

THE SUMMIT DIALOGUE METHOD

The Food System Summit Dialogues

- Are inclusive of diverse actors across the entirety of food systems.
- Focus on Discussion Topics that set out a vision for the long-term sustainability of these systems.
- Consider past experience, building on pre-existing knowledge.
- Culminate in a collective sharing of reflections on each of the topics discussed.
- Synthesize the outcome of discussions and make this synthesis available to all involved in preparing the Summit.

The method proposed for the Dialogues is designed to ensure that each Dialogue:

- Engages a **diversity** of Participants from across various sectors with Food Systems.
- Uses a standardized **format**, enabling purposeful and productive discussions.
- Has a clear **focus** and offers **topics for discussion** that relate to the objectives of the Summit.
- Leads to the collation of **qualitative and quantitative outcomes** which feed into the Food Systems Summit.

EACH DIALOGUE EVENT HAS:

A Convenor, Curator and Facilitators. Convenors recruit Curators and Facilitators. All roles are vital to ensuring a successful event with Discussion Groups run well. Curators and Facilitators should be chosen carefully, trained and briefed.



CONVENOR

A Convenor is responsible for conceptualising, planning, organizing and executing the Dialogue. The Convenor announces the Dialogue publicly and is ultimately responsible for publishing the Official Dialogue Feedback Form



CURATOR

A Curator is the host and Master of Ceremonies on the day. The Curator presides over the event including welcoming Participants, introducing high-level guests and describing the purpose of the Dialogue. The Curator will subsequently summarize the outcomes from the different Discussion Groups.



FACILITATOR

A Facilitator helps each small Discussion Group to progress, ensuring that all Participants have an opportunity to contribute meaningfully and have their perspectives listened to by others.