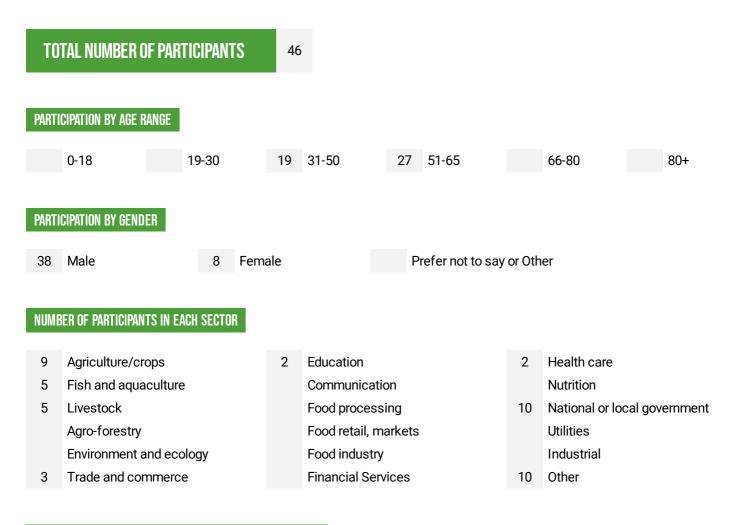
# **OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM**



DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 8 April 2021 09:00 GMT +01:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Gombe Food System Exploratory Dialogue
CONVENED BY	1. Olusola Idowu Mrs. Permanent Secretary, Budget & National Planning 2. Dr. Davis Omotola
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DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Nigeria

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		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
	Local Non-Governmental Organization		International financial institution
2	International Non-Governmental Organization		Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
	Indigenous People		Consumer group
	Science and academia	42	Other

## **2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT**

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

Participating states were written to formally by the convenor and the states leadership were engaged at opportune meetings where the issues and expectations of the regional food system dialogues were addressed including the expectations, participation that stressed leaving no one behind including the generation of participants at the physical and virtual meeting to ensure full participation of all involved in the food system in the states and the region. The urgency of actions to make the food systems work for everyone and the environment in the region was stressed during the preparations for the dialogue, and in all speeches, good will messages, and discussions. The dialogue agenda setting stressed the principles and expectations at the meeting proper. ALL the 5 action tracks were given equal opportunities of being discussed and analysed as they relate to the region.

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

Recognize complexity: The agenda setting reflected the complexity and inter relatedness of the 5 action tracks as well as set a common understanding of what constitute the food systems. The published issues, status and challenges of the North East's food system was included in the agenda setting to stimulate the discussions. The setting concluded with a call to ALL participants to proffer a holistic course of action that will ensure that the food system delivers high quality diet that are affordable, healthy, nutritious and able to meet the need of all, inclusive, efficient, resilient, and sustainable.

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

Need to plan for dialogues based on the challenges of the new normal with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic – consideration of the mode of participation (virtual or physical or both). Infrastructural limitations with internet access and quality will be a limiting factor to participation of people in areas with limited infrastructure. The build up to the explorative dialogue in resource poor zones with limited infrastructure can be daunting.

## **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 North East regional dialogue was a comprehensive exploration of the regions' Food Systems along the five action tracks and levers of the UN Food Systems Summit. Participants conducted a thorough diagnosis of the food systems, including its functionality, major stakeholders, potentials, vulnerabilities, as well as opportunities for its transformation so that it can deliver high quality diet that is affordable, healthy, nutritious, inclusive, efficient, resilient, and sustainable; as well as able to meet the need of all actors of the food system.

The dialogue observedthat the focus on agriculture value chain and food security resulted in anunintended consequence of creating a less diverse food environment that is unable to provide needful food variety that are affordable, safe, and nutritious enough to meet the needs of all in the region. The region's Food systems are noted to be under stress and shocks continually being disrupted as a result of the conflicts and insecurity. In addition, part of the region is threatened by climate change and stresses due to the impact of drought, flooding, erosion, inflation, the COVID-19pandemic, and conflict. Poverty, unemployment, and insufficient food reserves limit the capacity of the food systems to cope with shocks and stresses. The COVID pandemic has amplified the fragility, inequities and suboptimal functionality of the region's food systems fit for purpose and enable the delivery of the most important functions rooted in robust evidence base, context and emerging regional, country global trends and realities.

Most times, the vulnerable group in the region are the most affected by the challenge of food safety and the most nutritious foods are noted to have the most complicated challenge around safety. There are huge post-harvest losses in the region, where losses could be as high as over 50% of harvest and over 50% of waste generated in the region are classified as food waste within the food systems; we lose more than half of what we produce, and this comeswith significant impact on the environment. Inequality and power imbalances at the household, community, state and regional levels consistently constrainthe ability of the region's food systems tosignificantly contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable, equitable livelihoods.

