



BUILDING SYNERGIES AND UNITING
FOR SHARED VISION FOR ZERO POVERTY,
ZERO UNEMPLOYMENT, AND ZERO CARBON

GRAMEEN FAMILY GATHERING

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social business mission driven reunion
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community driven social values warmth village global alliance climate motivation
mission joy breakfast creating a world of 3 zeros community resilience comrades
togetherness network giving hope for the poor compassion empowerment entrepreneurship
poverty eradication interconnected shared values gender equity
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Opening Ceremony:



Video message by **Prof. Muhammad Yunus**

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Opening Ceremony:



Welcome speech by **Mr. Raphaël Appert**,
*Chairman of Grameen Crédit Agricole
Foundation - Luxembourg*

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Opening Ceremony:



Welcome speech by **Mr. Md. Ashraful Hassan**, *Chairman, Grameen Group - Bangladesh*

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Keynote speech:



"The Grameen Legacy: Evolution and Impact of a Global Movement"
by **Mr. Abdul Hai Khan**, *Executive Vice-chairman Grameen Trust*

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Networking Break

Group Picture before Networking Break

1st Plenary session: "Grameen in Action: Lessons Learned and Future Horizons"



Moderator: **Mr. Raymond Patrick Serios**,
*Director of Administration & Strategic
Projects of NWTF - Philippines*



Mr. Suresh Krishna,
*CEO of Yunus Social
Business - India*



Mr. H. Fatih Akgül,
*General Secretary
Turkish Grameen
Microfinance
Program - Turkey*



Mr. Jasper Kubasek,
*Vice President, Chief
of Staff, Grameen
America Inc.*



Ms. Corazon A. Henares,
*Co-Founder of Negros
Women for Tomorrow's
Foundation - Philippines*

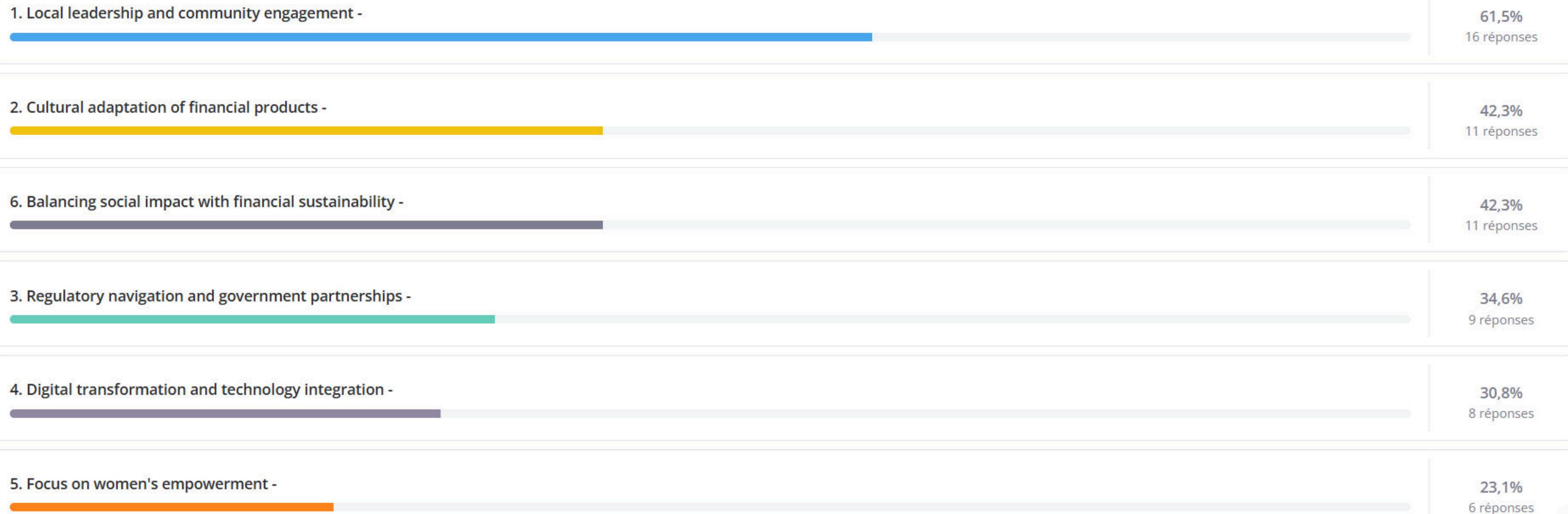


Mr. Zahirul Alam,
*Executive Director
Integrated Development
Foundation - Bangladesh*



