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DIALOGUE DATE	Wednesday, 31 March 2021 11:00 GMT -03:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Diálogo Regional sobre la igualdad de género y el empoderamiento de las mujeres para la transformación de los sistemas alimentarios de América Latina y el Caribe
CONVENED BY	FAO - Regioanl Office for Latin America and the Caribbean & IFPRI
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/6646/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Barbados, Chile, Panama

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



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

	Small/medium enterprise/artisan		Workers and trade union
	Large national business	13	Member of Parliament
	Multi-national corporation		Local authority
	Small-scale farmer	44	Government and national institution
	Medium-scale farmer	1	Regional economic community
	Large-scale farmer	83	United Nations
3	Local Non-Governmental Organization		International financial institution
4	International Non-Governmental Organization	1	Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
9	Indigenous People		Consumer group
14	Science and academia		Other

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2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

The principles were considered throughout the Dialogue: from design to implementation. When talking about the need to transform food systems, the review of the role of women in them can never be left out and therefore this Dialogue was raised around the imperative need to act urgently and generate reflections that inspire Summit commitments. Likewise, when convening multiple interest groups, we encountered diverse contexts and cultures, so moderating the working groups with respect was essential for everyone to feel comfortable and confident to raise their voices.

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

On one hand, for the election of the moderators, it was considered that they were people who knew how to take care of and reflect the principles in each working group. This conscious choice allows us to ensure that the principles were reflected during the dialogues. In addition, it should be noted that the moderators and note-takers had different backgrounds and came from different agencies of the United Nations, which favored diversity and plurality. On the other hand, to increase trust within the working groups, digital platforms were implemented through which the participants could share their ideas and analyze, together with the moderator, the coincidences and divergences. This allowed the generation of trust, favoring the integration of different groups and facilitating discussion.

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

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

The transformation of food systems is a political, economic and environmental issue, but above all it is a question of gender equality. The stark inequalities experienced by women and girls are both a cause and a result of unsustainable food systems, unfair access to food, consumption and production. Addressing gender injustice and truly empowering women is not only a fundamental prerequisite for transforming food systems, but also a goal in itself.

Shaping food systems so that they are conducive to gender equality requires a combination of improved knowledge, sound policies, regulations and investments throughout the production and consumption process. We need to reframe how we view women and food systems from mainly focusing on the role of women as producers and consumers to thinking about how food and agricultural systems contribute or can contribute to the process of empowering women and how these systems can create an environment conducive to the equal exercise of women's rights. There is also need for a special attention on climate change, urging us to observe "how women's responses to climate change strengthen the resilience of food systems".

A fair, transformative and gender equitable food system can be defined as one that allows countries, communities, households, and men and women, to have what is necessary to produce enough food and have the access to it, for their families and populations through sustainable, environmentally sound and climate resilient practices that favour gender equity and equality.

As part of the preparations for the Food Systems Summit, we proposed a regional gender dialogue to engage with governments and the regional integration mechanisms, civil society organizations, indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples, academia, the private sector and agencies of the United Nations System, to discuss the challenges and pathways for the development of a gender just, transformative and equitable food system that allows the full exercise of the rights and empowerment of women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Specifically, the regional dialogue on gender and food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean has identified: (i) a set of solutions and commitments for gender equality in food systems (ii) a regional position on what commitments are needed to achieve gender equality in food systems for the UN Food Systems Summit.

The discussions were organized into 5 working groups on each of the action tracks of the Food Systems Summit. Also, there was a sixth English-speaking working group, which worked the 5 action tracks.

Attendees were invited to register and select the action track in which they wish to participate. Each group has identified 3 concrete actions/solutions in favor of gender equality and the empowerment of women in the food systems of the region.

Each working group had a moderator and a note taker. At the end of the discussion, the three game changing solutions of each group were presented in the screen for general comments.

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

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MAIN FINDINGS

The main finding of the Regional Dialogue was the need to work with gender transformative, intersectional and intersectoral approach, in all sectors. In this way, it was agreed that to achieve food and nutrition security and to contribute to the sustainable development it is fundamental to pay attention to women's rights (SDG 5).

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/5

#1 For Action Track 1 it was concluded that the following were the key solutions:

Access to safe and nutritious food

Incorporate the gender approach in regulations, policies, and productive and food security programs.

Promote community education initiatives in nutritional matters, with cultural relevance and co- responsibility between women and men.

Strengthen specific institutions such as women's ministries and policies for the promotion of production for women.

ACTION TRACKS

1	Action Track 1: Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all		Finance	1	Policy
	Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns		Innovation		Data & Evidence
	Action Track 3: Boost nature-positive production	1	Human rights		Governance
	Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods	1	Women & Youth Empowerment		Trade-offs
	Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress				Environment and Climate

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/5

#2 For Action Track 2 it was concluded that the following were the key solutions:

Change in consumption patterns

Make visible the ancestral knowledge and knowledge of rural, indigenous, and Afro-descendant women on food and agrobiodiversity.

Promote the participation of consumer organizations to strengthen education and access to information on healthy eating.

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/5

#3 For Action Track 3 it was concluded that the following were the key solutions:

Positive production for nature

Incorporate the gender approach in sustainable agricultural policies and make it possible through action plans and the articulation of participatory and multisectoral platforms.

Promote the association and organization of women producers, from an intercultural perspective.

Introduce clear measures so that women have better access to financing, technology, information, and training.

ACTION TRACKS

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	Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns		Innovation		Data & Evidence
1	Action Track 3: Boost nature-positive production	1	Human rights		Governance
	Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods	1	Women & Youth Empowerment		Trade-offs
	Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress				Environment and Climate

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#4 For Action Track 4 it was concluded that the following were the key solutions:

Resilience in adverse situations

Ensure equitable access for women to credit and insurance.

Mobilize social protection and care policies for rural women with gender-sensitive budgets, allocating resources and coordinating initiatives in the territories.

Increase the availability of information that allows better analysis of difficulties, gaps and roles of women in food systems.

ACTION TRACKS

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	Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns		Innovation		Data & Evidence
	Action Track 3: Boost nature-positive production	1	Human rights		Governance
1	Action Track 4: Advance equitable livelihoods	1	Women & Youth Empowerment		Trade-offs
	Action Track 5: Build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress				Environment and Climate

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 5/5

#5 For Action Track 5 it was concluded that the following were the key solutions:

Equitable livelihoods and redistribution of value

Articulate actions against gender-based violence in rural areas, such as physical, economic and patrimonial violence.

Promote legislative and parliamentary actions for gender parity and the incorporation of an intercultural perspective in decision-making.

Promote the recognition of rural women leaders, as well as grassroots organizations and movements of indigenous and Afrodescendant women.

Rethink the mechanisms of social protection and care to achieve a shared responsibility between men and women.

Establish funds and financing mechanisms to make these proposals possible.

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	Action Track 2: Shift to sustainable consumption patterns		Innovation		Data & Evidence
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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

The main area of divergence was related to how to understand the role of women in food systems. Some people posed a traditional role for women, for example: educating women so that they feed other people well. That is, planning a nutritional education so that women make good decisions, taking 100% responsibility for their reality and the reality of their family, when the conditions in which they daily live do not allow them. On the other hand, some people brought a more transformative view of the role of women in food systems.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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Regional Dialogue on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the Transformation of Food Systems in Latin A
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http://www.fao.org/americas/eventos/ver/es/c/1390778/