## **ACTION TRACKS**

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## **KEYWORDS**

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✓ Innovation	1	Data & Evidence
✓ Human rights	1	Governance
✓ Women & Youth Empowerment	1	Trade-offs
	1	Environment and Climate

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nutritious food for all

consumption patterns

production

## **MAIN FINDINGS**

	I The region recognizes the need to rebuild and strengthen the regional food systems driven by radical thinking, smart
	partnerships, backed by strong political will and courage to advance the food systems transformation need of the region.
	I The envisaged food system will be development focused that prioritizes healthy diets and affordable nutrition, that is
	inclusive, efficient, resilient, and sustainable, while working for everyone, with ability to contribute to rebuild the economy of
	the region, create jobs, spur growth across sectors and sustain our ecosystems.
	The regional food system narrative will be to support nourishing beyond feeding, that makes human health and nutrition a
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	priority, emphasizing the primacy of diet quality, that would eliminate hunger while addressing all forms of malnutrition,
	considers planetary health, pro-growth while supporting job creationand livelihoods, and economic sustainability.
	1 While these transformations will be a journey, we must start by taking some strategic and immediate transition steps – the
	suggested steps include
	- Transformative policy reviews rooted in a new and common narrative and anchored on philosophy of food as a human right
	in line with UN conventions.
	- Operationalize a coordinated Food Systems data transformation agenda
	- Scale/Democratize proven innovations that considers the common man at the common market
	- Ramp up investment in Food Systems research & development
	- Depoliticize, expand, and modernize social protection programs in Nigeria.
	- Promote optimum breastfeeding practices
	- Operationalize resilient financing mechanisms by leveraging domestic and international facilities
	- Ramp up investment in infrastructures that support critical innovations & opportunities with special focus on rural
	infrastructures
	- Build critical leadership, technical and human and organizational capacities
	- Operationalize key guidelines rooted in transformed policies, data & the new narrative
	- Engage in fair trade, taking relevant country and global contexts into consideration
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   Revise and implement the National Resilience framework
- Redirect Policy aim at getting youths engaged in the agriculture sector using technology and e-commerce.
   Implement plans to mechanize agricultural production to enable innovation and increase resilience and productivity with a focus on nutrition
- Scale up sustainable technologies including cold chain technologies to tackle post-harvest food losses
   Pass the food quality and safety bill into law

- Change the culture of adequate food consumption by concentrating on the new generation, e.g., children
   Put in place a monitoring framework to ensure implementation of all recommendations for the improvement of food system's by all actors

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and Climate

Discussion Topic Ensuring Access to Safe and Nutritious Food for All What actions in the next 3 years will have greatest impact on Shifting to Sustainable Consumption Patterns? The actions key out are; Strand 1: Reducing Hunger and Inequality Maximum utilization of dams, rivers and water ways - Irrigation Use of improved varieties of crops Improvement of micro-climate of the zone · Increase security measures to protect farmers and herders More investment in agricultural inputs and modern farming technology · Avails farming with agric credit facilities. Gender mainstreaming and advocacy Gender sensitive and responsive policies Tracking mechanisms to curb corruption and allocation of facilities. Strand 2: Increasing Availability and Affordability of Nutritious Food. Improve production, harvesting, preservation and processing of food produces
Eradicate food processing activities that reduces the quality and nutrients in food Fortified foods due to losses during production Robust extension service system Demonstration of nutritious food during maternal and child health activities
 Nutrition Education awareness · Organization and promotion of community food fair Strand 3: Ensuring safe food Advocacy and proper training of farmers on standard operating procedures (SOP) in applying agrochemical Good agricultural practices
 Good storage facilities Food produces testing facilities • Encourage the use of organic fertilizers and other forms of manure. What contributions will our organizations make? Promotion of science and research for combating hunger and malnutrition. · Disseminating outcome of researches. • Encourage fundamental transformation of the food chain to full nutrition with an initiative linking human wellbeing, agriculture, and the environment. Promote agricultural innovation and attract investment to agricultural development projects. · Legislation against the use of inappropriate farming activities e.g. agro-chemicals Connecting researchers with industry and enhancing supply chain Introduction of improved varieties. • Eliminate the injustices that cause hunger, working with social movements to amplify their voices and boost their efforts toward food justice and sovereignty. • Creation of sustainable sources of income and local networks for farmers to share resources with one another. How will it be possible to tell if these actions are being successful? Implementation of appropriate policy and good monitoring system Reduced morbidity and mortality rate Improved standard of living Sustainability of the goals and actions Better warning signal and security support system Improvement in education and sustainable agricultural practices

