

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Wednesday, 10 November 2021 12:14 GMT +03:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Symposium on Food System Dialogues in Yemen: Action Track 1: Ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all
CONVENED BY	Dr. Nazar Abdullah Basuhaib - Vice-Minister of Planning and International Cooperation
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	<a href="https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/50272/">https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/50272/</a>
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Yemen

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

56

## PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18      8 19-30      25 31-50      20 51-65      1 66-80      0 80+

## PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

37 Male      20 Female      Prefer not to say or Other

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

4 Agriculture/crops	2 Education	8 Health care
4 Fish and aquaculture	0 Communication	4 Nutrition
3 Livestock	2 Food processing	28 National or local government
1 Agro-forestry	2 Food retail, markets	0 Utilities
0 Environment and ecology	1 Food industry	3 Industrial
2 Trade and commerce	1 Financial Services	0 Other

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0 Small/medium enterprise/artisan	0 Workers and trade union
1 Large national business	0 Member of Parliament
1 Multi-national corporation	3 Local authority
4 Small-scale farmer	38 Government and national institution
4 Medium-scale farmer	0 Regional economic community
1 Large-scale farmer	6 United Nations
8 Local Non-Governmental Organization	1 International financial institution
3 International Non-Governmental Organization	3 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
Indigenous People	1 Consumer group
1 Science and academia	Other

## 2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

Act with urgency: The discussions were focused on the most urgent interventions especially since Yemen has many competing priorities. This was ensured by setting these priorities at the beginning of the event and then elaborating on the actions to address them. Commit to the Summit was ensured through developing the event's materials (the presentations and working groups' tools). The contents were taken from the vision and objectives of the Food Systems Summit. Also, the outcomes of the event were aligned and connected with the expected outcomes of the Food Systems Summit. All the participants are technical people with close perspectives to the local dynamics, culture and contexts. The participants were encouraged to be mindful to the practical solutions and game-changers with relevance to the local capacities, dynamics, culture and contexts. Recognizing complexity was critical through linking the direct and underlying causes and taking into consideration the impact on humans, animals, marines and plants. Embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity was reflected through looking into the topics from the multi-sectoral approach. Complementing the work of others was ensured through supporting the existing mechanisms and systems and making sure they are strengthening. Building trust is the core of the dialogues. The proposed national coalitions are space for a trust-building approach.

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

Trust-building is the first step in Yemen. Not only between the government actors but also between the government and partners from the national NGOs and business sector as well as the UN and INGOs.

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

These principles should be translated into actions and implementing mechanisms.

# 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?

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Yes

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No

# 4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

## MAJOR FOCUS

The national dialogues focused on: (i) a comprehensive exploration of food systems, (ii) than an exploration of the Action Track 1 (iii) examination of links between all the Action Tracks.

### 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	✓	Policy
✓	Innovation	✓	Data & Evidence
✓	Human rights	✓	Governance
✓	Women & Youth Empowerment		Trade-offs
		✓	Environment and Climate

## MAIN FINDINGS

the dialogues identified a number of priority themes that, when acted upon, will constitute a transformative path towards a sustainable, resilient and equitable food system. The priority thematic areas that emerged from the national dialogues in Yemen took the form of a group of Working Groups that the participants in the national dialogues agreed on the need to establish as mechanisms for advocacy, follow-up, and implementation.

The main focus was to find mechanisms that enable actors to reach out to the most vulnerable groups. In Yemen, the humanitarian crisis is at its highest level. So, the participants were eager to help people directly with less focus on policies. For this purpose, the participants focused on tracking the most impactful interventions to help people. They agreed that the recent focus should be on creating working groups to start working on the main issues that have a great impact on people. Eventually, around 15 working groups (national coalitions) were suggested.

The focus was more on the agriculture and fisheries interventions. Therefore issues like promoting food safety, along the value chains of food systems (from seed to fork); supporting national public policies and strategies to strengthen food control and interventions (from production to consumption); promoting effective integration and coordination through strategic partnerships between government, local communities and international partners to build sustainable food systems; were the main discussion areas.

The national Working Groups represent a nucleus for global and regional communication and partnerships with similar and related Working Groups at the regional and global levels. These national Working Groups are the result of an urgent need at the national level; it is also an extension of international efforts to achieve sustainable development goals. These Working Groups focus on targeting the following core areas: (i) agricultural and fisheries investments: focus on improving access and availability and reducing food insecurity; (ii) economic development: focus on increasing investment and productivity while taking advantage of diversified sources of funding; (iii) empowering the most vulnerable (women and children); (iv) Strategic Development Partnerships: transparent policies, government effectiveness, and effective partnerships between multiple sectors, public and private, community and international partners in infrastructure development; (5) human capacities: addressing human development, particularly population health and education; and (6) quality: food safety from seed to table.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

The participants focused on establishing these national working groups;

Thematic Priority: Expanding social protection  
National of Social Protection Mechanisms and Zero Hunger;  
Government-subsidized bread Working Group;

Thematic Priority: Expanding/Increasing the quantity and quality of agricultural and fishery products

The Supreme Council for achieving food self-sufficiency;  
National Working Group to Increase Domestic Agricultural Production;  
National Working Group to support the agricultural and fisheries investment environment;  
National Working Group of Governmental Support for the Fishermen;  
National Working Group to Support Integrative Agriculture (Aquaculture).

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

The areas of divergence were:  
The fragmented actions by the national NGOs, international actors and UN agencies in the country;  
The lack of coordination and communication between the international actors and UN agencies with the governmental institutions;  
The impact of the war and political conflict on the public institutions’ capabilities and so the weak capacities of the public (government) institutions;  
The weak political commitments towards the sustainable and strategic interventions, policies and programs in the country;  
The gap between the political and technical levels within the public institutions (gap in the political will, commitment and knowledge);  
The lack of fund for the priority interventions.

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# ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

## ATTACHMENTS

- **Event Report-Arabic**  
<https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/تقرير-المسار-الاول-:-ضمان-الحصول-على-أغذية-مغذية-آمنة-للجميع.pdf>