Ms. Lerato Lekhula,
*Head of Microfinance
& Social Business,
WDB Trust - South
Africa*

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1 Question ouverte *

How are you adapting to digital financial inclusion and access to women entrepreneurs? What's the right balance?

@jasper, what new innovation Grameen America intends to bring it's program

How are you adapting to digital inclusion

Have 2 questions to all panelists (actually):

- 1) Do you have many examples of progress at your client levels, like starting small and growing to larger, sustainable and independent businesses (in Eastern Europe we succeeded with that, but i want to get African/Asian view on this)
- 2) Microfinance is still a relatively low tech, have anyone already experimented and what is your feedback

In the context of increasing climate related risks, how can insurance and micro insurance products be made more affordable to effectively strengthen borrowers' financial resilience?

What is the right balance between protecting the methodology, localising and innovating?

The conversations so far today since we started at 9:30am have centered around things that all or most of us agree on. Can any of you share a point of view of yours or your institution that you believe most people in the room would disagree with? And why have you come to this unusual/divergent conclusion/view?

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2nd Plenary session: "Pathways to Zero Poverty: Inclusive Financial Solutions for Vulnerable Communities"



Moderator: **Ms. Tasmina Rahman**, *CEO
Grameen Trust - Bangladesh*



Ms. Dr. Dolores M. Torres,
*Senior Management
Adviser CARD MRI -
Philippines*



Ms. Roshaneh Zafar,
*CEO Kashf
Foundation - Pakistan*



Mr. Omar Lutf Suwaid,
*Co-founder Grameen
Yemen Foundation -
Yemen*

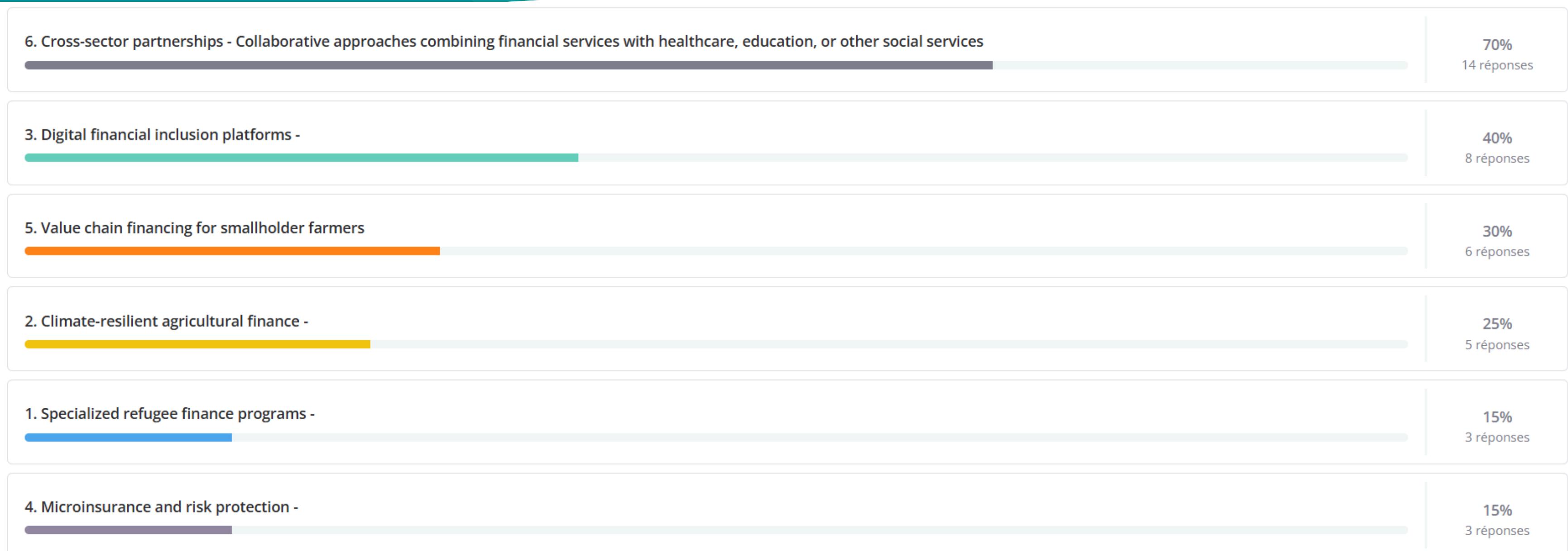


Mr. Giuseppe Torluccio,
*Vice-Chairman, Yunus
Italia Foundation - Italia*



Ms. Hanadi Tutunji,
*Head of Technical
Assistance, Grameen Crédit
Agricole Foundation -
Luxembourg*

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1 Question ouverte *

Great start to the post-lunch panel! In hopes of keeping this plenary lively and interesting: What is the biggest mistake you made the last 2 years and what did you learn from it?

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Are microcredit members currently being enrolled in micro-insurance? What is the process through which this insurance is provided? Which specific risk factors are covered under the micro-insurance scheme?

What one piece of advice would you give to a new Grameen replication just starting out?

How do you manage the distinction between borrower and member as you offer other products and services beyond credit (like insurance)?

3rd Plenary session: "Creating Sustainable Livelihoods: The Zero Unemployment Challenge"



Moderator: **Ms. Sharifah Sofia**, *Trustee at Albukhary Foundation - Malaysia*



Mr. Martin Mata,
Co-CEO Albanian American development Foundation - Albania



Mr. Md. Abul Kalam,
CEO Kosovo Grameen Missione Arcobaleno Microfinance Fund - Kosovo



