

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Tuesday, 12 October 2021 12:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	AgriVision 2030 - Integrating Food Systems in the Sub Sahara
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DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/44857/
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

18

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18

7 19-30

8 31-50

2 51-65

1 66-80

0 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

10 Male

8 Female

0 Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

5 Agriculture/crops

1 Fish and aquaculture

Livestock

1 Agro-forestry

Environment and ecology

Trade and commerce

3 Education

1 Communication

Food processing

1 Food retail, markets

1 Food industry

3 Financial Services

1 Health care

1 Nutrition

2 National or local government

1 Utilities

Industrial

Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

2 Small/medium enterprise/artisan

3 Large national business

1 Multi-national corporation

4 Small-scale farmer

1 Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

2 Local Non-Governmental Organization

5 International Non-Governmental Organization

4 Indigenous People

3 Science and academia

2 Workers and trade union

1 Member of Parliament

1 Local authority

2 Government and national institution

1 Regional economic community

1 United Nations

International financial institution

2 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?

The principles were communicated significantly in advance of the dialogue, and also clarified through the opening plenary and guest speaker (Special Address). During the problem solving focus groups and solutions hackathon, the facilitator ensured to always remind the group of key principles and challenged participants to include them in their solutions.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

Specific aspects of the principles were reflected through the inclusive nature of the dialogue, unifying stakeholders from a very diverse set of backgrounds and specialisations. This was supported by clearly seeking to achieve progress on specific action tracks and SDGs, following the groups digestion of the Food Systems Summit.

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

No.

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

Examination of links between one or more of the Action Tracks and levers of change.

As signatories of the Vision 2030 Plan of Action, we commit to produce actions and uphold values that bolster Africa's agriculture and food systems. We commit to the preservation of our natural landscapes, using non-invasive, organic, non-genetically modified, non-chemical, and indigenous methods to intervene in areas that must be improved in order to move African food systems forward. We agree to look inward; to look into our own communities, economies, geographies, histories, and capacities at all times, and not to rely on externalisation of ownership, consultation, financing, or any other essential pillar as we produce projects to shape the future of African food systems. We encourage innovators and all parties involved to always seek community ownership of approved projects, aiming to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers, women, and children first.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action Track 3: Boost nature-positive production
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress

KEYWORDS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Policy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Data & Evidence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Women & Youth Empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade-offs
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Environment and Climate

MAIN FINDINGS

An agreement on actions that stakeholders will take together (expressed as intentions or commitments)

After the signature and ratification of the Vision 2030 Plan of Action, members will be added to the Vision 2030 communications list and receive a quarterly brief authored by the organising committee. The brief will feature progress on Vision 2030, including significant milestones and actions undertaken by signatories across the continent and around the world to achieve this objective.

The organising committee agrees to carefully screen, shortlist, and select project proposals that satisfy the 5 priority areas of the Vision 2030 Plan of Action. Selected project proposals will then be entered into incubation, and upon incubation will be presented to all signatories as an optional engagement opportunity. Should a signatory opt to engage with the project, they will be included in the design thinking stages of the particular project, and consulted according to their area of expertise. In return for engaging with the project at such an early stage, the signatory will be duly credited as a project co-founder and co-owner.

Approved project proposals that make it to the incubation stage will be managed independently of all other projects under this agenda unless clear synergies and collaborative opportunities are identified. However, some clear, unanimous project structuring and best practices will be stipulated and communicated with all signatories before the approval of Vision 2030's first project.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

The group commits to create, curate, and support projects that advance the following priorities on the African continent for the next 9 years:

1. Free and equal access to agricultural education, especially for women and children, that teaches
 - a. Sustainability and renewability,
 - b. Indigenous land stewardship practices,
 - c. Agricultural innovation;
2. Improved cross-sectoral and cross-industrial linkages that promote connectivity between any and all components of the African agriculture value chain, emphasising
 - a. Clear and distinctive channels of communication between agricultural solution providers, smallholder farmers, agricultural gatekeepers, government and/or policymakers, market makers, and any other stakeholder group that facilitate the agriculture value chain,
 - b. Connections to encourage co-creation with or full ownership of food system solutions by affected farming communities,
 - c. The exchange of technical knowledge and capabilities in a way that is free, fair, and timely for smallholder farmers,
 - d. The importance of leveraging ongoing intervention programs and networks even when fragmented our out of reach due to geographical, economic, or social constraints;
3. Pursuit of the nature based economy, in which both urban and rural areas can experience a full suite of pro-agriculture adaptations across a diverse range of sectors (e.g. services; tourism, leisure, entertainment, public goods)
 - a. This should be a holistic approach that includes all communities and classes and industries already present in the economy without forging unoriginal or maladaptive 'copy & paste' strategies observed outside of the region,
 - b. This should strictly avoid top-down and theoretic decision making,
 - c. This should develop through community-led focus groups and consultation with consideration to current challenges;
4. Resolving Africa's hundred-billion-dollar annual infrastructure financing gap as it applies constraints to agricultural logistics
 - a. Supporting interventions that create communities of practice along tradable lengths of the continent and connect them to one another,
 - b. Seeking efficiency and cost minimisation for intra-African trade through a mixed set of innovations;
5. Empowering socially oriented technological innovators, startups, and responsible businesses that resolve the ongoing harmonisation challenges between the different stages, components, and key stakeholder groups of the African agriculture value chain
 - a. Seeking methods to advance the technologies created by signatories of this Plan of Action, including but not limited to water cleaning and filtration systems, coating, sensors, free WIFI.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

The role of finance in Africa's food systems challenges was the main area of divergence. Participants held variegated views on the importance of development finance; however there was unanimous consensus that throwing money at the problem has never been enough to fix it.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Vision-2030-Press-Statement.pdf>
- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Vision-2030-Plan-of-Action.pdf>