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/5

 What actions in the next 3 years will have greatest impact on Shifting to Sustainable Consumption Patterns? The following specific actions stood out; 1. Boost income and purchasing power at the household level 2. Address state of insecurity 3. Advocate for the consumption of diversified, safe and nutritious foods that can be sustained 4. Intensive advocacy for behavioural change to address foods with low consumption patterns More investment in road infrastructure 6. Promote the cultivation and consumption of improved varieties of crops 7. Promote diversification of food production through mixed farming 8. Scaling up of fish farming to generate employment and increase the purchasing power as well as increase access to animal protein Initiate modular processing within farm cluster to address wastage
 Initiate industrialization of the region to boost purchasing power of the people 11. Active involvement of youth in food value chain What contributions will our [participants] organisations make? 1. Ensure proper multi-sectoral interphase 2. Strengthening the extension services
 3. Push for policies that target food production, consumption and wastage
 4. Prioritize consumption of healthy food 5. Encourage homestead gardening in the grassroot 6. Push for appropriate legislation7. Ensure continuity in policy implementation irrespective of the government in power 8. Ensure the establishment of Information Management System 9. Advocacy to the traditional rulers and community influencers. 10. Strengthening of women groups and cooperatives How will it be possible to tell if these actions are being successful? 1. Defined indicators for assessment and evaluation 2. Setting of targets 3. Improvement in the state of health 4. Low level of malnutrition 5. Low mortality rate 6. Improved income 7. Better security

8. Early warning system

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/5

**Discussion Topic Boost Nature - Positive Production** 

What actions in next 3 years will have greatest impact on the Discussion Topic?

Strand 1

Promote skill acquisition and encourage Youth to embrace food entrepreneurship

- Government should build capacity of citizens on environmentally friendly agriculture
- Government should encourage alternative green energy sources for households to curb deforestation
- Strengthen the capacities of relevant Institutions in the region to respond to natural disasters
- Land allocations, tenure and use acts should support investment in agroforestry

Strand 2

- Enforcement of laws and policies to protect forest reserves
- Government should provide incentives to famers to adopt climate smart crops, irrigation and sustainable fishing
- Encourage skill acquisition and massive environmental education

#### Strand 3

- Diversify agricultural production by investing in high valued crops, vegetables, fruits, pasture, animals and fisheries
- Develop policies and best practices on use of agrochemicals and mechanised farming

#### Strand 4

- Encourage cluster farming and processing
- Promote alley and legume cropping to revitalize soil health
- Develop early warning system to alert communities prone to seasonal floods
  Map the current food systems in the region and build capacities of producers to be globally competitive.
- Curb out seasonal food wastage by value addition
- Ensure proper solid waste disposal

Strand 5

- Create adequate sensitization for the production and consumption of micro livestock
- There should be premium pricing for environmentally friendly agricultural products
- What contributions will our organisations make?
- Support the enactment of laws and practices that will promote sustainable environment, boost nature production and
- strengthen the food system in the North East, Nigeria
- Build famers capacities to adopt climate smart agriculture
- Promote the use of weather forecasting for farming operations planning
- Strengthen extension services and access to markets
- Promote Innovative technologies especially for grading, storage, processing and value addition for both crop and livestock
- Promotion of formal and informal education that encourages agriculture of both crops and livestock
- Encourage cluster farming and cottage processing of produce
- Support the utilisation of nutrient rich foods and fortification
- Promote tree planting

How will it be possible to tell if these actions are being successful?

Increased awareness on anthropogenic impacts of climate change and adoption environmentally friendly actions. This means an improvement in our environment and the natural eco-systems, reduced environmental degradation and improved biodiversity

- improved biodiversity especially plants, insects (eg honey bees), fish and animals( wildlife inclusive).
  Reduction in erosion and floods
- Increased crops and animals' productivity
- · Improve water quality for both human and agricultural purposes
- Reduction in indiscriminate cutting of trees and resource based conflicts

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Discussion Topic Advance Equitable Livelihoods

What actions in next 3 years will have greatest impact on the Discussion Topic?

Strand 1 Trade laws and its impact on agriculture and food systems

Effective enlightenment on farming and food chain activities.
 Provision policies that will have greatest impact on local food chain

Demarcation of statutory mandates between \*MANR and \*MOWR

Review Land tenure system to eliminate discrimination against women

Massive support on irrigation.
 Subsidizing agricultural inputs for the marginalized and rural people.

Creation of an agency to advance the equitable livelihoods.

Strand 2 Environmental problems

Protection of forest reserves

Introduction of climate smart agriculture.

Government to resuscitate the services of extension workers in the region.

I Encourage the use of cooking gas in the rural areas.

Strand 3 Insecurity

Creation of community policing.

Introduction of advanced technology in agriculture to reduce conflicts.

Provision of basic necessities of life in the rural areas.

Integration of IDPs in their respective host communities.

