

PROLINNOVA Philippine Country Platform co-convened the *Food Systems Independent Dialogue on “Building Resilient Food Systems by 2030”* last Sept 9, 2021.

The banner features a green and white color scheme. At the top, it displays logos for 'FOOD SYSTEMS INDEPENDENT DIALOGUES', 'IIRR', 'PROLINNOVA', 'Scaling Up NUTRITION', and 'PHILCAN'. The main text reads 'FOOD SYSTEMS INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE' in large white letters on a green background, followed by the subtitle 'Building Resilient Food Systems by 2030'. Below this, it states 'September 9, 2021 | 1:30 PM - 4:40 PM | via Zoom'. A QR code is provided for registration, with the URL <https://bit.ly/fssdialogueph>. A photograph on the right shows a group of people sitting in a circle outdoors, engaged in a discussion.

In partnership with IIRR, SUN Nutrition and PhiCan, the Philippine CP convened an independent dialogue on food systems. The dialogue has the following objectives:

1. To provide a local perspective on the socio-economic and nutrition outcomes of Local Food systems;
2. To identify shocks and stresses in the local food system;
3. To identify adaptation and mitigation innovations and strategies employed by the local groups;
4. Identify concrete commitments of local civil society organizations/ groups to building local food systems resilient to vulnerabilities, shocks, and stress, by 2030;
5. To contribute in collecting and amplifying the voice of marginalized groups to the upcoming UN Food Systems Summit on September 23, 2021.

A pre-dialogue face to face was convened, before the main dialogue, with farmers, fisherfolks, and women’s groups in select municipalities. This was done to ensure to give voice to the grassroots stakeholders especially with the methodology of online discussion where limitation is evident for those who do not have access to internet. During these pre-dialogues, innovations of farmers and the community were highlighted in terms of how they have responded to the challenges of climate change impact and the recent health crisis.

In the main dialogue, research and extension workers and program implementers joined the grassroots group representatives at the virtual dialogue. Around 61% of attendees work in the agriculture and nutrition sector where they represent various stakeholder groups, like small to medium scale farmers, small to multi-national businesses, local and international NGOs, academe, government institutions, private foundations and alliances, consumers, and the youth from rural, peri-urban, and urban localities. There was a total of 81 participants.

