

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 30 August 2021 14:30 GMT +03:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Innovative inclusion of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities in sustainable food systems for development
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DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/39679/
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

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18 31 19-30 37 31-50 12 51-65 0 66-80 0 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

47 Male 34 Female Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

16	Agriculture/crops	47	Education		Health care
	Fish and aquaculture		Communication		Nutrition
	Livestock		Food processing	10	National or local government
	Agro-forestry		Food retail, markets		Utilities
	Environment and ecology		Food industry		Industrial
	Trade and commerce		Financial Services	8	Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

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

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

In organizing the dialogue, Lukenya University collaborated with institutions that are committed to the summit mandate and are aware of the need for urgency in food systems. These include Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN) and Narasingha Choudhury Autonomous College Jajpur Odisha India. Due to the the global outlook of the institutions different stakeholders from various parts of the world were invited for the summit. This brought in diverse rich inputs in the dialogue. During the session, the speakers were given space to express their thoughts freely without intimidation. In this way, people developed trust in the whole dialogues process, including in the breakout rooms. Contributions given by different stakeholders built on the work of fellow contributors and this created harmony and good flow in the dialogue.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The dialogue reflected the act of urgency through the concept note that brought out the need for urgency in food systems by emphasizing the fact that climate change is taking place and that there is dire need for improving food systems. Multistakeholder involvement was reflected through the different people from different sectors that took part in the dialogue. They included agricultural crop farmers, scientists and researchers, national and local government representatives among others. Commitment to the summit was reflected by the act of organizing the summit. The people who attended the summit also exhibited commitment as they did so voluntarily. The dialogue process was carried out in a professional manner, avoiding any form of disrespectful remarks. This also helped to build people's trust in the dialogue process.

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

It is important to observe the principles of engagement. By doing so people become free to engage thereby providing very important information on what they doing to handle different situations that they meet in ensuring sustainable food systems. When principle of engagement are respected, more and more people will be willing to attend the dialogues and give the information that they have, using the method they know best, without feeling intimidated. This encourages very rich feedback from the people.

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

In the dialogue theme “Innovative inclusion of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities in sustainable food systems for development”, we explored the question, in what innovative ways can the youth, women and persons living with disabilities be meaningfully involved in ensuring sustainable food systems for the development of economies in Africa and the world? This was an Independent Food System Summit Dialogue to gather practical experiences and ideas from different stakeholders to ensure inclusion of all in food systems.

The objectives of the dialogue were:

- To create a platform for all stake holders to speak out on diverse experiences of the inclusion of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities in food systems.
- To spell out strategies to foster the inclusion of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities (enabled differently) in global food systems to enhance sustainability.
- To foster innovativeness in the inclusion of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities (enabled differently) in food systems to transform global, regional and national food systems

Expected Outcomes were as follows:

- Strategies to foster the inclusion of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities in global food systems for sustainability
- Suggestions and recommendations gathered from participants’ experiences on ways of ensuring the inclusion of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities in food systems
- Greater innovativeness in the inclusion of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities in food systems.

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MAIN FINDINGS

-Nature based solutions that involve actions to work with and embrace nature e.g developing riparian areas are important in ensuring sustainability of food systems for all. They sustain production, mitigate climate change and erosion, increase income and biodiversity and sustain healthy ecosystems. This idea should be implemented in members' localities.

-Agripreneurship should be positioned for youth employment. The youth should be equipped through skill development, financing and financial literacy and land access policies.

-People with disabilities should be capacitated with farm inputs and be facilitated with materials on food production and other opportunities that they can read e.g. by use of braille, so as to enjoy the same benefits as the rest of the population.

-There should be effective advocacy processes by all to ensure the youth, women and persons with disabilities are represented in food systems policy making. A bottom- up approach that begins from the local communities should be used.

-Access to information: Manuals and other advocacy material developed should resonate with the needs of the persons with disabilities as well as the women and youth. They should be simple and in formats that all can access.

-Partnerships between government and the private sector should be pursued in providing credit, soil testing services, community education through demonstration farms and agricultural insurance for sustainable food systems.

-Research is essential where gender transformative indicators should be used to ensure inclusion of all e.g. how many are engaged from each gender and interest groups. Calls for proposal should be tailor made for different groups (youth, women, persons with disabilities).

-Social protection programmes that are linked with families for people with disabilities are essential to ensure access to quality nutrition. Training and capacity building required to engage in decision making, for value addition of produce and in finding markets. Digital training of farmers is also essential.

Equal access to resources by all (youth, women and persons with disabilities) is required for sustainable food systems.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/6

Discussion topic 1: How do we measure success in the inclusion of the youth, women and persons with disabilities in sustainable food systems?

Outcomes:

- By their participation in decision making.
- When we see succesful agribusinesses by the youth, women and persons with disabilities
- Check requirements specific to the people are considered e.g. sign language for those with hearing impairment, braille for those with visual impairment. These should include websites.
- Reading material is practical and friendly to the youth, women and persons with disabilities.
- When we see the youth, women and people with disabilities training others

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/6

Discussion topic 2: Strengthening the role of the youth, women, and persons with disabilities in sustainable food systems.
Outcomes:

- More involvement in dialogues and conferences
- Food systems competitions and challenges where they present their ideas and people hear them.
- Clear land ownership rights for youth, women and people with disabilities. This is for the female gender who have no rights to land especially in Africa and Asia.
- Nature based solutions and sustainable management of resources to fight climate change and enable sustainable agriculture.
- Friendly documentation for all.
- Affordable and accessible financing for all.
- Motivation of young people to act as agents of change to talk to fellow young people to be part of the food system.
- Empower girls to be part of the change needed.
- Laws and policies involving them. They should be part and parcel of policy making.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/6

Discussion topic 3: The innovative ways to ensure inclusion for sustainability of food systems.

Outcomes:

- Policies that do not segregate anyone e.g. women in relation to land ownership.
- specific tasks for all.
- Having indicators in all projects e.g. number of youth, women, persons with disabilities etc.
- Data on knowledge: Are they aware of their roles in food systems
- Real time feedback on their engagement in sustainable food systems

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 4/6

Discussion topic 4: What do youth, women and persons with disabilities offer to ensure sustainable food systems?

Outcomes:

- A taskforce in the food systems.
- A source of knowledge: They can be trainers of others.
- A pool for innovation.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 5/6

Discussion topic 5: Policy considerations to ensure inclusion of the youth, women and persons with disabilities for sustainable food systems.

Outcomes:

- Land ownership by all policies to be enacted.
- Indicators for inclusivity to be stipulated and made mandatory.
- Access to affordable finance by the youth, women and persons with disabilities.
- Inclusion in policy making processes affecting them.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 6/6

Discussion topic 6: How do we determine that there is fair inclusion?

Outcomes:

- When the young people represent the youth, women represent women and persons with disabilities represent persons with disabilities.
- Bringing out those with disabilities and not hiding them to ensure they get access to benefits like everyone else.
- Projects for sustainability
- Provision of soft loans for ideas from youth, women and persons with disabilities.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Use of ICT- There was the advocacy for more digitalization to improve agriculture. However, people with disabilities feel left out when more digitalization is done. This is because the digital innovations do not take into consideration their unique needs. Therefore, they are unable to use these innovations. This is an area that requires further and broader consideration. People with disabilities should not be left behind through new innovations that they cannot be able to use.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Recording for the dialogue- Passcode Y6v78+\$N**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/R5qrvTgnmNPudJ0b2vTNMjLkScgdSTRiHDW0rFpgjRDB5ffs44SuPA60gEMdGrnB.k9n3P0qujEerM435>