Mr. Clément Delcourt,
*Director of programs,
Yunus France - France*

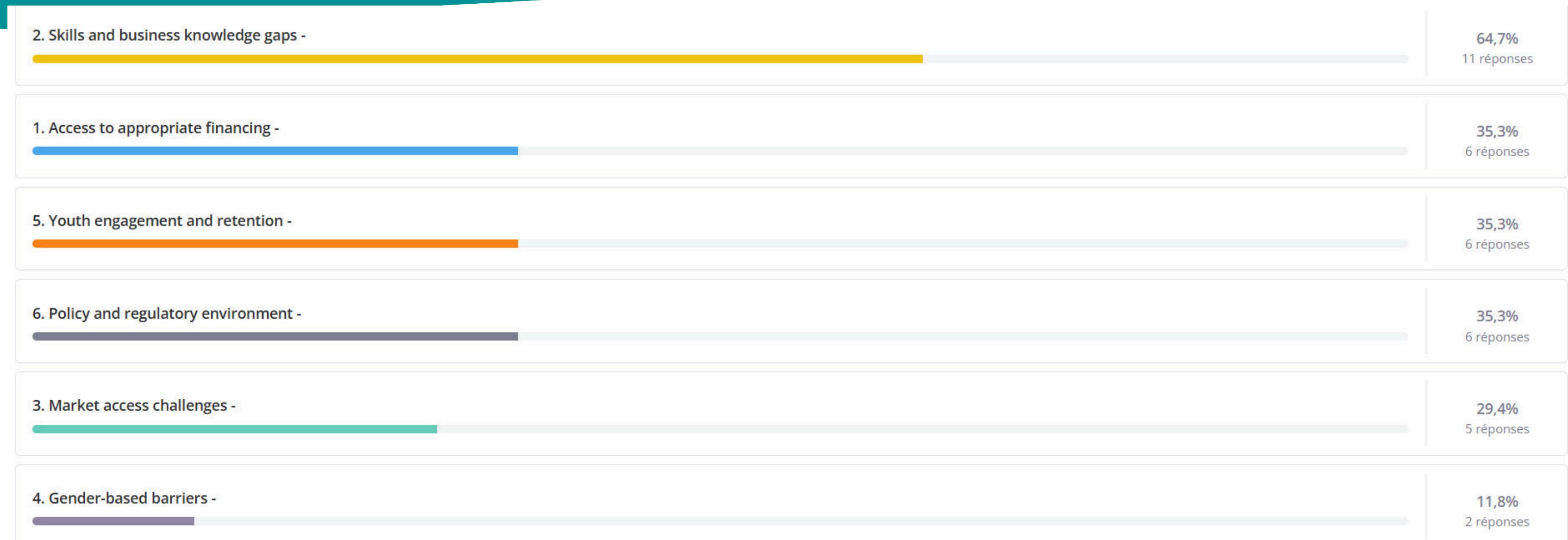


Mr. Shankar Man Shrestha,
Chairman Centre for Self-help Development - Nepal



Mr. Abdul Matin,
Director Development Grameen Trust - Bangladesh

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1 Question ouverte *

What are the main challenges to make Zero Unemployment

have you experimented with small equity like instruments or convertible loans? convertible micro finance loans?

Most discussions of employment and unemployment, especially among youth, today center around the opportunities and threats created by Artificial Intelligence. Yet AI has not come up yet today and does not appear to be on the agenda for this entire meeting. How important would it be to come up with a shared Grameen family analysis and strategy on AI and how it can be a force for Three Zeros rather than against it? What would be part of such a strategy?

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Time for Networking Break

4th Plenary session: "Financing Zero Net Carbone Emissions: Solutions for Climate Resilience"



Moderator: **Mr. Md. Ashraful Hassan,**
Chairman Grameen Group - Bangladesh



Mr. Vincent Brousseau,
*Deputy General Delegate
Grameen Crédit Agricole
Foundation - Luxembourg*



