Thoughts From Participants

What did you enjoy the most from the Global Dialogue?

The very positive energy and proximity to the COP, which gave it all quite a buzz.

Sharing the challenges faced by other farmers from other parts of the world and noting that the challenges are mostly very similar.

Interacting with groups that carry out actions to care for the land, preserve traditional cultivation techniques and promote a sustainable agrifood system.

Making new friends and hearing inspiring stories from across the world.

The ceremonies plus the varieties of indigenous food systems from other countries who shared.

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Do you have any feedback for the organisers?

Smaller groups in the dialogues allow more participation and engagement in the limited time. While larger groups ended up with only a few engaging properly while others tended to become observers due to limited times. Need to decide on balance of engagement and observer depending on primary purpose.

The lunch time activities were probably best enjoyed by those physically participating. As observers they were interesting initially, but the feelings expressed was that they went on for too long.

It was a wonderful exercise, in which experiences and visions about food systems could be exchanged.

Greatly appreciated experience based on good intentions. Need for strengthening and expansion of initiatives of the sort.

Congratulations - overall the experience was very special, the logistics of the event alone was quite amazing. Yes, technical issues and different dialogue styles prohibited deep, meaningful dialogue somewhat, but I think the event was insightful and inspiring.

What is one thing that has stayed with you from the Global Dialogue?

The warmth of the people present digitally and in person and the way in which people engaged with each other and had deeper conversations.

Importance of local authority support for emerging farmers.

The cross-cultural engagements and experiences of indigenous farmers from different parts of the world.

Despite having different cultures, they are all related in some ways.

The issue of youth not willing to actively engage in farming and the bleak future this holds for agriculture.

An example shared by the South African group about the storage of seeds in the country. This was of particular interest for the São Paulo team to get to know more about the period and methodology applied in this storage experience. The local farmers from São Paulo want to know more about this practice.