

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

<b>DIALOGUE DATE</b>	Friday, 25 June 2021 13:00 GMT +02:00
<b>DIALOGUE TITLE</b>	Transforming food systems with aquatic foods: Advancing equitable livelihoods for healthy people and plane
<b>CONVENED BY</b>	Global Action Network Sustainable Food from the Ocean and Inland Water
<b>DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE</b>	<a href="https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/9739/">https://summitdialogues.org/dialogue/9739/</a>
<b>DIALOGUE TYPE</b>	Independent
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS</b>	No borders

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

### PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-18      6 19-30      22 31-50      16 51-65      5 66-80      0 80+

### PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

29 Male      20 Female      0 Prefer not to say or Other

### NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTOR

1	Agriculture/crops	12	Education	1	Health care
23	Fish and aquaculture	0	Communication	0	Nutrition
0	Livestock	0	Food processing	2	National or local government
0	Agro-forestry	0	Food retail, markets	0	Utilities
5	Environment and ecology	0	Food industry	0	Industrial
0	Trade and commerce	0	Financial Services	5	Other

### NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0	Small/medium enterprise/artisan	0	Workers and trade union
0	Large national business	0	Member of Parliament
0	Multi-national corporation	0	Local authority
3	Small-scale farmer	7	Government and national institution
	Medium-scale farmer	0	Regional economic community
0	Large-scale farmer	2	United Nations
2	Local Non-Governmental Organization	1	International financial institution
5	International Non-Governmental Organization	1	Private Foundation / Partnership / Alliance
0	Indigenous People	0	Consumer group
21	Science and academia	7	Other

## 2. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

To ensure respect of the Principles of Engagement, the following measures were taken: - The webinar (hereafter Dialogue) was designed to highlight actions and solutions by showcasing examples on "how to walk the talk", discussing how to connect research and policy and how to scale up solutions for advancing equitable livelihoods with aquatic foods. The dialogue was convened so that it welcomed participants and enabled them to engage purposefully with open exchanges, listen to each other and be open to the co-existence of divergent points of view. - The Dialogue commits directly to the vision and goals of Food Systems Summit Action Track 4 (advance equitable livelihood), and connects to other actions tracks, as well as the UN Nutrition Decade, and UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). - Recognising the complexity of the aquatic food systems (healthy waters, sustainable harvesting/production, food security, nutrition and healthy people, equity etc), the Dialogue included multiple perspectives. A diverse group of speakers and panellists (UN Food System Action Track leaders, food system experts, government officials, and funding organisation heads) were invited. The Dialogue was open for all to sign up to thus participants from multiple stakeholder groups around the world could join. - A holistic food chain approach was taken, highlighting interlinked areas important to the four pillars of sustainability and motivate innovative thinking and approaches to deliver system-level transformation. - The Dialogue was carefully designed to ensure the diversity of the panels and participants (gender ratio, global representation, participants from middle- and low-income countries, vulnerable groups, women and youth). - This Dialogue was free and open and provided an opportunity to share promising innovations, connect stakeholders, and broaden partnerships to transform food systems for the common good. - To ensure the Dialogue contents were transparent and accountable, we incorporated evidence-based solutions, and the event recap was made available to all.

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

- By linking the Dialogue to the Food Systems Summit Action Track 4, and connecting to the other action tracks, we increased the awareness of aquatic foods as part of sustainable food systems, and highlighted the importance of system-based approaches to advance equitable livelihoods with aquatic foods. - We recognised the urgent topics being eliminating poverty, reducing risks for the world's poorest, and addressing inequitable access to resources, to improve resilience through social protection and seek to ensure that food systems 'leave no one behind'. - By showcasing cross-sectorial solutions to these topics in current food systems, we promoted the importance of integrating aquatic foods in the Food Systems Summit agenda. - The selected topics were explored from social, economic and environmental perspectives with multiple stakeholder groups. - We recognised the complexity in aquatic foods systems and encouraged collaboration among sectors and stakeholders to achieve the Food Systems Summit goal. - We emphasised regional and applicable solutions to demonstrate that sustainable aquatic food production can coexist with local and traditional practices. - We advertised the Dialogue on different platforms to reach out to all possible stakeholder groups around the world. - The stakeholders were introduced to the Global Action Network: Sustainable Food from the Ocean and Inland Waters mission which are in line with the Food Systems Summit goals and objectives, and relevant SDGs. - The private sector, civil society, including academic institutions, and regional and intergovernmental organisations play important roles together with various nations in the world to realise the potential of aquatic foods contribution to food security and nutrition. Recognising the solutions by both the panellists and participants promoted a collaborative environment to stimulate bold and innovative new thinking and approaches that deliver systems-level transformation. - The Dialogue provided factual examples to give evidence-based solutions to current social inequalities in aquatic food

