

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

<b>DIALOGUE DATE</b>	Friday, 18 June 2021 09:00 GMT +08:00
<b>DIALOGUE TITLE</b>	Women Agribusiness Summit : “Women in Agriculture Break Barriers” A Town Hall Consultation
<b>CONVENED BY</b>	Hon. William D. Dar, Ph.D.
<b>DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE</b>	<a href="https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/40380/">https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/40380/</a>
<b>DIALOGUE TYPE</b>	Member State
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS</b>	Philippines

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



## PARTICIPATION BY GENDER



## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR



## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP



## 2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

Women were identified to be major participants in the production and consumption of food. In the food systems, they are involved in the various phases of the value chain. They, however, are often prevented from realizing their maximum potential for lack or limited access to resources and services that their male counterparts receive. If women will be given the support they need for improved productivity and increased income, they will contribute greatly to the welfare of family members and the community and help alleviate food insecurity, hunger, malnutrition and ensure provision of proper health care, education, employment and other basic needs of people. The Town Hall Consultation was deemed to be a platform where women who have made headway in agribusiness could share their success stories to inspire more women to go into agripreneurship and inform them how the government, DA in particular, could help them in providing services that will improve their productivity and income. The organizers paid careful attention to inclusivity by inviting individuals from diverse stakeholder groups, gender, and the members of the vulnerable sectors such as Indigenous people (IPs), Senior Citizens (SCs), and Differently-abled Persons. The event was also shared virtually through Webex and Facebook live to reach more audiences who will participate in the discussion. The event was facilitated by DA GAD/GESI to create a safe space for everyone as well as to ensure respect and trust to each other. The discussion topics revolved around the challenges and the assistance that the Department has provided to strengthen the agri-entrepreneurial activities of the participants. The various perspectives on food systems were also captured to embrace their complexity. This summit provided an opportunity for the public to have awareness and discussion about the importance of food systems and for the Department to formulate a plausible solution to the problems cited by the speakers.

### HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

The summit reflected the principles of building trust and respect as well as inclusivity since the participants came from the different provinces of the Philippines (attended virtually) and the members of the vulnerable sector are well represented, as planned in the design. The participants embraced the principle of "acting with urgency" as they recognized the need to have a plausible solution to the problems that they have encountered. The participants also recommended various changes and solutions and they exhibited commitment to act. Moreover, they are dedicated to contributing to the Food system transformation since they saw that breaking through the barriers of agriculture is a catalyst for such transformation.

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

Paying utmost attention to the design and planning is a very crucial part in preparing for a dialogue. Various stakeholder groups, sectors, gender, and ethnicity must be well represented, thus, creating an invitation list as well as inviting participants are equally important. Facilitators whose principles align with the engagement must be selected to avoid assertion of their personal agenda. Most importantly, the discussion topics must be formulated to address critical issues that will benefit the people and the environment.

# 3. METHOD

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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 consultation focused on the discussion of the women's struggles in the field of agriculture and how they were able to break the barriers that impede the fulfilment of their objectives. They chronicled the processes that they went through and cited the assistance that the DA has provided in the course of developing their agribusiness endeavors.

Surprisingly, the COVID 19 pandemic, in a way, has given them opportunities to succeed as some of their products were sought after in the market as those were found helpful in preventing infection of the virus, for example virgin coconut oil (VCO) and ginger brew (salabat).

### 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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- Women & Youth Empowerment
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## MAIN FINDINGS

- Women are in the various stages of the value chain of the food systems but are more successful in the value adding/processing/marketing of products
- Barriers are evident : common notion that agriculture is for men, lack of sufficient knowledge on technologies and services that they can avail, limited ownership of land and capital, domestic roles limiting time for productive activities
- Strategies Employed : Ventured in value adding, availed of assistance from DA and other entities, made use of women's innate characteristics (patient, persevering, innovative, meticulous with attention to detail, passionate in pursuing excellence, etc)

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

- DA to look into the needs of women such as those cited by the speakers : mushroom – easy wilting; dairy – low protein content of grasses for feeding cows; coconut – low production/yield due to senile trees and low income due to low prices of copra; rice – high cost of production and others
- Enhancement of reach of information dissemination: continuous conduct of webinars and other extension methodologies fit for the new normal
- Enabling more women to be registered in the RSBSA for access to DA services
- Inclusion of women in the vulnerable sectors in the planning and targeting of participants and beneficiaries of DA Programs and Projects.

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## **AREAS OF DIVERGENCE**

There were no areas of divergence that arise from the consultation.

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