

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 19 July 2021 18:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Exploring the impact of different role identities on empathy in the food system and on attitudes towards food systems transformation
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DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/7743/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Independent
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Germany

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

13

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18 6 19-30 7 31-50 51-65 66-80 80+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

5 Male 8 Female Prefer not to say or Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

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

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

5	Small/medium enterprise/artisan		Workers and trade union
	Large national business		Member of Parliament
	Multi-national corporation		Local authority
	Small-scale farmer		Government and national institution
	Medium-scale farmer		Regional economic community
	Large-scale farmer	1	United Nations
2	Local Non-Governmental Organization		International financial institution
	International Non-Governmental Organization		Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
	Indigenous People	4	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?

The dialogue started with a commitment to the summit and incorporated the idea of acting with urgency, by highlighting the need for a systems approach to the issue of Food Sustainability. Having an objective of increasing empathy between various actors embodied the need for respect. However, the principles at the centre of our Dialogue were : - Recognize Complexity - Embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity - Complement the work of others - Build Trust Because the dialogue involved active brainstorming and collaboration sessions using Miro (A digital whiteboard and collaboration tool), during which we engaged in Causal Loop Mapping exercises that cover all of the above. This is detailed in the section below

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

1. Recognize Complexity The Dialogue introduced participants to the concept of Causal Loop Mapping through an initial input followed by individual exercises where participants were invited to create their own Causal Loop Map with the question: What factors influence your decision-making around sustainable consumption (as a consumer of food)? This was followed by Causal Loop Mapping exercises where participants were put in Breakout Rooms, and invited to engage in a similar mapping exercise but from other stakeholders' points of view, uncovering the complexity of the food system for particular questions - Embrace multi-stakeholder inclusivity While our dialogue was small and did not cover all stakeholders, it raised awareness about multistakeholder inclusivity from its invite (acknowledging the limitation that a digital workshop creates for certain stakeholders). It however invited participants to up themselves in other stakeholder's shoes when mapping for the following question: > What factors influence the farmer's decision-making around sustainable production? > What factors influence the retailer's decision-making around providing & marketing for sustainable products? > What factors influence the regulator's decision-making around regulation encouraging sustainable production and consumption? - Complement the work of others Participants collaborated on the maps they were working on in B/O rooms, and while sharing those maps with others, exploring ways how each groups' map connects with or can build on other existing maps. - Build Trust

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

Causal Loop Mapping exercises for the group can be a great approach to cover many of the principles and gain a better understanding in a practical way

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

The event was open to the public, however, it included invitations to specific connections from the network with interest in or work related to food systems, while trying to get as many stakeholder groups represented. 50 people had initially showed interest in participating but attendance was very low, and some attendees reacted to that with disappointment but those who stayed, appreciated the undivided attention and more detailed deep dive we could make with a smaller group. Facilitation was the key to the dialogue's success: The co-organizers were also co-conveners and co-facilitators. The collaboration tool made this possible, and divergence and convergence points surfaced during the mapping and were automatically documented by virtue of this being a digital brainstorming session. The concept of "together-alone", meaning giving participants to put their thoughts on digital post-its first and then engage in discussions gave room to many people to express what they had in mind. "Thinking out loud" was also adopted. The combination of these exercises, the fact that we were working simultaneously on the screen and were writing our thoughts and then presenting them gave everyone a voice.

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

The focus of the dialogue was about exploring the impact of different role identities on empathy in the food system and attitudes towards food systems transformation.

We designed the dialogue to create climate conducive of collective action so that participants can, identify shared intentions and understand constraints for different stakeholders, appreciate the potential of Causal Loop Mapping to recognise complexity and use that to create roadmaps for future action.

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

MAIN FINDINGS

- There is a need to scale such exercises to help more SHs from the food system to develop this understanding and gain clarity on the gaps that exist
- Strategy-making that is preceded by an empathy exercise becomes more straightforward and relevant.
- We need more empathy facilitating institutions
- Gaps have been identified as related to a lack of knowledge of 'Other' stakeholders' context for short and long term decision making, as well as representation, and we need to think of additional formats and approaches to bridge them (Causal Loop Mapping and collaborative Miro events are the not the only way and not always easily inclusive)
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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

The main outcome was the need for more scaled awareness on the contexts of respective stakeholders and what drives their decision-making. Causal Loop mapping has been tested and through this exercise identified as a useful tool.

Results ar visible here in the bottom section of the board: https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_ITysA9Q=

Our main question post event: How might we scale the awareness raising effect of cross stakeholder causal loop mapping and be more inclusive?

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Areas of divergence documented within breakout rooms as to what are the main variables and factors influencing some stakeholder's decisions have been approached as assumptions and hypothesis and we thing we should interview stakeholder before such an event, include them in the mapping, and review with them after the event.

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ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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- **Miro Board**
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