Sustainable Urban Food Systems transformation for strengthening Urban-rural linkages

Urban-rural Linkages Webinar in Preparation of the 9th Session of the Africities Summit
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Why promoting food systems for strengthening urban-rural linkages?

- 55% World urban population
- 68% Expected rise by 2050
- 80% Total global energy absorbed by cities
- 70% World food supply consumed by cities
Cities worldwide are prioritizing Food Systems in their local policies, plans and actions

| 217 Signatory Cities | The ICLEI CITYFOOD Network | Prioritizing Food Systems in the Global Agenda |
FAO's work with cities

‘Achieving Sustainable Food Systems’ Programme, the Urban Food Agenda and the Green Cities Initiative
GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE FRAMEWORK

1. Rural-urban synergies
   - Space matters -

2. Social inclusion and equity
   - Leave no one behind -

3. Resilience and sustainability
   - Safeguarding the future -

4. Food systems (inter)connections
   - Integrated perspective matters -
Action at City Level

Metropolitan

Intermediary

Small Cities
FAO's work in intermediary cities and small towns
The Project 'Feeding Urbanization’

3 Components:

1. Urban Food Systems Analysis
2. Establishment of multi-stakeholder food governance mechanisms
3. Implementation of quick-win actions to strengthen urban food systems sustainability

Geographical focus:
- Portoviejo, Ecuador
- Bambilor and Khoungheul, Senegal
- Rulindo, Rwanda
Support local institutions in developing a decentralized public food procurement mechanism to distribute locally sourced fruits to students.

Local government facilitating access to diversified diets for students.

Local governments promoting new market outlet for local producers.

Example of quick-win action implemented
Portoviejo, Ecuador
Mainstreaming food systems into local policies
Kisumu integrated approach

A **Food Systems Assessment** for Kisumu urban areas to give evidence on the existing urban-rural linkages.

**The FLAG**

A multi-stakeholder group for promoting dialogue and engagement on the food system in Kisumu & Key Actions to strengthen the urban-rural linkages.
Action at the Global Level
The Urban Food Systems Coalition

GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON
EMPOWERING CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPROVE FOOD SYSTEMS GLOBALLY

28 June 2021
14.30 – 17.30 (CEST)
Key Highlights

Intermediary Cities: key players for promoting food systems transformation, reduce poverty and promote sustainable agriculture

Policy Action: to promote multi-sectorial, multi-level and multi-actor coordination

Food Governance Mechanisms: to link cities and operate along the rural-urban continuum

National to Local Governments Gap: addressed through urban food policy frameworks
Thank you