Mr. AKM Shirajul Islam,
*Executive Director, Basa
Foundation - Bangladesh*



Mr. Callum Mackenzie,
*Managing Director Yunus
Thailand - Thailand*

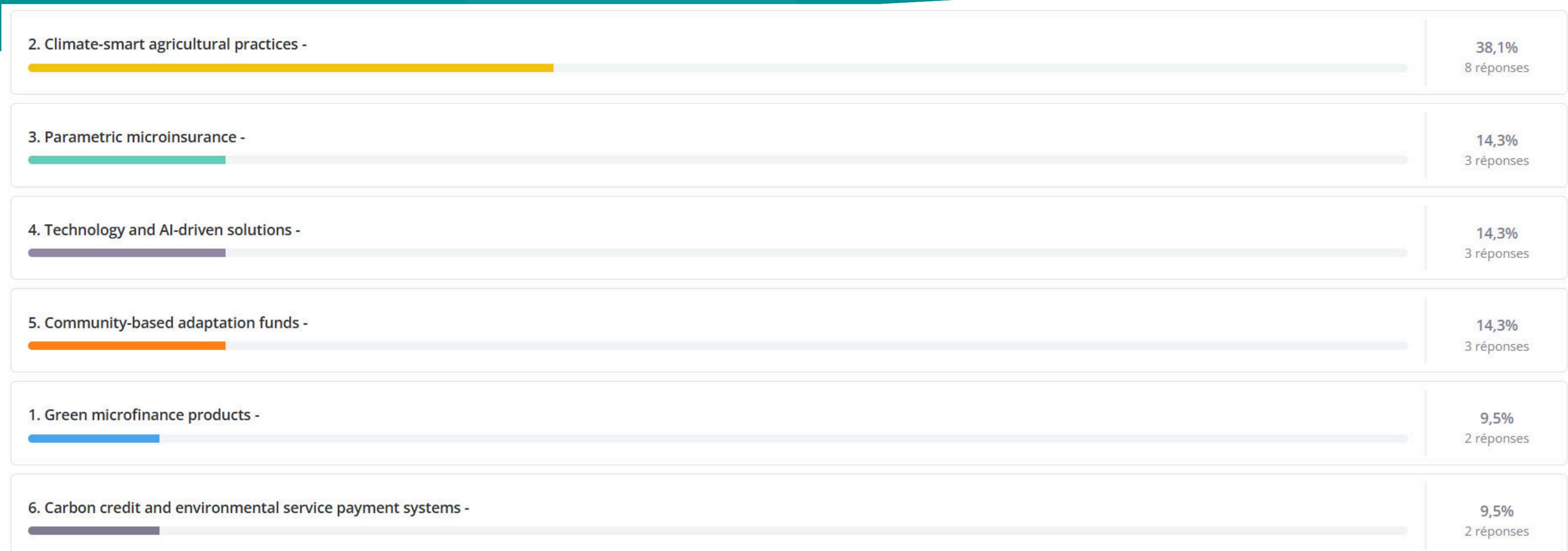


Mr. Advin Barun Banerjee,
*Executive Director Pidim
Foundation - Bangladesh*



Mr. Jerôme Gabriel,
*Administrator Virunga
Foundation -
Democratic Republic
of Congo*

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1 Question ouverte *

Some climate solutions will help address poverty/inequality and unemployment, some will make no impact on them, and some will make poverty, inequality, and unemployment worse. Should we come up with a Grameen family strategy or position on the best climate solutions? Should we use the open time on tomorrow's agenda to work on developing such a family-wide strategy or at least a shared analysis and landscape scan?

The North os the carbon emitter by large and the South has to deal with it. Any experience or thoughts about how to make the north accountable instead of pushing carbon credits on the South?

Developed countries produce carbons and develop and underdeveloped countries become the victims, in this context what should be the role of Developed countries

question to Mr Islam, AI is used in irrigation or soil management?
question to all panel members: where is any zero-carbon emission impact through microfinance, except in fight against deforestation?

Concluding remarks:



**Ms. Veronique Faujour, General Delegate
Grameen Credit Agricole Foundation –
Luxembourg**

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Departure for the River Cruise Diner

