



## ADAPTATION AND JUST TRANSITION IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOOD SYSTEM



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### Overview and key areas of discussion

Workshop started an hour late due to participants arriving late at the meeting venue prescribed for the bus and we could not resume the program without them.



*Fig. 1 Arrival*

Eventually as we started the session, we had 25 participants were in attendance, whom we had invited as per brief. We although had a wider interest and ended up with more participants others came with their cars when they heard of the workshop – NO Transport claims were provided to these participants.

Program continued as planned from 09:30 am.

Opening and welcome of the program was performed by Ms. Busisiwe Mgangxela, telling us about our plan for the day and how we will proceed in accordance with the program outlined.



*Fig. 2 Ms. Busisiwe Mgangxela (Embo Yakwa Ntu NPO)*

Objectives of the upcoming dialogue were narrated to the group by Ms. Mbuyi Mhlati (Chairperson of EMBO Yakwa Ntu, NPO)



Fig. 3 Ms. Mbuyi Mhlathi (Embo Yakwa Ntu NPO)

Mr Eddie Parichi of TCOE (fig. 4) gave a presentation on the topic of “Provocation on just transition in the food systems.”

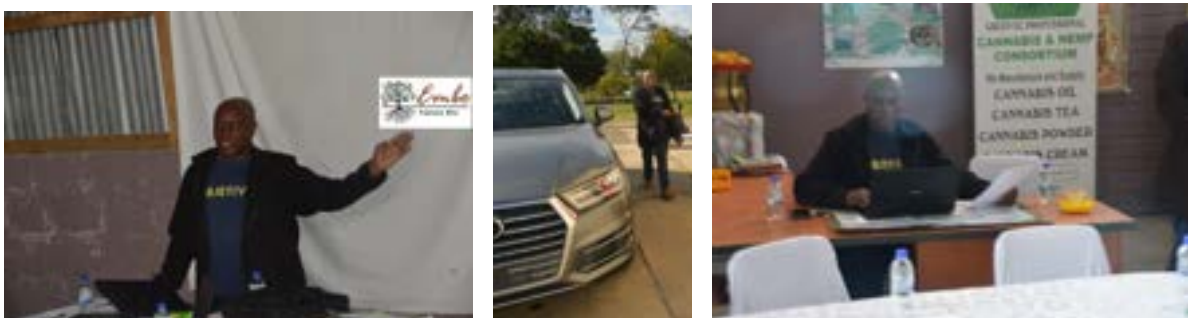


Fig. 4 Mr Eddie Parichi (TCOE)

Participants highlighted the importance of education and training for changing mindsets in order for communities to accept and implement mechanics set out to achieve just transition in food systems.

Alternative sources of income for livelihoods are required, which involves support structures through incentives by government for a certain period in order to mitigate losses (Some sort of insurance framework designed for small holder farmers).

Introducing change by listing and promoting the benefits. It will take time for communities as well as government to accept due to resistance to change, but eventually we have hope that these will be accepted.

Dialogues continued and under the following topics:

### Topic – CCAMP

“Experiences and challenges related to Climate Change, and what people are doing practically to adapt to the impacts.”

1. Water scarcity – Rain water harvesting
2. Land Access – Should not be a barrier, use alternative methods such as Roof tops, vertical gardens, old baths, tyres, buckets/containers, etc in order to plant one’s own food.
3. Seed production – Saving – sharing – planting

4. Policies and Rights related to food production are not known as a result farmers accept everything that they get because of lack of government support for agro ecology.



**Topic - "Priorities to build and strengthen adaptation and resilience"** - the following responses were made;

- Batter exchange system – will promote the local economy and households will make savings from paying premiums charged on goods by the retail markets
- Biodiversity – Succession planting and seed saving
- Access to land – Land distributed to those in need to do food production
- Workshops on land restitution – to choose their land back instead of choosing cash payouts
- Creation of market days
  - Collaboration of farmers using same system of ecological agriculture to satisfy markets
  - bearing in mind the same level of playing fields
  - and ensuring quality and consistency
- iLima, going back to our roots starting small and expanding as the need arise
- Priorities must be made by taking care of the environment, soil, consumers and the welfare animals.





*Fig. 6 Break aways in 4 Groups.*

### Outcomes from discussions:

- Farmers need to stop buying chemicals
- Knowledge sharing among our elders and youth in order to share techniques that was used or they are using that are of an agro ecology nature
- We make our own fertilizers and use of manure which would be environmentally friendly
- Unity – Government subsidizing farmers by encouraging them to employ community members in return for rebates and we together fight poverty and unemployment.
- Community awareness of things or the way we are doing things that are harming or impacting negatively to climate change. Also promote the right practices that should be followed.



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## -END OF WORKSHOP-

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### **Demographics of participants:**

#### **Total 39 people:**

- 4 - Youth Male
- 12 - Youth Females
- 18 – Woman
- 5 - Adult males

Representative, on behalf of Embo Yakwa Ntu that will be attending the National Food System Dialogue on the 20-22 September 2023 will be Ms Busisiwe Mgangxela