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

The time limit of the 90-minute webinar, and number of speakers were adequate and allowed enough time for answering most of the questions from the audience. From experience with the first two webinars the number of speakers was reduced (from four to three) in both sessions to allocate more time for questions and answers. Please note: The numbers above do not reflect the total numbers of webinar participants (which were 450 registered and 166 attended live). Numbers of participants in each sector was retrieved from a post webinar survey that was automatically launched for all attendees when signing off the event. The response rate was 32% explaining a total number of 49.

# 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

Sustainable, resilient food systems for healthy diets is one of the six cross-cutting, integrative action areas of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025). The Global Action Network: Sustainable Food from the Oceans and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition, is established under the umbrella of the Nutrition Decade. The Network aims to include aquatic foods as a key food source for achieving food security and improved nutrition in the Nutrition Decade and in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. In the lead up to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, the Global Action Network arranged a series of three Independent Dialogues, arranged as webinars, with a holistic food chain approach - from healthy oceans to healthy people. The first webinar focused on Action Track 1 (ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all), the second webinar on Action Track 3 (boost nature-positive production), and the third webinar on Action Track 4 (advance equitable livelihoods). The Dialogues were put together by a task force, including representatives from WorldFish, IFAD, and the Netherlands, and were led by Norway. The Dialogues were co-hosted by the Norwegian leadership of the Global Action Network and WorldFish. This is the third Dialogue of the series, titled "Transforming food systems with aquatic foods: Advancing equitable livelihoods for healthy people and planet". In this Dialogue, cross-sectorial representatives, including one expert panel and one high-level panel with speakers from ministries, international organisations, universities, research institutions, and NGOs, came together to showcase possible solutions and discuss important actions to highlight the role of aquatic foods as part of the summit's Action Track 4, which aims to advance equitable livelihoods. The Dialogue included two sessions: the first showcasing possible solutions to advance equitable livelihoods of those dependent on aquatic food systems and discuss ways to build their capacity and facilitate the transfer of skills and knowledge, and the second session on connecting research and policy. During the Dialogue, two polls were conducted to engage participants. Also, the audience was encouraged by the curator to partake actively in the live chat and post questions in the Q&A box, and they were also notified about relevant links being shared in the chat box for further information. Two open-ended questions were included in the post-webinar questionnaire to enable participants to share their views. The panels took a holistic approach by combining knowledge and solutions on different aspects of transforming food systems with aquatic foods. Topics included: an aquatic food system approach focusing on rural urban connectivity, innovations in fish processing, and fisheries crime in the fish supply chain. Also, how to facilitate entrepreneurship, equal access to resources, engaging and supporting young people and women, and improving working conditions in aquatic foods systems were addressed. The panels shared opinions on how to bridge research with policy to better inform science-based policy making to scale-up solutions. Event Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement: - 450 participants registered for the event and received an event recording and links to other learning materials. - 166 people tuned in live to the event, predominantly from Europe (45%), followed by Asia and the Pacific (35%), Africa (13%), North America (6%) and Central and Latin America (1%). - With a 37% attendance rate, participants were predominantly from Academia and Research (46%), followed by NGO or Not for Profit (23%), Government (13%), Private Sector (6%) and Others (13%). - Participants sent in a total of 19 questions in the live Q&A, 16 were answered during the live event by our panel speakers. - In the post-event survey, the majority of the participants said they enjoyed the webinar, gave an average rating of 8.3/10 and are interested in future webinars on the topic of food system transformation with aquatic foods.

# 4. DIALOGUE FOCUS & OUTCOMES

## MAJOR FOCUS

Sustainable, resilient food systems for healthy diets is one of the six cross-cutting, integrative action areas of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025). The Global Action Network: Sustainable Food from the Oceans and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition, is established under the umbrella of the Nutrition Decade.