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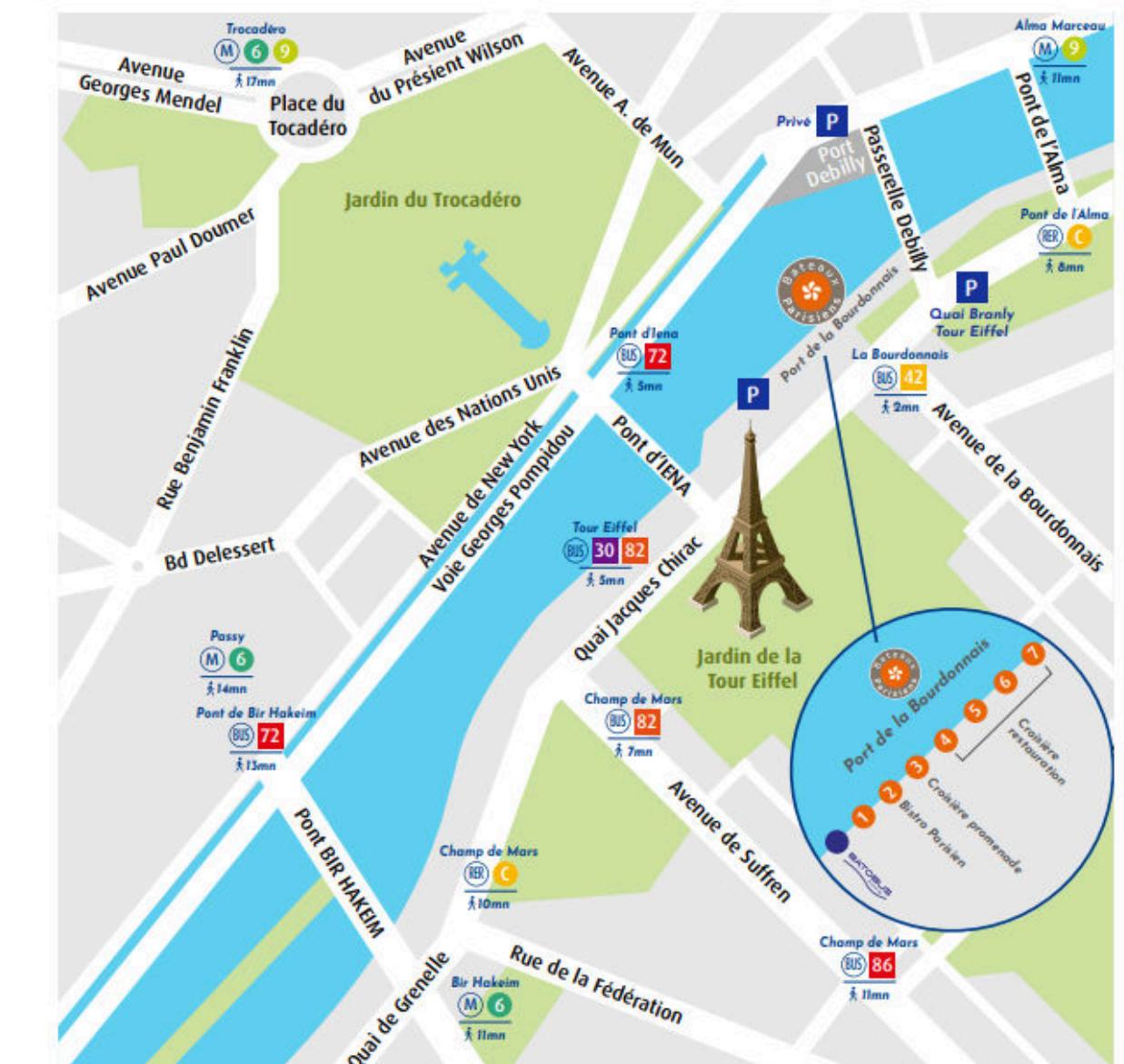
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