

## TECHNICAL SESSION

### Integrating food systems into Local Planning

09 October 2019, 14:00-17:00

**Lead organization:** Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**Language:** English, French (tbc), Spanish (tbc)

#### SUMMARY

The New Urban Agenda (NUA)<sup>1</sup> addresses the need for “integrating food security and nutritional needs of urban residents in urban and territorial planning...” (para.123) and encourages the “generation of evidence-based and practical guidance for the implementation of the NUA” (para. 128). Local and national governments are increasingly calling for support to foster sustainable food systems in urban areas, and their surrounding rural areas, for addressing the specific food security and nutrition challenges and planning for resilient and sustainable food systems.

Several cities are currently promoting and implementing innovative models of integrated planning across urban and rural areas where food and agriculture are key elements. FAO has recently launched the Framework for the Urban Food Agenda<sup>2</sup> that provides an overall framework to support local governments in planning and promoting more resilient and sustainable food systems. In recent years FAO, with partners, has developed a publication on integrating food into urban planning<sup>3</sup>, and a set of approaches and tools to support local governments in food systems planning, including the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) indicator framework<sup>4</sup> to support cities in the formulation and monitoring of urban food policies. Other institutions such as UN-Habitat<sup>5</sup> and Wageningen University and Research (WUR) have also developed some tools to support cities in integrating food systems in urban and territorial planning.

The objective of this session is to i) provide an overview of the approaches for mainstreaming food and agriculture in local planning through an integrated and system approach and multi-stakeholder and participatory process; ii) share experiences from some cities and iii) identify needs for support and focus.

The target participants will be mainly representatives from local governments involved in policy and planning, in addition to potential collaborators in the academia, civil society organizations and private sector.

After an introduction and overview of the importance of mainstreaming food systems into local planning, the event will be organized in three parts:

#### **Session 1:** Food systems planning in action (40 minutes)

This part will introduce the concept of a systems approach to food across urban and rural areas. It will showcase some current work on food systems assessment and planning, related tools, key results, and subsequent lessons learnt. Themes covered will include: 1) food systems assessment, and 2) food governance, policy and planning. This interactive session will stimulate a debate aiming at identifying constraints and lessons learned.

#### **Session 2:** Insights from cities (45 minutes)

This session will share the experience from cities that have worked in multi-stakeholder planning processes addressing agriculture and food systems.

#### **Session 3:** Interactive discussion on food systems planning (65 minutes)

Using examples of city approaches, the participants will explore/simulate ways for integrating food systems

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<sup>1</sup> <http://habitat3.org/wp-content/uploads/NUA-English.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.fao.org/3/CA3151EN/ca3151en.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.fao.org/3/CA2260EN/ca2260en.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/monitoring-framework/>

<sup>5</sup> International Guidelines on urban and territorial planning (IGUTP - <http://unhabitat.org/books/international-guidelines-on-urban-and-territorial-planning/>) and the IGUTP food lens (<http://urbanpolicyplatform.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/IG-UTP-Thematic-Series-Food-lens-Cover.jpg>) as well as the recently published Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles and Framework for Action ([http://urbanpolicyplatform.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/29082019\\_URL-GP-Vers-1-HK\\_JR\\_English-CC.pdf](http://urbanpolicyplatform.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/29082019_URL-GP-Vers-1-HK_JR_English-CC.pdf))

in their planning processes. The participants will also identify and discuss about the key challenges and needs for integrating food systems in their planning processes.

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Time	Item	Speakers
14:00- 14:05	<b>INTRODUCTION: WHY MAINSTREAMING FOOD SYSTEMS INTO THE LOCAL PLANNING?</b>	Marcela Villarreal (Director of Partnership Division, FAO)
14:05- 14:45	<b>SESSION I: FOOD SYSTEMS PLANNING IN ACTION – tools and approaches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food system multi-stakeholder planning process across urban and rural areas: from assessment to planning: - 10' Food system concepts; Food systems assessment; Food governance, policy and planning.</li> <li>• Integrating food in spatial planning - 10'</li> <li>• International Guidelines on urban and territorial planning and integrated urban-rural policy with a food systems lens - 10'</li> <li>• Q&amp;A - 10'</li> </ul>	Cecilia Marrochino, Guido Santini (FAO)  Marion Herens (Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation)  Remy Sietchiping (UN-Habitat)
14:45- 15:30	<b>SESSION II: EXPERIENCES FROM CITIES</b> Food system planning approach from various entry points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity development across cities: Mouans-Sartoux - 10'</li> <li>• Resilient food system planning: Quito - 10'</li> <li>• Healthy food system: Baltimore Food Policy Initiative - 10'</li> <li>• Q&amp;A -15'</li> </ul>	Gilles Pérole (Vice Mayor) Alexandra Rodríguez Dueñas (CONQUITO) Rene van Veenhuizen (RUAF) Holly Freishtat (City of Baltimore)
15:30- 15:45	<b>BREAK</b>	
15:45-16:50	<b>SESSION III: FOOD SYSTEMS PLANNING FOR YOUR CITY</b> Group work on challenges and training needs for food system planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by Quelimane -5'</li> <li>• Presentation of the group discussion - 5'</li> <li>• Working in groups (Answering key questions)- 30'</li> <li>• Reporting to plenary and open discussion - 25'</li> </ul>	Cecilia Marrochino, Guido Santini (FAO)  Manuel de Araújo (Mayor of Qualimane) (tbc)
16:50-17:00	<b>FINAL REMARKS</b>	Alison Blay Palmer and Barbara Emanuel (Toronto Public Health)