

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 10 February 2022 11:00 GMT +00:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Developing a Call to Action: Small-scale Farmers' Policy Priorities
CONVENED BY	The East African Farmers Federation, Pan-African Farmers' Organisation, SDG2 Advocacy Hub and World Farmers' Organisation
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/49438/
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

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?

The Dialogue was organized with each of the Principles in mind at every stage. As a continuation of side events held at other global summits, including the UN Food Systems Summit, this Dialogue has been embedded in Summit processes and Principles from the beginning. While the focus was on small-scale producers (including, farmers, fishers, ranchers, etc.), stakeholders from INGOs, research agencies, farmer organizations, and others were included in the planning and execution of the Dialogue. It was very important for us as organizers to build trust with our main stakeholder group, small-scale producers, by ensuring they had as much space as possible to share their thoughts and guide discussions. We continue to consult and include producers in the outcomes of the Dialogue.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

In order to recognize complexity, we considered farmers not only as producers and economic actors but also consumers who have the right to safe and nutritious food. They must also maintain the sovereignty to decide which production practices work best for them while being provided with information on sustainable and cost-effective options. The language and aims of the Dialogue build upon pre-existing and negotiated texts and data which are relevant to smallholders' needs as well as the important role of government, aid and non-governmental organizations, and other development actors.

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

Convenors should use the Principles as general guidelines not only in preparation but also execution. They relate to the subject matter of the Dialogue as well as the practical and logistical elements as well. It is especially important to be respectful of all participants and provide a safe space to share ideas.

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

This Dialogue represents a collaboration with smallholder farmers on their policy priorities that should be included in a call to action to stand with smallholder farmers and be accountable for tangible results. The call to action, which will be circulated for sign on from all stakeholders, will encourage policy makers to recognize the critical role smallholders play as entrepreneurs in building sustainable and resilient food systems. Smallholders are at the center of local, national, and regional food systems but they continually face food insecurity and poor nutrition.

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- 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
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MAIN FINDINGS

The Dialogue confirmed that smallholders want and need farmer-facing policies of which farmers contribute to the formulations and implementation. We continue to hear calls for more productive partnerships, access to direct funding, equal opportunities for and inclusion of women, increased market access, strengthening of farmer organizations, increased investments in mitigation and adaptation strategies, and data suited to smallholders' needs.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/3

On the Farm

This breakout session focused on the types of policies, interventions and services that are needed to support small-scale farmers improve the production capacity of their farms in light of the challenges they face. The discussion in this room highlighted the need for support for commercialization including direct financing, inclusion of smallholder farmers at planning and implementation stages of policy, and partnerships with diverse actors. In addition, smallholders will experience the brunt of climate change land conservation partnerships to protect farmers' land and biodiversity will allow the combination of outside and farmer expertise. Finally, agricultural activities need to be modernized and mechanized to entice youth.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/3

Food on the Move

The breakout session will focus on the challenges small-scale farmers face accessing markets and food value chains. This topic concluded that there is a lack of representation of farmers who need more platforms and better networks to collaborate with governments, investors, and the private sector. Farmers will need to think of themselves as profitable entrepreneurs that are part of a bigger system. Improved access to pricing information, equipment, and other capacity building techniques will help them fulfill this role. Women and youth face more barriers which make it even more difficult for them to establish themselves in the food system. Strengthening farmer organizations can allow farmers of all kinds to increase their power as actors in the value chain.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/3

Empowering the Excluded

This breakout session will focus on the support that small-scale farmers need to reduce poverty and food insecurity, increase education, and strengthen capacity. These goals can be reached through direct financing to ensure that funds are used as intended and in the best interest of the farmer. Partnerships can create an enabling environment of good policies that support smallholders as well as provide education and training on how to maximize resources and knowledge. Farmers are aware of environmental changes and the challenges they will pose. They require climate smart support to adapt. Ultimately, structures dedicated to advocacy can ensure there is follow up for all smallholder farmer-related work.

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Some participants expressed concern that this would not provide immediate assistance for smallholders.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Dialogue Background Information**
https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Consensus_BackgroundInfo.pdf

RELEVANT LINKS

- **SDG2 Advocacy Hub Consensus Webpage**
<https://sdg2advocacyhub.org/actions/new-consensus-smallholder-farmers>