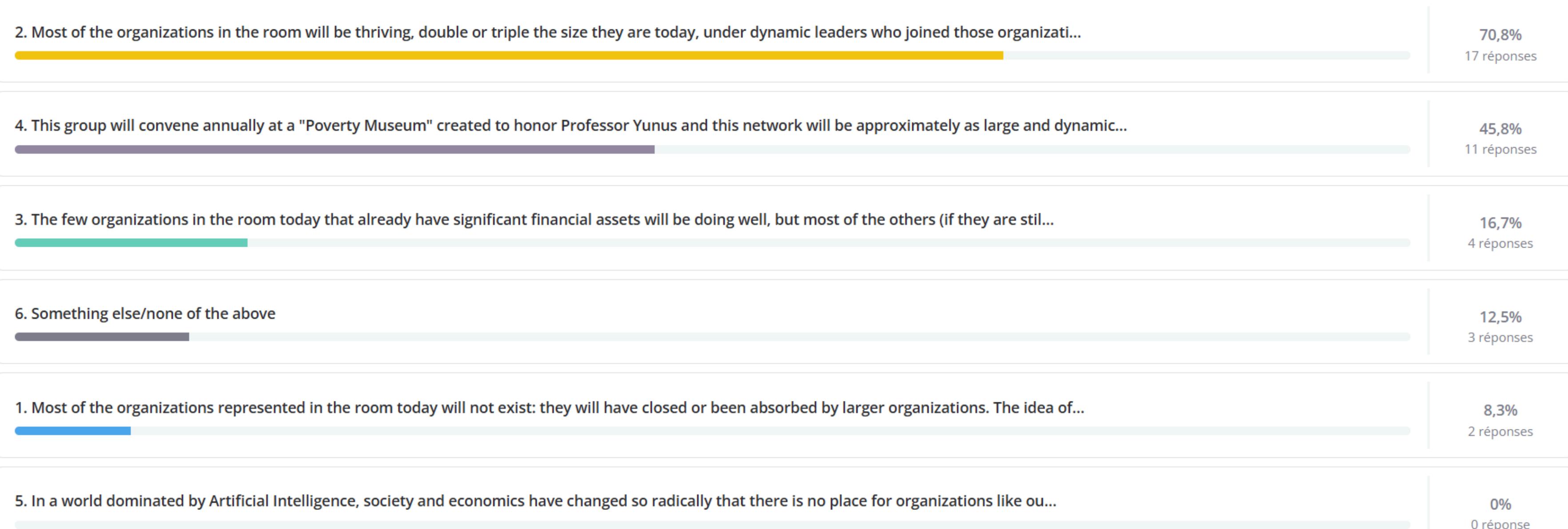
Opening Ceremony:
Keynote speech: "From Local Solutions to Global Movement:
The Next Chapter of the Grameen Story"



