

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE DATE	Thursday, 1 April 2021 14:00 GMT +02:00
DIALOGUE TITLE	Game-changing actions for promoting and creating demand for healthy and sustainable diets among Rwandan population and reducing food waste
CONVENED BY	Convenor: Mr MUSABYIMANA Jean Claude, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI)-Rwanda; Co-convenors: 1. Dr NDABAMENYE Telesphore, Technical Advisor, MINAGRI; 2. Mrs NEZERWA Martine, Chief Digital Officer, MINAGRI
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/8907/
DIALOGUE TYPE	Member State
GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS	Rwanda

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

130

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

Agriculture/crops

Fish and aquaculture

Livestock

Agro-forestry

Environment and ecology

Trade and commerce

Education

Communication

Food processing

Food retail, markets

Food industry

Financial Services

Health care

Nutrition

National or local government

Utilities

Industrial

Other

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Small/medium enterprise/artisan

Large national business

Multi-national corporation

Small-scale farmer

Medium-scale farmer

Large-scale farmer

Local Non-Governmental Organization

International Non-Governmental Organization

Indigenous People

Science and academia

Workers and trade union

Member of Parliament

Local authority

Government and national institution

Regional economic community

United Nations

International financial institution

Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance

Consumer group

Other

2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

All principles for UN Food Systems summit respected

HOW DID YOUR DIALOGUE REFLECT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE PRINCIPLES?

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?

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Yes

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No

4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

MAJOR FOCUS

This dialogue was led by Ministry of Health and co-lead by UNICEF in collaboration with National Childhood Development Agency and WHO. The dialogue aimed at exchanging on promoting and creating demand for healthy and sustainable diets among Rwandan population; reducing waste while achieving optimal nutrition among Rwandan population at all life stages of lifespan. Thematic areas discussed included among the early childhood age (0-5), school age from early learning to the university and special group (pregnant women, diabetics, adolescents) and reduction of food waste among childhood, school age and adults.

During the dialogues, the participants focused on identifying ways Rwanda can:

- Promote and create demand for healthy and sustainable diet
- Reduce food waste
- Identify and recommend appropriate strategies required to create healthy and sustainable diet

The participants also made sure to discuss on cross-cutting issues regarding women and youth empowerment and how this segment of the population can contribute to sustainable healthy consumptions.

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

Topic 1: Creating demand for healthy and sustainable diets

Existing challenge within Food Systems:

1. Huge gap between knowledge and practices for healthy diets including utilization of animal source foods

Game changing solutions

- Investing in the development of strong and innovative social and behaviour change interventions/strategies to empower different categories of the population and enable them to translate knowledge into desirable behaviour and practices (both industry and consumers) hence contributing to nutrition overall outcome.
- Knowledge management to provide accurate and timely data for nutrition programming to create demand and promoting consumption of nutritious food (evidence supported interventions/strategies).
- Interventions promoting production of nutritious foods through agricultural extension
- Capacity development for nutrition programming including strengthening M&E and systematic coordination for accountability (government and civil society).

2. Access to safe water by all

Game changing solutions: Increase safe water access to improve hygiene and sanitation at household level.

3. Existing legislative framework does not promote healthy diets

Game changing solutions:

Put in place stronger legislation that is pro-nutrition such as:

- Code to regulate the marketing of breastmilk substitutes in order to protect breastfeeding,
- Laws regulating marketing of unhealthy foods including sugar sweetened beverages, which is directly linked to growing overweight and obesity in children and adolescents,
- Labelling: front of pack nutrition and eco labelling helping consumers to make informed choices, thereby promoting healthy diets,
- Policy framework promoting fortification of complementary foods and staple foods with micronutrients as an approach to cost-effective intervention to combat hidden hunger in children, young people and women (through public-private partnership and collaboration).

Topic 2: Food Waste

Existing Challenges: Insufficient affordable and quality food preservation/processing mechanism (post-harvest food loss prevention of perishable produces)

Game changing solutions: Post-harvest strategies and policies to reduce food waste at all levels (including new and affordable technologies to tackle Postharvest loss; improve farmer's knowledge and skills on food processing and preservation).

Topic 3: Women and Youth empowerment (cross-cutting)

Existing challenges: Limited access to income to prioritize and invest in nutritious food

Game changing Solutions: Multi-sectoral interventions to empower women and youth across food systems including enhancing their decision-making power, ensuring access to information and skills addressing social norms that limit healthy food consumption.

Topic 4: Strengthening national coordination, M&E to improve nutrition:

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OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC

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AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

1. Areas that need further exploration:
- Investing in the development of strong and innovative social and behaviour change interventions/strategies to empower different categories of the population
 - Put in place legislative framework which promote healthy diets
 - Put in place post-harvest strategies and policies to reduce food waste at all levels
 - Establishment of coordination mechanisms at central & decentralized level.
2. practices that are needed for food system sustainability,
Post-harvest strategies and policies to reduce food waste at all levels (including new and affordable technologies to tackle Postharvest loss; improve farmer’s knowledge and skills on food processing and preservation).
3. Stakeholders whose interests should be prioritized.

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