

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 7 June 2021 14:00 GMT +07:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Fostering Food Safety through Partnership
CONVENED BY	Dr Shetty Seetharama Thombatu, Chief Technical Advisor, CAPFish -Capture Project for UNIDO
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/31627/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Cambodia

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

13

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

6 31-50

7 51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

10 Male

3 Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

3 Agriculture/crops
Fish and aquaculture
Livestock
Agro-forestry
Environment and ecology
Trade and commerce

5 Education
Communication
Food processing
Food retail, markets
Food industry
Financial Services

Health care
1 Nutrition
2 National or local government
Utilities
Industrial
2 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan
Large national business
Multi-national corporation
Small-scale farmer
Medium-scale farmer
Large-scale farmer
Local Non-Governmental Organization
International Non-Governmental Organization
Indigenous People
5 Science and academia

Workers and trade union
Member of Parliament
Local authority
2 Government and national institution
1 Regional economic community
5 United Nations
International financial institution
Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
Consumer group
Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

This event was organised as a webinar. The purpose was to create an event that could be widely seen and to ensure that the panellists gave sufficient diversity of views.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

This webinar event promoted inclusiveness being associated with World Food safety Day and open to wide participation as a webinar. During a period of restricted gatherings, the webinars give a chance for many people to see events relating to our national dialogue, especially for students and academia who were targeted for the event.

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

It is best if the webinar is recorded and available for viewing after the event and efforts continue to provide the web links that will enable viewers to interact via comments. Use all available web pages in the dialogue network to promote the dialogue, even after the live event has taken place. While the webinar has the advantages of openness to many participants, it was not possible to keep record of the participants details as would be the normal case for the event registration.

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

The event was prepared as a webinar. This meant there was scope for wide audience and awareness of the topic. There was limited opportunity for audience participation.

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

Prime Minister Hun Sen has urged strengthening the food safety and quality control system in Cambodia to enable healthy diets which he said are vital to human capital development. He made this call to mark the 7th National Nutrition Day, which falls on November 6 each year. The Prime Minister also called on the food sector to change how they process food and do business and enable people to maintain healthy diets in the wake of food chain disruptions caused by Covid-19 and severe flooding.

The UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) set up an online panel of the scientific community, food safety regulators and the private sector under the theme "Fostering Food Safety through Partnership" to mark the 3rd World Food Safety Day on June 7. The discussion was part of a three-week-long campaign designed to raise awareness of food safety issues in Cambodia and seek areas for future intervention by various partners and the government. The panel discussion explored possible future roles and partnerships between academia, government and the private sector to address the challenges of food safety in a holistic manner for solutions in Cambodia. Food safety is a shared responsibility and that building strong partnerships with a robust mechanism across academia and the public and private sectors is essential. The partnership will go a long way in ensuring the health and wellbeing of all people. The panel agreed that sharing experiences, understanding the problems and identifying solutions, and building partnerships are the best options to promote innovation in the food sector and support the private sector. Equally important, the panel agreed that mobilising necessary resources to sustain such partnership is key to a long-term solution.

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

- Finance
- Innovation
- Human rights
- Women & Youth Empowerment
- ✓ Policy
- Data & Evidence
- ✓ Governance
- Trade-offs
- Environment and Climate

MAIN FINDINGS

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) plans to further enhance skilled human resources in Cambodia with the aim to strengthen the competitiveness of post-harvest agribusinesses with a focus on fisheries.

UNIDO Chief Technical Advisor component of the so-called CAPFISH (Cambodia programme for sustainable and inclusive growth in the fisheries sector), Shetty Seetharama Thombathu said that UNIDO is establishing Food Technology, Research and Innovation Platform bringing together academia, government and private sector to support research and innovation for value addition of agro-producers. The platform will strengthen the competitiveness of post-harvest agribusinesses, especially fisheries. With a strong commitment and sustainability plan, such a platform could be an excellent mechanism for addressing food safety issues in the country.

“With strong commitment and sustainability plan, such platform could be an excellent joined mechanism for addressing food safety issues in the country,” said Shetty when marking the Third World Food Safety Day themed Fostering Food Safety Through Partnership yesterday.

To mark the event, a panel of the scientific community, food safety regulators and private sector was set up to explore possible future roles and contributions of the partnership between academia, government and private sector to address the challenges of food safety in a holistic manner for meaningful solutions in Cambodia.

Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC) Deputy Director General, Thavarith Chunhieng said ITC was ready and keen to collaborate by bringing its expertise and knowledge to solve societal challenges in food safety and beyond. The food system is part of poverty reduction and right now we have Covid-19 which is affecting production.

Fisheries Post-Harvest Technologies department director, Chamnan Chhou said the implementation of food quality control is important as unfortunately, street food does not meet this standard as it is of poor quality due to dust, pollution and an unhygienic environment.

Science Technology & Innovation department director, Sokny Ly said most of the food manufacturers are from the small and medium industry and they do not provide data to regulate their food production and that poses a big challenge. She said there is a need to inspect these premises to ensure they follow the food quality standards.

Ministry of Economy representative, Lao Poliveth said that this is the first time Cambodia participated in the online discussion and many issues were raised that could help strengthen the economic food development and some areas that will benefit the producers and consumers in terms of food safety and quality.

Camilla Lombard, Deputy Head of Cooperation for the EU Delegation to Cambodia, said the EU was committed to supporting Cambodia's efforts to improving food safety and production. Further support to food safety in particular, and sustainable food systems in general, is envisaged under the next development cooperation programme between the EU and Cambodia for the period 2021-2027 which is currently being designed.

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	Innovation		Data & Evidence
	Human rights	✓	Governance
	Women & Youth Empowerment		Trade-offs
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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Food Safety Day Event and Pannel discussion**
https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Panel_Discusion_FOSTERING_FOOD_SAFETY_THROUGH_PARTNERSHIP_CAPFish.pdf
- **UNIDO CAPFish Factsheet (English)**
https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/UNIDO_CAPFISH_Fatcsheet.-ENG-26.06.2020.pdf
- **UNIDO CAPFish Factsheet (Khmer)**
https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/UNIDO_CAPFISH_Fatcsheet-Kh.26.06.2020.pdf

RELEVANT LINKS

- **Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow. FAO priorities to improve food safety in Cambodia**
<http://www.fao.org/cambodia/news/rss/detail-events/en/c/1411148/>
- **Feed the future innovation lab for food safety**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bL2jTKmlag>