Women and youths empowerment.

Strand 4 Shocks

Replicate food storages in the LGAs.

Be proactive during emergencies

Establishment of emergency agencies in the LGAs.

Strand 5 Agriculture, food and nutrition policies

Create adequate advocacy and sensitization in harnessing local foodstuffs.

Comprehensive database of farmers and the type of products cultivated.

I Women and marginalized people should have access to loans at a minimum interest.

I Land tenure system should favour the women especially in land inheritance.

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Empower the women in agricultural value addition chain.

I Small scale cottage industries to employ more women

I Promote the aggregation of women into civil societies.

Provide credit facilities for land ownership to women at a 0% interest.

What contributions will our organisations make?

I Support on infrastructural development of the rural and marginalized population.

I Establishment of small scale industries to the local and the most vulnerable populations

Capacity building

Developing and funding an agency to protect the social needs of the poor, women, youths and the most vulnerable in the society.

How will it be possible to tell if these actions are being successful?

 Elimination of all root causes of inequality, poverty, food and nutritional insecurity amongst the poor and most vulnerable populace of the North East.

• Everyone should have equal access to economic opportunities.

 Protection of our environment and the natural eco-systems with efforts on tackling climate change, environmental degradation.

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Discussion Topic Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities, shocks and Stresses What actions in next 3 years will have greatest impact on the Discussion Topic? Strand 1 Enact laws, strengthen security, extension services, insurances and invest in mechanization. Provision of low interest loans, improved seeds and incentives to attract youth into agriculture. · Conduct credible livestock census to link livestock production with value chains. • Work with livestock producer associations and professionals to address issues of livestock movement as well as enforcement of ECOWAS protocol. Strand 2 Incentivize the youth to become engaged in agriculture through knowledge sharing within the sector and improve extension services delivery. Linking environmental policies and programmes to food security. Provide infrastructures such as access to water and link afforestation to cattle routes. Strand 3 Support the North East States to establish Strategic Food Reserves and Agriculture Trust Fund. • Support displaced people to have access to land and low/no interest loans. Enhance security through peace committees and community policing. Strand 4 · Establishment of Strategic Food Reserves by Federal, States and Local governments to absorb sudden shocks and stressors occasioned by factors such pandemics, floods, rainstorms and fire disasters. • Establishment of viable Commodity Exchange and Marketing Boards with policies that will discourage price manipulations. Strand 5 • Enlighten the populace on available local nutritious foods and in right combinations. Intensify advocacy and sensitization on the nutritive values of local food ingredients. Capacity building on the production and packaging of dairy and meat products. Strand 6 Establishment of women and youth empowerment interventions such as skill acquisition centres.
Intensify advocacy on value chain addition of our local foods and farm produce. • Establishment of loan schemes in animal and domestic poultry to enhance income generation and nutritional status. What contributions will our organisations make? Construction of earth dams, herder data capture facilities and provision of livestock vaccines.
Establishment of modern Strategic Food Reserves. Provision of modern facilities/gadgets for tackling insecurity such as terrorism, banditry, kidnapping and animal rustling.
Provision of modern agricultural implements and improved seeds/livestock. Establishment of standard skill acquisition centres for capacity building. Advocacy and sensitization on the fortification of local foods for adequate nutrient supply through UN agencies. How will it be possible to tell if these actions are being successful? • The success of these actions will be reflected in increased population of healthy animals, adequate food production, improved living standard, improved human productivity, secure and peaceful communities. • Enlightened farming population, improved environmental conditions, increased productivity of crops and animals.

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## **AREAS OF DIVERGENCE**

**GROUP 1** 

- · Gender equity : Empowering and strengthening of women groups and cooperatives
- Diverse views : Intensive campaign and advocacy on gender disparity due to religion and cultural beliefs

• Communal crisis: Effective conflict management, conflict resolution committee should be set up to prevent escalation of violence.

Natural disaster: National Emergency Management Agency should be strengthened to forecast and predict possibility of catastrophe

#### GROUP 2

1. Women and decision making at the household level- with improved purchasing power, men will be able to play their leadership role at home and support the consumption of diversified diet

2. Cultural beliefs being difficult to address but through intensive campaign and advocacy, this can be managed effectively 3. Diverse views on the sustainability of the adoption of cold chain for perishable crops due to non-suitability of energy and power for cold storage-adoption of modular processing

#### **GROUP 3**

Promotion of Agro-forestry should take cognizance of possible missuses by criminals and insurgents as hide outs.

GROUP 4

• The role of religion on land inheritance by women in the sub-region.

#### **GROUP 5**

• There were no divergent views in the issues raised and the approaches to ensure adequate food supply in conflict and disaster prone areas in the North East Zone.

• AT5 members were unanimous in their submission.

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## **ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS**

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