

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

<b>DIALOGUE DATE</b>	Friday, 5 March 2021 13:00 GMT -05:00
<b>DIALOGUE TITLE</b>	Green Growth
<b>CONVENED BY</b>	Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph
<b>DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE</b>	<a href="https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/5132/">https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/5132/</a>
<b>DIALOGUE TYPE</b>	Independent
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS</b>	Canada

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

54

## PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0-18

19-30

31-50

51-65

66-80

80+

## PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

Male

Female

Prefer not to say or Other

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

2 Agriculture/crops

1 Fish and aquaculture

Livestock

Agro-forestry

2 Environment and ecology

Trade and commerce

23 Education

1 Communication

5 Food processing

Food retail, markets

2 Food industry

Financial Services

Health care

1 Nutrition

7 National or local government

Utilities

Industrial

10 Other

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan

3 Large national business

3 Multi-national corporation

2 Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

11 Local Non-Governmental Organization

International Non-Governmental Organization

Indigenous People

23 Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

Local authority

7 Government and national institution

Regional economic community

1 United Nations

International financial institution

1 Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

Consumer group

3 Other

## 2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The Dialogues were organized following the Food Summit Principles of Engagement, where a diverse set of stakeholders had the opportunity to engage in purposeful and respectful exchanges to discuss concrete actions for transforming food systems. Care was taken in the recruitment of participants to have a balance of food system actors present at the Dialogue. In his framing remarks, the Dialogue Curator reinforced the Principles of Engagement, and participants were able to gain of understanding of how the ideas generated throughout the Dialogue would feed into the UN Food Systems Summit. Following opening remark to frame the discussions, participants joined facilitated break-out discussions. Members of the Arrell Food Institute team attended the Curator and Convenor training, and many facilitators attended the training offered by the Summit Dialogues team as well.

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

A large focus of the Dialogue was ensuring multi-stakeholder inclusivity, which was reflected in the diverse set of participants who attended the dialogue. Attracting over 50 participants, the delegates included farmers, researchers, politicians, policy makers, restaurateurs, and NGO representatives. As guided by the facilitators via discussion questions, participants discussed concrete action points and solutions for food system challenges, and the entire Dialogue followed Chatham House Rules so that participants would feel comfortable with sharing their opinions.

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

The advice for other Dialogue Convenors would be to make sure to take advantage of all the resources offered by the Summit Dialogue team, especially the comprehensive Curator and Facilitator trainings. The reference manual offered online is also key resource for gaining understanding of the Summit Principles of Engagement.

# 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

Ahead of the upcoming United Nations Food Systems Summit, Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph hosted three independent Food System Dialogues to bring together voices from across and beyond the Canadian Food System. The third dialogue explored strategies to put agriculture at the heart of a green economic recovery plan. There were 5 discussion groups in this Dialogue, all of whom discussed one of these three topics:

- Canadian agri-food exports being recognized internationally as being the most sustainable on the planet
- The agri-food sector as an engine of green prosperity
- More Canadian youth are choosing agri-food as a career option and being trained in a way that meets the needs of this rapidly expanding industry

Framing speakers:

David McInnes, Canadian Agrifood Benchmarking Project  
Vimlendra Sharan, FAO  
Michelle Nutting, Nutrien  
Bill Gruel, Protein Industries Canada

### 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

Clearly establish a national sustainability benchmarking process, linked to a robust data collection framework, that transparently shows how Canadian producers perform environmentally on a global stage.

Preliminary data suggest that although progress is still needed, our producers are often among the most sustainable on the planet. Canada can embrace the idea that we are the world's trusted producers of safe and sustainable food and put agriculture at the centre of a green economic recovery program. Recent announcements in the 2021 federal budget move us in this direction. A next step is to create a national sustainability benchmarking program that would give Canada economic advantage in export markets, contribute to our ability to meet our Paris climate commitments and to the UNFSS Action Tracks 3 and 4.

Major global trends linked with population growth, climate change, new consumer expectations and novel technologies suggest that the next 10 years may be incredibly disruptive for food systems everywhere. In Canada, we have much to celebrate: our producers are amongst the most environmentally conscious in the world, most Canadians enjoy safe, healthy, and affordable food year-round. Nevertheless, systemic problems of food insecurity and disruptions to the food system caused by the pandemic mean that we need to do better. Together, by putting environmental sustainability at the centre of the Canadian agri-food sector's identity we can ensure Canada has the tools it needs to continue having one of the greatest food systems in the world. This will not only help support domestic producers and consumers as well as allowing those parts of our food system that depend on exporting to international markets thrive and expand over the next generation.

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

- Improve ag education, at a young age especially
- Address land costs/ownership barriers
- Record protocols and be more transparent about sustainability efforts and outcomes within agriculture; sharing best practice but recognising that different situations need different approaches.
- Explicitly include aquaculture and water-based food production
- Consider further digitization of agricultural information beyond productivity – including carbon sequestration
- Benchmarking and showcasing sustainability practices and outcomes in regional and national agricultural and food systems

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## AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

While there were active discussions where divergent views were shared, each group was able to come to a general consensus at the end of their breakout.

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# ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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## ATTACHMENTS

- <https://summitdialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Food-Systems-Summit-Dialogue-Report-2.pdf>