

Independent Dialogue - Nigeria

ENABLING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
THROUGH THE AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN IN NIGERIA



17th March, 2021 / Zoom Platform

FACILITATORS BRIEF
[Orientation for Independent Dialogue Facilitators]

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Overview

The Dialogues are moments for;

- Engaging actors in the food systems approach in unusual ways;
- Enabling them to explore ideas together;
- Encouraging creativity, emphasising equity;
- Emerging more powerfully through connections;
- Elaborating pathways, intentions and commitments together.

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. The Dialogues approach enables participants to:

- **Listen** to each other;
- Welcome **diverse perspectives**;
- Seek out **new connections**;
- Explore both **synergy** and **divergence**;
- **Collaborate** in order to identify promising courses of action;
- **Debate** potential impact of different strategies.

By the end of the Dialogue period participants will have identified the practices and policies that will have the greatest impact on the achievement of the desired future vision within Nigeria's food systems. They will also consider how it will be possible to assess progress towards this vision as well as who needs to be involved in getting there and what kinds of challenges will need to be navigated along the way.

Dialogue Facilitators are responsible for ensuring that each participant in a discussion group has an opportunity to contribute meaningfully and have their perspectives listened to by others. The role of the Facilitator is to ensure that their Discussion Groups address the Discussion Topic and prompt questions, that everyone has an equal voice and (at the end of the discussion) to report briefly to the plenary on the progress and the feeling in the discussion group.

The four Dialogue Outcome areas that Independent Dialogues are to feedback on are:

1. **Major Focus:** *the focus of our Dialogue.*
2. **Main Findings:** *the main findings (or conclusions) that emerged from our Dialogue.*
3. **Outcomes of Discussion Topics:** *the outcomes that relate to each Discussion Topic.*
4. **Areas of divergence:** *the areas of divergence that emerged during our Dialogue. An area of divergence is an issue where participants held diverse views, different opinions and/or opposing positions.*

Facilitators Purpose

Breakout sessions will focus on facilitator's role (or co-facilitator -where facilitator has connection issues) including;

- Welcome participants and create an atmosphere of respect and openness;
- Framing conversations;
- Dealing with difficult interactions;
- Summarizing and feeding back.

Facilitators are expected to:

- Read and understand the resource materials provided;
- Arrive at the discussion group venue before the participants in order to meet and welcome them;
- Request group members introduce themselves to each other briefly;
- Explain to group members the tasks expected of them;
- Encourage group members to respond in a timely manner;
- stimulate exchanges if this seems necessary, and call people to respond to questions;
- Help group members to stay focused, inclusive and empathetic;
- Work with the co-facilitator to complete the Facilitator Discussion Group Template;
- Report back on the work of the discussion group to the plenary in a way that is both concise and fair;
- The Facilitator may benefit from the appointment of a note-taker where a co-facilitator is not available.

Discussion Group Structure

- During the Discussion Session the Facilitator encourages participants to connect, examine the topic, explore challenges, consider options, establish the extent of agreement and identify areas of divergence.
- A co-facilitator will assist the Facilitator in keeping a record of the discussion and outcomes.

Questions

When feeding back on the Discussion Groups, the following questions may be relevant:

- Did participants examine the existing food system situation including strengths and vulnerabilities?
- Were options and opportunities for change explored?
- Were diverse perspectives of participants synthesized?
- Was there agreement on priority actions to reach the future vision?

Additional possible questions for respective Action Track;

Action Track 1: Ensure Access to Safe and Nutritious Food for All

Facilitators:

- **Dr. Oghenefego Ofili** - Nutritionist & Founder, Teo-Inspiro International
- **Ben Usang** - Executive Director, African Dignity Foundation

Action Track 1 will work to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition and reduce the incidence of non-communicable disease, enabling all people to be nourished and healthy. This goal requires that all people at all times have access to sufficient quantities of affordable and safe food products. Achieving the goal means increasing the availability of nutritious food, making food more affordable and reducing inequities in access to food.

The potential game-changing and systemic solutions that drive the transition towards ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all in Nigeria.

Questions:

- How do we accelerate hunger reduction in Nigeria?
- How do we make nutritious foods more available and affordable in Nigeria?
- How do we make food safer from farm to table in Nigeria?
- What is the potential action that can be taken to ensure access to safe and nutritious food in Nigeria? Are there examples?
- Who are the main actors that would put this action into place?
- Within which category does this intervention most easily fall? E.g. Nutrition-sensitive agriculture, biz incentives, research, infrastructure, regulations, consumer education, etc.
- What would change about food in the eye of consumers? Is it -availability, affordability, accessibility, convenience, safety, quality, desirability etc?
- Is this primarily about reducing hunger, making nutritious foods more available and affordable, or improving safety?

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AGENDA

TIME (WAT)	AGENDA ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Item 1:Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the Dialogue • Overview of the UN Food Systems Summit • Objectives of the FSSD • Introduction of Guest Speakers • Remarks from Guest Speakers 	Convenors/ Guest Speakers
10:30 - 10:35 AM	Item 2:Briefing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Discussion Topics • Introduction of Facilitators 	Curator
10:35 - 11:35AM	Item 3:Breakout Session (60MIN) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all? • How do we shift to sustainable consumption patterns among youth? • How do we boost nature-positive production? • What will it take to advance equitable livelihoods? • How do we build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress locally? 	Curator/ Facilitators/ All Participants
11:35 - 12:00	Item 4:Summary Session Summary of breakout sessions by Facilitators Q&A	Facilitators / All participants
12:00 - 12:30	Next Steps Closing	Convenor

Facilitators

Action Track 1 Facilitators

- Dr Oghenefego Ofili - Nutritionist & Founder, Teo-Inspiro International
- **Ben Usang** - Executive Director, African Dignity Foundation

Action Track 2 Facilitators

- **Michellee Fox** - Chef & Business Development Manager, FoodBayTV
- **Tosin Adeniyi** - Humanitarian Logistician

Action Track 3 Facilitators

- Ms Inyene Akpan - Agripreneur
- **Alhaji Azeez Musibau** - Agri Consultant

Action Track 4 Facilitators

- Engr. Ekanikpong Ben - Elkanis & Partners (Agritech)
- **Ndim-Ejor Ndifon** - Agri Consultant

Action Track 5 Facilitators

- **Eze Nwakanma** - Head of Agricultural Value Chain Finance (AVCFIS), NIRSAL Microfinance Bank