



The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact and the New Urban Agenda: *Improving food security and nutrition are core to sustainable urbanization*

One year has passed since the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact was signed by many cities around the world and was presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations by the Mayor of Milan at the 2015 World Food Day celebration at the Milan Expo.

Signatory cities (130 as of October 2016) **commit to develop sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, that provide healthy and affordable food to all in a human rights-based framework.** The Pact calls for a cross-fertilization of all city-led social, economic and environmental policies and programmes. It also includes an inspiring Framework for Action which clusters a variety of interventions in areas of governance or action such as promoting sustainable diets and nutrition, tackling food poverty, increasing food production and fostering urban rural linkages; but also diversifying and promoting resource efficient food supply and distribution systems; and improving food waste management, reduction and prevention. **The Milan Pact references the Habitat III process alongside the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals**, more specifically Goal#2 and Goal#11 calling for both ending hunger and enabling more sustainable cities and human settlements.

We, MUFPP cities strongly believe that urban food systems are at the center of sustainable development and a crucial part of the nexus of climate, energy, water and other natural resources, together with social inclusion and equity.

In fact, we, signatory cities attending the MUFPP Annual Gathering on World Food Day 2016, enthusiastically acknowledge the New Urban Agenda particularly in its call for action and plan for: promoting equitable and affordable access to healthy food and nutrition for all; coordinating food policies with energy, water, health, transport, and waste programmes; support sustainable urban agriculture and farming; strengthening food system planning and development in order to increase access to markets, strengthen urban-rural linkages and improve resiliency; reducing food losses and preventing and reusing food waste; which recalls extraordinarily all different elements of the MUFPP.

Thus, on behalf of all the signatory cities of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, we welcome the work done so far by Governments, FAO and others UN Agencies and all different contributors and we look forward to participating in the follow up process. **We strongly believe cities have to be significantly involved in such a process as crucial repositories of the coherence that need to be created among the New Urban Agenda and the Agenda 2030 around innovative actions.** We also believe that the MUFPP represents an innovative mechanism of enhancing horizontal and vertical alignments that could also inspire other thematic areas. **The MUFPP, with its Framework for Actions, its governance and its international partnership is a great framework and a unique platform to work out such alignment and coherence and it's ready to serve this ambitious purposes.**