The Network aims to include aquatic foods as a key food source for achieving food security and improved nutrition in the Decade of Action on Nutrition and in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. The Network takes a holistic food chain approach “from healthy waters to healthy people”, highlighting solutions for sustainable aquatic food and food security (sufficient, safe and nutritious aquatic foods which meets dietary needs and food preferences, leaving no one behind). Aquatic foods will be important in transforming our global food systems.

In the lead up to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, the Network arranged a series of three Independent Dialogues. This Dialogue (together with the two others arranged by the Global Action Network Sustainable Food from the Ocean and Inland Waters) aimed to make aquatic foods better integrated in the current food systems debates and seen as contributing as a key food source for achieving global food security and improved nutrition. A dietary shift towards more aquatic foods will contribute to food security within the planetary boundaries. The Dialogue “Transforming food systems with aquatic foods: Advancing equitable livelihoods for healthy people and planet” was an exploration of Action Track 4 (Advance equitable livelihoods) but also interlinked to the other Action Tracks. The Dialogue brought together representatives from government, science and research, private sectors and NGOs, as well as the UN Food Systems Summit Action Track leaders. All stakeholder groups engaged in the Dialogue. During the event, we encouraged questions and discussion among and between panellists and participants, and ensured their voices were heard. The panellists highlighted current issues and showcased successful solutions within aquatic food systems. The participants agreed with the urgent issues mentioned by the panellists and identified several other issues to be addressed in the future.

The Dialogue acknowledged the need to increase the awareness of the contribution of aquatic foods in current food systems as well as addressing the interlinkages with terrestrial food production. There is a need to provide equitable livelihoods with aquatic foods. To achieve this, the Dialogue emphasised important aspects and identified actions for advancing equitable livelihoods in order to transform future food systems. This was delivered by multiple stakeholders from ministerial level, governments, private sector, NGOs, academia, UN-initiatives, and the Action Track 3 leadership.

The Dialogue identified current issues and directions to advance equitable livelihoods, build capacity, and facilitate the transfer of skills and knowledge in aquatic food systems, and showcased possible solutions on how to drive equitable, inclusive livelihoods outcomes for all through aquatic food productions. The panellists disseminated approaches to bridge science, policy and actions and encouraged holistic approaches and cross-sectorial engagement to make aquatic foods more visible in current food systems.

### 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

We identified the most vulnerable groups, including small-scale producers, women, youth, indigenous populations, and minority groups. The major issues threatening the equality livelihoods in aquatic food systems include poor and unfair access to resources, constraints for small-scale producers, and inadequate involvement of the vulnerable. Furthermore, we recognised that the food systems are complex, thus, to tackle existing issues requires holistic approaches, cross-sectorial efforts, both when it comes to policy making and actions.

In the Dialogue, international food system experts working in policy, research and innovation, provided key solutions to reduce existing inequalities in aquatic food systems:

- For scalability to happen, analysis is needed in order to match solutions with the most urgent needs.
- Acknowledge local practices.
- Provide adequate access to natural bodies of waters, productive resources, markets, technology, and innovation.
- Increase investment in sustainable and inclusive aquatic value chains.
- Conduct policy dialogues to promote public-private-producer partnership.
- Apply food system governance that realigns research, policy, and incentives.
- Adopt nutrition-sensitive approaches to increase access to nutritious foods and products, efficiency and safety along supply chains, and reduce loss and waste.
- Improve work conditions to ensure employee welfare and productivity.
- Increase visibility and employment of the vulnerable groups.
- Apply a systems-based approach to support self-understanding of challenges, needs, and solutions.
- Emphasise the role of small fish in human nutrition and livelihoods, particularly for women.
- Advocate justice and take measures against fishery crimes through system-based approaches.

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 1/4

The Dialogue was a webinar with high level speakers and two panels, Q&A sessions, chat and questionnaire. Hence it was not designed with strict discussion topics. However, the Dialogue outcome can be grouped under topics related to 4 questions:

Discussion Topic 1: What are the key actions to ensure that an aquatic food system approach provide both sustainable equitable livelihoods as well as food security and nutrition?

