

STIMULATING SYSTEMS CHANGE THROUGH DIALOGUE

The Food Systems Summit Dialogues (Dialogues) are purposeful and organized events where a broad and diverse range of stakeholders come together and share their experiences of food systems, consider how their roles impact on those of others and seek out ways to improve or transform food systems so they are suitable both for people and planet.

The Dialogues provide an inclusive and supportive venue for debate, collaboration, consensus-building, and shared commitment making. They encourage the exploration of challenges faced in food systems, reflect on the Summit themes, and learn from the perspective of others who participate in order to make change happen.

People within different communities have found their own ways, through Dialogue, to deepen their appreciation of each other's perspectives, to consider different opinions and to seek agreement where possible. The Dialogues use a **standardized approach** for the convening, curation and facilitation of Dialogues. This standardization makes it easier to synthesise the outcomes of the Dialogues and contribute to the preparation of the Food Systems Summit. Within this approach, Convenors are free to frame Dialogues in ways they best see fit.

The Dialogues are **prepared and convened** so that they welcome all Participants and enable everyone to engage purposefully with open exchanges. The Dialogues convene a **diversity of stakeholders**; at all times incorporating Food Systems Summit **principles of engagement**.

The Dialogues are carefully curated and facilitated in order to help Participants explore convergences and

differences. They are designed to offer informed, and constructive feedback for use in the preparation of the Summit.

Ultimately, Dialogues contribute to **shaping the pathways**, which will lead to equitable and sustainable food systems by 2030. They achieve this through exchanges, in **Discussion Groups**, which:

- Include diverse actors from across the entirety of food systems;
- Follow the Summit's Principles of Engagement;
- Discuss long-term visions for sustainable food systems;
- Encourage sharing of reflections, building on knowledge, experience and wisdom;
- Explore synergy and divergence that emerges among the Participants;
- Identify priorities for action within the context of current realities and debate potential impact of different strategies

THE DIALOGUES APPROACH ENABLES PARTICIPANTS TO:

- **Have purposeful and respectful exchanges with diverse food systems stakeholders.**
- **Contribute to the preparation of the Food Systems Summit.**
- **Identify actions, collaborations and ways of working to shape pathways towards sustainable food systems.**

