FIRST INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON
UBAN-RURAL LINKAGES
ICLEI FOOD SYSTEMS PROGRAM

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ABOUT ICLEI

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 100+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development. Our Members and team of experts work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create systemic change for urban sustainability.

1750+ local and regional governments

100+ countries

300+ experts in 22 offices worldwide
ICLEI AROUND THE WORLD

Serving our network from 22 offices around the world
THE FIVE ICLEI PATHWAYS

The **FIVE ICLEI PATHWAYS** towards low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development are designed to create **SYSTEMIC CHANGE**. The pathways are a framework for designing **INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS** that balance the patterns of human life and the built and natural environments.
THE FIVE ICLEI PATHWAYS

They are a basis for sustainable urban development that considers the complexity or urban systems. The pathways encourage HOLISTIC THINKING to ensure that ICLEI optimizes our impact. For instance, we consider how nature-based development contributes to resilience, or how to bring equity into low emission development.
We design our work to integrate as many pathways as possible into any given activity such as a **PROJECT, PARTNERSHIP** or **INITIATIVE**. When these pathways guide local and regional development, urban system becomes more sustainable.

Urban systems are part of a broader city-region territory. Local and regional governments and their urban systems are **INTERCONNECTED**. We address **CITY-TO-CITY AND RURAL-URBAN LINKAGES** to create a multiplier effect.
What is a sustainable city-region food system?

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A city-region is made up of one or more larger cities, towns and smaller settlements, and its surrounding peri-urban and rural area, which are linked by functional ties. A sustainable and resilient city-region food system can help:

- Meet (future) food needs of the population;
- Integrate vulnerable populations in economic development through food production, processing and retail;
- Align environmental management strategies on food, water and energy;
- Build diverse food systems that are more resilient to climate change and disaster risk; and
- Increase resilience against shocks by minimizing the dependence on distant supply sources.
A city-region approach coupled with multilevel governance mechanisms can create supportive policy environments since food systems transcend administrative and political boundaries in the urban-rural continuum.
The ICLEI Food Systems Program accelerates local and regional government action around the globe on sustainable and resilient city-region food systems by combining information sharing and networking with technical expertise through training and policy guidance, as well as facilitating local and regional engagement in international discourse.
Why should local governments develop sustainable and resilient city-region food systems?

- To enhance food security and nutrition for all;
- To improve livelihoods of urban, peri-urban and regional food producers;
- To promote job creation;
- To protect and restore ecosystems and natural resources;
- To reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
Why should local governments develop sustainable and resilient city-region food systems?

• To advance climate change adaptation;

• To support the achievement of national and international goals and agendas;

• To reduce food waste and losses;

• To increase the resilience of the food system;

• To facilitate public-private-civil society participation.
The ICLEI-RUAF CITYFOOD Network is open to local and regional governments, whether they are engaging with the issue for the first time or working to implement the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact and at the frontier of innovative food systems work.

CITYFOOD is active in both the Global North and South and establishes direct connections with people on the ground and staff engaged in policy development.
CITYFOOD NETWORK MEMBERS

A network for local and regional governments to develop a strategic approach to their city-region food systems.

Antananarivo Madagascar
Arusha Tanzania
Baltimore USA
Belo Horizonte Brazil
Braga Portugal
Cagayan de Oro Philippines
Calgary Canada
Cascais Portugal
Catbalogan Philippines
Cauayan Philippines
Colombo Sri Lanka
Dumangas Philippines
Ede The Netherlands
Entebbe Uganda
Gangdong-gu Republic of Korea
León de los Aldama Mexico
Malmö Sweden
Melbourne Australia
Minneapolis USA
Munoz Philippines
New Haven USA
Quelimane Mozambique
Quito Ecuador
Rio de Janeiro Brazil
Rosario Argentina
Santa Rosa Philippines
São Paulo Brazil
Tokyo Japan
Torres Vedras Portugal
Zamboanga Philippines

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BENEFITS

Experts and participants have the chance to:

• Exchange knowledge and peer-to-peer learning;
• Connect to existing national and regional food networks;
• Organize learning and training sessions during relevant conferences;
• Foster communities of practice with varied thematic foci.
CITYFOOD members are:

- up-to-date on the latest thinking about city-region food system issues, policies and initiatives;
- cooperating and sharing knowledge and experiences;
- gaining support and influence in decision making and in mobilizing funds;
- having priority access to opportunities for projects;
- part of strategic partnerships with technical and financial organizations;
- internationally recognized by attending conferences and congresses.
With collaborative partnership and investment, local and regional governments can be empowered to drive the transition to more sustainable and resilient city-region food systems
Participatory Guarantee Systems are locally focused quality assurance systems.

They certify agroecology producers based on active participation of stakeholders and are built on a foundation of trust, social networks and knowledge exchange (IFOAM International).

Population: 5,873,841 inhabitants
Source: IBGE (2016)
BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL
PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM

Through a PGS consumers and producers agree on the conditions of their local food systems and the way these are verified, as they enable the direct participation of all stakeholders in:

- the choice and definition of the standards,
- the development and implementation of verification procedures,
- the review and decision process to recognize farmers as organic.

PGS offer a complementary, low-cost, locally-based system of quality assurance, with a heavy emphasis on social control and knowledge building. PGS, as a complementary method to third-party certification, is essential to the continued growth of the organic movement, especially if we want to include poorer smallholder farmers who have the most to benefit from organic.
I - Contribute to the implementation of the Participatory Guarantee System in the Metropolitan Region;
II - Promote the expansion of agroecological production;
III - Strengthen and implement agroecological experiences;
IV - Reduce the use of pesticides and transgenics;
V - Encourage agroforestry recovery of water springs and degraded areas;
VI - Guarantee the integrated conservation of preservation units and buffer areas;
VII - Promote training and capacity building for farmers, technicians, managers, food processors etc. in the field of agroecology;

VIII - Promote the construction of agroecological markets;

IX – Create nurseries and agroecological seed production units;

X - Production, distribution and access to agroecological inputs;

XI - Build an interinstitutional database related to agroecology;

XII – Develop participatory research on agroecology themes;

XIII - Stimulate the maintenance of rural areas.