Address the existing inequalities in aquatic food systems (e.g. unfair distribution of commercial fish catches and limited political power of small-scale fishers, particularly women and minority groups).

- Enable equitable access to resources.
- Develop inclusive, transparent and comprehensive sustainable ocean plans (e.g. Sustainable ocean management promoted by the Ocean Panel).
- Increase financial investment in sustainable and inclusive aquatic value chains.
- Promote policy dialogue to facilitate government decisions and policies that trigger public-private-producers' partnerships.
- Strengthen fishers' organisations and access to productive resources, markets, technology and innovation.
- Translate research into actual investments.
- Shift the narrative from 'feeding' a growing population to 'nourishing' all people with diverse, culturally acceptable foods.
- Implement effective cooperation between government and institutions to address food, nutrition, and livelihood security at the national and global levels.
- Support nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquatic food systems (e.g. small fish food).
- Harness the nutritional benefits of aquatic foods through the development and innovation of diverse aquatic food products, low-trophic aquatic species, novel and alternative aquatic foods (e.g. seaweed, lab-based aquatic food).
- Establish women processing groups and improve processing technologies.
- Produce dried fish which is accessible and affordable to poor and rural households.
- Integrate powdered small fish in supplementary nutrition programmes.
- Include the voices and knowledge of indigenous people to form sustainable solutions for aquatic resource management.

### ACTION TRACKS

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 2/4

The Dialogue was a webinar with high level speakers and two panels, Q&A sessions, chat and questionnaire. Hence it was not designed with strict discussion topics. However, the Dialogue outcome can be grouped under topics related to 4 questions:

- Discussion Topic 2: What governance structures and investments are required in order to facilitate entrepreneurship and equal access to resources?
- A food system approach does not just happen. For scalability to happen analysis is needed in order to match solutions with the most urgent needs. Change makers need to be identified, supported and connected
  - Strengthen policies and strategies and build capacities of resource management institutions.
  - Ensure that finance programmes include women, youth and small-scale producers.
  - Ensure that finance programmes focus on resilience and climate adaptation and mitigations.
  - Adopt pro-poor financial innovations for small producer in the aquatic sector.
  - Strengthen market linkages, producer organisations, information systems, market-supportive infrastructure.

### ACTION TRACKS

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 3/4

The Dialogue was a webinar with high level speakers and two panels, Q&A sessions, chat and questionnaire. Hence it was not designed with strict discussion topics. However, the Dialogue outcome can be grouped under topics related to 4 questions:

Discussion Topic 3: What governance structures and investments are required in order to engage and support young people and women to create a living in sustainable aquatic food systems?

- Address socio-cultural issues which impede opportunities for women.
- Target women-based value chains or segments of the value chains.
- Ensure that women and other vulnerable groups are included in aquatic food decision making and policy.
- Expand investment and support sustainable development and diversification of small-scale producers.
- Protect, support and develop the role of small-scale fisheries and producers to optimise the potential of aquatic foods to help end malnutrition.
- More data on the role of women in aquatic food systems (e.g. from the Illuminating Hidden Harvest study) to make it more visible.
- Provide capacity-strengthening support to organisations, social movements, networks, and for women's collective action, including legal and negotiation training skills.
- Raise awareness and reduce gender-based violence in aquatic food systems.

### ACTION TRACKS

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## OUTCOMES FOR EACH DISCUSSION TOPIC - 4/4

The Dialogue was a webinar with high level speakers and two panels, Q&A sessions, chat and questionnaire. Hence it was not designed with strict discussion topics. However, the Dialogue outcome can be grouped under topics related to 4 questions:

Discussion Topic 4: What governance structures and investments are required in order to improve working conditions in the aquatic foods system (labour rights, eliminating forced and child labour and developing social protection systems)?

- Introduce social protection interventions to improve labour rights and eliminate child labour.
- Introduce labour-saving technologies.
- Include aquatic food producers in decision-making to address working condition issues.

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## AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

There was no area of divergence during the discussions in the Dialogue. There were occasions of misunderstanding or lack of information, which were clarified in the live chat.

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# ATTACHMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

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## RELEVANT LINKS

- **Event recording, program and presentations**  
<https://nettsteder.regjeringen.no/foodfromtheocean/meetings-and-events/webinar-25june2021/>