Mr. Alex Counts, *Strategic advisor, Grameen Foundation USA*

Opening Ceremony:

Keynote speech: **What will the network of organizations represented in this room, and the idea of social business, look in 15-20 years ?**



Workshops:

"Building the Grameen Alliance: Strategies for Collective Impact"

Interactive working groups focused on enhancing network effectiveness, coherence, and long-term collaboration

Workshops:

Groupe 1
Room Occitanie
1st floor

Ms. Tasmina Rahman
Ms. Lerato Lekhula
Mr. Jasper Kubasek
Ms. Giulia Zanetti
Mr. Aleksander Sarapuli
Ms. Corazon Henares
Mr. Callum Mackenzie
Mr. Dominique V. Dauster
Mr. Edouard Sers
Ms. Kathrin Gerner
Ms. Sylvie Lemmet

Groupe 2
Room Aquitaine
1st floor

Mr. Abdul Matin
Ms. Mandisa Matyeka
Mr. Iacopo Greppi
Mr. Martin Mata
Mr. Md. Abul Kalam
Ms. Suzette Gaston
Dr. Dolores M. Torres
Mr. Clément Delcourt
Mr. Zahirul Alam
Ms. Samina Islam
Mr. Vincent Brousseau
Ms. Sarah Canetti

Groupe 3
Room Franche-Comté
1st floor

Mr. Hai Khan
Mr. Shankar Man Shrestra
Ms. Alessandra Cavallo
Mr. H. Fatih Akgül
Mr. Marin Shtylla
Mr. Alex Counts
Ms. Syrel Aplaon
Dr. Flordeliza L. Sarmiento
Mr. Robiul Islam
Mr. Advin Barun Banerjee
Ms. Hanadi Tutunji

Workshops:

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Groupe 4
Amphi Chégut
Ground floor

Mr. Md. Ashraful Hassan
Mr. Omar Lutf Suwaid
Mr. Davide Verrocchi
Prof. Aziz Akgül
Mr. Tengiz Tkeshelashvili
Ms. Sharifah Sofia
Ms. Aurora M. Lagman
Mr. A.K.M Shirajul Islam
Mr. Md. Shafiullah Shovon
Mr. Maxime Borgogno
Mr. Julien Leroy

Groupe 5
Amphi Tardy
Groundfloor

Mr. Ahmed Alkulani
Mr. Giuseppe Torluccio
Ms. Roshaneh Zafar
Mr. Jérôme Gabriel
Mr. Raymond Serios
Ms. Emelyn L. Contreras
Ms. Kanokvalee Viriyaprapaikit
Ms. Hosne Ara Begum
Mr. Saneheel Nazmus
Mr. Philippe Guichandut
Ms. Cécile Pochet

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Networking Break

Time for Networking Break

Results of the discussion

Presentation of the **results** of the **discussion**

**Closing Plenary:
Closing remarks: "Charting Our Shared Path: From
Dialogue to Action"**



**Mr. Md. Ashraful Hassan, Chairman,
*Grameen Group - Bangladesh***

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Mr. Abdul Matin, *Head of Operations of Grameen Trust, Bangladesh*

Training Session : Room Alsace



Ms. pauline Blit, *Risk Manager for Grameen Crédit Agricole Foundation, Luxembourg*



Ms. Ines Yaici, *Risk Analyst for Grameen Crédit Agricole Foundation, Luxembourg*

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1 What is your general appreciation of this gathering? *



