

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 9 August 2021 14:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Are Botswana Food Systems Resilient?
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DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/40321/
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

127

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18

8 19-30

83 31-50

36 51-65

0 66-80

0 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

43 Male

84 Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

33 Agriculture/crops

0 Fish and aquaculture

21 Livestock

0 Agro-forestry

1 Environment and ecology

5 Trade and commerce

9 Education

0 Communication

1 Food processing

2 Food retail, markets

4 Food industry

2 Financial Services

0 Health care

4 Nutrition

36 National or local government

0 Utilities

0 Industrial

9 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

12 Small/medium enterprise/artisan

0 Large national business

0 Multi-national corporation

9 Small-scale farmer

5 Medium-scale farmer

0 Large-scale farmer

5 Local Non-Governmental Organization

2 International Non-Governmental Organization

0 Indigenous People

13 Science and academia

1 Workers and trade union

1 Member of Parliament

23 Local authority

54 Government and national institution

0 Regional economic community

0 United Nations

1 International financial institution

0 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

1 Consumer group

0 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 aim of such a multi-faceted approach was the recognition that food systems are complex and require a systemic approach. 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, 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 5 – build resilience to vulnerabilities, shock and stress. National policies and programs that are related to Track 5 were discussed considering the food system in Botswana. Challenges were identified and solutions for bridging the gaps were recommended.

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

Climate change: Adoption of climate-smart agriculture.

Policies: Holistic review of policies and aligning them to international obligations that support agriculture and food systems.

Cohesion of national policies to ensure consistency in implementation. Inclusive policies to cover vulnerable groups.

Social Protection Systems: Resilient communities through provision of support to venture into production and food processing projects.

Natural disasters: Adopt modern technologies for agriculture.

Service centres: Re-activation of service centres.

Education and training: Capacity building for farmers and extension officers. Review schools' curriculum and align it to comparative advantages of food systems of specific districts. Include sustainable use of natural resources in school curriculum.

Reliance on imports: Invest in local producers to ensure local access to food. Resuscitate school gardens.

Access to funding: Appropriate funding for the stages in the value chain.

Processing and value addition: Diversification of products. Formation of cooperatives with access to inputs and start-up capital.

Access to markets: Develop distribution channels for all value chains. Secure market for local producers. Healthy market competition. Strengthen farmers' linkage to Home Grown School Feeding Programme.

Security of production areas: Initiatives to safeguard agricultural production areas.

Human wildlife conflict: Protection of food production areas

Vulnerable groups: Access to funding and land for production. Support the elderly in food systems. Mentorship programs for youth.

Research and development: Increase investment end-user focused and cutting edge solutions.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

The use of agro-production technologies that are climate-smart, coupled with conservation practices was highlighted. Business development with appropriate funding is fundamental.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

None

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