

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Friday, 29 January 2021 10:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Towards a resilient food system
CONVENED BY	Mr Jyri Ollila, adviser, convenor of the national dialogue
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/4531/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Finland

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

80

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

15 0-18

35 19-30

31-50

30 51-65

66-80

80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

34 Male

46 Female

Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

Agriculture/crops

Fish and aquaculture

Livestock

Agro-forestry

5 Environment and ecology

11 Trade and commerce

8 Education

4 Communication

5 Food processing

6 Food retail, markets

12 Food industry

2 Financial Services

8 Health care

Nutrition

13 National or local government

2 Utilities

Industrial

5 Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan

3 Large national business

Multi-national corporation

5 Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

4 Local Non-Governmental Organization

International Non-Governmental Organization

Indigenous People

10 Science and academia

1 Workers and trade union

4 Member of Parliament

2 Local authority

9 Government and national institution

2 Regional economic community

United Nations

International financial institution

Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

3 Consumer group

Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

Urgency. The FOOD research program is commissioned by the Prime Minister's Office; the government program stresses the urgency of action in regard to the SDGs. Commitment. The ongoing civil society consultations of the FOOD program got new impetus from the awareness of a possibility to have a say in the global summit process. Respect. Many of the participants know each other from the previous meetings. In a small country this is often the case and it is considered an advantage for the society. Complexity. Participants did have experience in discussing these issues and were well aware of the complexity of the task. Inclusiveness. It was clear that a number of aspects were not covered by the participants, even though certain participants raised points outside their own professional or regional circles. A particular difficulty is to reach actors of new type of businesses, as they tend to be less organized. Complementarity. Collaboration with the Academy of Sciences is synergistic and cost-efficient. As there was an existing process of dialogue it was only logical to join forces for mutual benefit. Trust building. There is a long tradition of civil society consultations and dialogue in the country. It is proven to build trust between interest groups and various parts of the society.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

look above

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

It is useful to join forces with existing actors and processes. (No need to invent the wheel a second time). Scientists are likely to be working in the same field of problemacy as the FSS. Therefore it is important to provide the researchers with a channel for getting the research results a global audience.

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

As explained above, the curator and the Academy of Sciences joint their forces for the dialogue, and therefore the topics needed to be adapted accordingly. This turned out to be a good practical choice, as the participants were already familiar with the dialogue practices. The chat window of the Teams meeting facility turned out to be a good way to collect a variety of views. It was actively used and the content was saved for further use.

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The research program FOOD of the Academy of Sciences is commissioned by the government. It is expected to give policy advice for further implementation of the government program, where sustainability and the overall set of SDGs is central. Therefore, the main focus for the program was to identify urgent research needs for policy advice.

As for the FSS dialogue, this served for the phase 1 of the national dialogue; collecting information and data, perception of the state of play and identifying the participants for the dialogue. The discussions, together with the search for existing documentation, helped to get an overall image of the situation. A compilation of existing research and data is attached to this feedback. Also, a report on the discussions is attached.

Research challenges:

What are the policy instruments to advance SDG targets? How to make change attractive for the actors in the food branch? How to bring along those who are hit by the change? What is the suitable pace of change, taking into account the urgency and the consequences for those who will loose. How to make consumers behave according to recommendations? How to combine national interests and global climate objectives?

The complexity and interlinkages between "tracks" makes it necessary to discuss without silo thinking, even under a specific Action Track.

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

For the phase 1 of the dialogue, this served well: a bunch of links to existing research and documentation was collected. There is a need to enlarge the spectrum of participation. Agreements, commitments, policy choice is to be dealt with in the next phases of the dialogue. For the FOOD research program it was useful to get advise for further research.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

Please find outcome of the discussions in the attachments:
1. Compilation of relevant existing research and documentation
2. A research report on indigenous peoples' food systems
3. Points raised at the dialogue working groups

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Look above

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Compilation of documentation**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Finland-FSS-dialogue-compilation-of-documentation.docx>
- **National dialogue working groups - points raised**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/National-dialogue-points-raised.docx>
- **Indigenous people's food systems**
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Arctic-profiling-Report-Final-Version.docx>