Note moyenne : 4.58

2 What is your general appreciation of the venue and catering ? *



Note moyenne : 4.64

3 How was the quality of the speakers? *



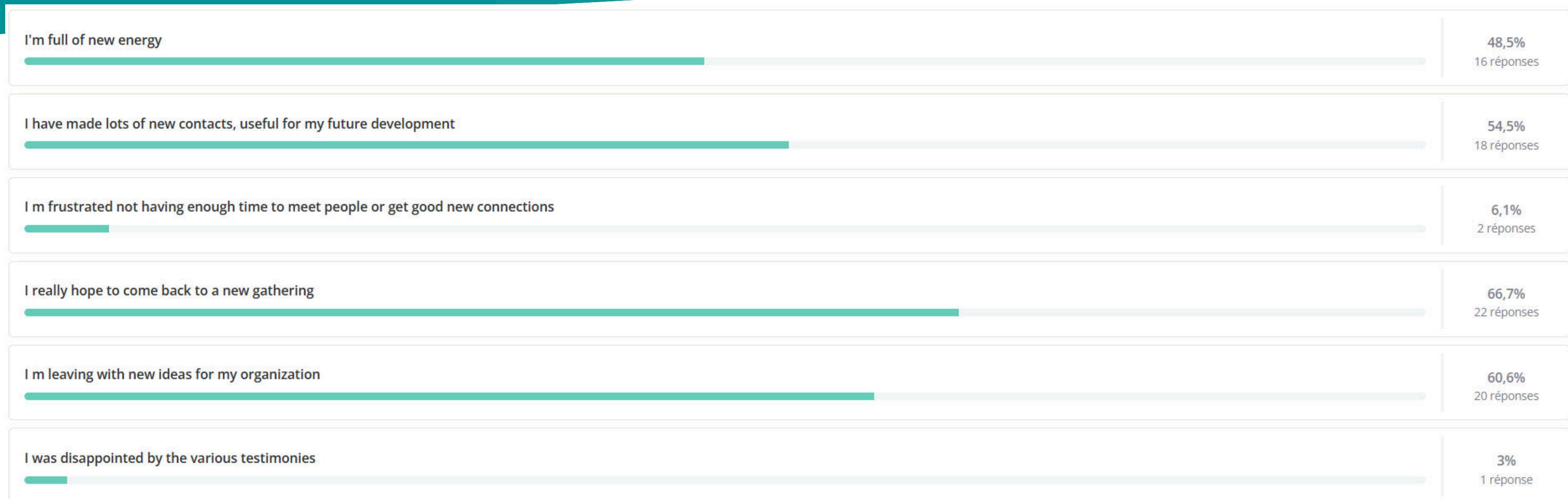
Note moyenne : 4.15

4 How was the organization and logistic of the gathering ? *



Note moyenne : 4.73

BeeKast : How do you leave the gathering ?



BeeKast : Any comments ?

6 Any last comments? *

Looking forward to the next one.	No further comment :-)	N/A
In Grameen we trust	More exciting sessions	Looking forward for the next gathering.
Thank you!	Wish to see you next time	Special thanks to Philippe's Team
Special thanks to Phillippe	Great way to connect	NA
More power to organizers ❤️ ❤️ ❤️	Was good at times, but need for more interaction and engagement of youth.	More women and more youth please

BeeKast : Any comments ?

I really appreciate this gathering and feel empowered seeing such support from the family. Thank you the organiser and team who make this happen.

Thank you Credit Agricole and Grameen Trust to give this opportunity to attend this wonderful and meaningful gathering. I am taking many insights, ideas and learning for myself and my organization. I will be really happy to participate again in a gathering like this.

I would have love to work in more direct networking sub-groups

It was great as a first gathering, for the next times I'd like more practical insights, it would be nice to come prepared to talk to specific people and organisations to work together towards a specific goal or collaboration. Overall it was great and I hope it's the beginning of a connected and shared community

Great

Need this types of gathering in every year in different countries

Better to include young generation in future gathering

It was an awesome gathering with learning and reflections. Im honored.

Thank you for your great hospitality and setting up this eminent event which was really well curated.

Very good

Please share the outcomes and structure the recommendations within an action plan.

Thank you for making this first step happen

Now I really would love to see concrete next steps, and the Yunus Network getting structured

Everything is great

It was an opportunity to learn other approaches and activities to be able to implement in our organisation

This was a fantastic gathering, I think however we can have more roundtable discussions rather than panel discussions. We need to also figure out the next steps, I wonder if in the future we could have 3 days instead of 2, and the third day being really about planning and network development action - e.g., we could have had a co-design day of a common theory of change and strategic actions to do together.

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