

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Tuesday, 10 August 2021 10:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	How Inclusive are Botswana Food Systems?
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DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/40259/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Botswana

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

49

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18

13 19-30

22 31-50

14 51-65

0 66-80

0 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

24 Male

25 Female

0 Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

12 Agriculture/crops

0 Fish and aquaculture

12 Livestock

0 Agro-forestry

2 Environment and ecology

1 Trade and commerce

2 Education

0 Communication

1 Food processing

2 Food retail, markets

0 Food industry

0 Financial Services

0 Health care

1 Nutrition

6 National or local government

0 Utilities

0 Industrial

10 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

6 Small/medium enterprise/artisan

0 Large national business

0 Multi-national corporation

6 Small-scale farmer

3 Medium-scale farmer

0 Large-scale farmer

3 Local Non-Governmental Organization

0 International Non-Governmental Organization

0 Indigenous People

5 Science and academia

0 Workers and trade union

0 Member of Parliament

2 Local authority

17 Government and national institution

0 Regional economic community

6 United Nations

0 International financial institution

0 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

0 Consumer group

1 Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

A diverse range of stakeholders interacted to form opinions highlighted in this track submission. Every opinion was recognised for the transformation and success of Botswana food systems. The desire is to transform our consultations from previously parallel approaches to inclusive and participatory approaches that improve the already established processes of governance and allow the formation of new ones. Through this process, priorities of action were identified.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

Participants were from different sectors and stakeholder groups, with a good gender balance and from different age categories.

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

Embracing the principles ensures collective accountability and collective action by all. It also creates a sense of ownership among different stakeholders, with regards to the priorities identified for action.

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

The focus was organised around the objectives of Track 4 – advance equitable livelihoods. National policies and programs that are related to Track 4 were discussed considering the food system in Botswana. Challenges were identified and solutions for bridging the gaps were recommended.

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
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MAIN FINDINGS

Indigenous people: Inclusion of indigenous foods in the local food systems. People living with disabilities: Enabling infrastructure for an active life especially in rural and remote areas.
Elderly people involvement in the food systems: subsidy for labour costs. Women: Gender equity in allocation of programs for commercialisation. Access to infrastructure (Land, water, electricity, etc.).
People living below the poverty datum line: inclusive approach in food systems to improve livelihoods.
Youth: Access to infrastructure and appropriate financing. Horticulture sector: Equitable distribution of schemes and initiatives accessible to all farmers. Smallholder farmers: Affordable processes to lower transaction costs. Decent lives for smallholder farmers. Re-establishment of cooperatives for distribution and access to markets. Decent agriculture jobs with decent wages. Access to competitive technologies for a competitive economy.
Policies: Inclusive approach to development of policies – bottom-up approach. Protection of land rights of people living in poverty. Monitoring and evaluation of approved policies.
Education: Inclusion of nutrition and entrepreneurship in curriculum for an early age.
Finance: zero taxation of agricultural produce. Tailor-made financing for each value chain. Regularisation of market prices to reduce price fluctuations and erratic increases.
Psycho-social: Change of mindset and reduction of dependency syndrome. Support programs for improved livelihoods.

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✓	Women & Youth Empowerment		Trade-offs
			Environment and Climate

OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

It is clear that there are inequalities and power imbalances at household, community and national level, which consistently constrains the ability of food systems to deliver poverty reduction and sustainable, equitable livelihoods.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

None

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