disruptive for food systems everywhere. In Canada, we have much to celebrate: our producers are amongst the most environmentally conscious in the world, most Canadians enjoy safe, healthy, and affordable food year-round. Nevertheless, systemic problems of food insecurity and disruptions to the food system caused by the pandemic mean that we need to do better. Together, by embracing models of collaborative governance we can ensure Canada has the tools it needs to continue having one of the greatest food systems in the world. This will not only help support domestic producers and consumers as well as allowing those parts of our food system that depend on exporting to international markets thrive and expand over the next generation.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

Action Points:

Having trustworthy, accessible and robust processes for making decisions
Maintaining effective horizon scanning efforts
Building collaborations across other sectors (eg. healthcare, education, economic development)
Embracing complexity and building collaborations across stakeholders
Trust is key and power dynamics matter
Showing successful projects and initiatives

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

While there were active discussions where divergent views were shared, each group was able to come to a general consensus at the end of their breakout.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Food-Systems-Summit-Dialogue-Report.pdf>