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Toronto’s Adaptation of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Indicator Framework

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A food strategy is more than a report or set of recommendations. It is an ongoing process of identifying, building and strengthening positive connections between multiple stakeholders.

Source: ESDW, 2018
The following 3 tools helped us approach our adaptation of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Framework:

1. Reflecting Progress on Food System Transformation

2. City of Toronto Food Initiatives Map

3. Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Framework Toronto Adaptation
The 2018 report helped us analyze how we wanted to evolve our Food Strategy based on the MUFPP pillars.

Three new priority areas emerged:

1. Sustainable Diets and Nutrition/Ecological Public Health
2. Resiliency and Food Vulnerability Assessment
3. Food Systems Waste
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**Toronto Food Strategy**

**Action Work Streams 2018**

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- **Governance (Ensuring and Enabling Environment for Effective Action)**
- **Health (Sustainable Diets and Nutrition)**
- **Social and Economic Equity**
- **Food Production, Supply and Distribution**
- **Food System Waste**
## Toronto Food Strategy Indicator Framework

**Adapted from the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Monitoring Framework**

**Goal:** To measure the City of Toronto's progress in achieving a healthy, sustainable food system

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<td>Governance (Ensuring an enabling environment for effective action)</td>
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<td>1. Presence of an: (a) Active municipal interdepartmental government body for advisory and decision making of food policies and programmes (e.g. interdepartmental food working group, food policy office, food team)</td>
<td>(a) Toronto Food Strategy Website <a href="https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/toronto-food-strategy/">https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/toronto-food-strategy/</a></td>
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<td>2. Enhance stakeholder participation at the city level through political dialogue, as well as through education and awareness raising.</td>
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<td>(b) Active multi-stakeholder food policy and planning structure and/or urban food policy strategy (e.g. food policy councils; food partnerships; food coalitions)</td>
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<td>3. Develop or revise urban food policies and plans and ensure allocation of appropriate resources within city administration.</td>
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1. There is a notable absence of environmental specific goals in the current framework.

2. There are work streams where existing data is sparse.

3. Identify gaps and priorities for further action.
SO WHAT/ NOW WHAT?
Key Questions

• What is the significance of a populated framework?
• What can this baseline data tell us?
• What key indicators can we highlight for each workstream that will give us a quick snapshot of our sustainable food systems work?
• How can we distill information from the framework so it can be used by others (e.g. city divisions, community groups, etc.) to help reach their food goals?
• Provides a baseline of data and identifies gaps in each work stream
• Facilitates engagement with city divisions doing relevant food work
• Provides a standardized framework that can be used to compare food systems work with other cities
• The framework can help define priority areas
Overall:

- Can do broader comparison between cities in Global North and South
- Can work with city, national and global networks to share best practices and focus on more robust sustainability measures
• Good starting point to assess what data is currently collected and data gaps
• The framework needs to be adapted for use in each city’s local context
• The absence of data can be just as telling as the data points themselves
• Use as vehicle to engage multiple divisions/departments
• Indicators are useful but they should be used to help achieve goals not distract us from them
• MUFPP framework is a good place. Perhaps start with one or two actions streams if too big for some cities who haven’t started this type of data collection and analysis
• Make it work for you!
Questions & Discussion

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