



Milan Urban Food Policy Pact

PROJECT « FOOD SMART CITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT » DAKAR FORUM OF AFRICAN SIGNATORY CITIES

List of recommendations

We, representatives of African signatory Cities of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP), gathered in Dakar within the international Forum from the 20th to the 22nd September; we consider that the MUFPP represents an opportunity to implement a more sustainable and a more inclusive city model.

The meeting in Dakar let us start the definition of the path towards good food policies at urban level; policies that respond to the social and economic specificities of the contexts where the MUFPP will be implemented.

With these remarks, the representatives of Dakar, Niamey, Brazzaville, N'Djamena, Nouakchott, Douala and Abidjan submit to the Steering Committee some recommendations written with the objective of implementing a profitable and equal collaboration among the signatory Cities.

- 1) The Cities gathered in Dakar are already experimenting good practices; practices that must be taken into account as capital and wealth of experience for the network of signatory Cities. For this reason, we hope that these practices will be highlighted, supported, monitored in a suitable way, fostering their replication in other contexts.
- 2) The dialogue and the exchanges of the Dakar Forum brought to light the problems of our contexts, that are not sufficiently considered in the guidelines. Specifically, it is important to stress two points:
 - 2.1 Cities consider that some of the strategies proposed by the guidelines do not take into account the economic fragility of African Cities dwellers; we draw the attention on the strategies for economic sustainability and accessibility of initiatives.
 - 2.2 Cities consider that not enough importance is given to the support of local production, the improvement of traditional and neglected varieties as foundation of good urban food policies.
- 3) Cities denounce the impact of imported food on the consumption of local products and the changes in dietary habits noted in the Cities.

In order to put into practice the commitment taken by signing the MUFPP, Cities are committed to pursue the following guidelines in the short time:



Ref. Guideline 2. Enhance stakeholder participation at the city level through political dialogue, and if appropriate, appointment of a food policy advisor (...), as well as through education and awareness raising.

Ref. Guideline 28. Support improved food storage, processing, transport and distribution technologies and infrastructure linking peri-urban and near rural areas to ensure good nutrition for all.

Focusing for the next three years on the following specific topics:

- Experiment awareness raising and education activities on healthy and balanced diets aimed at citizens, technicians, Local Authorities and policy-makers.
- Experiment policies and practices aimed at enhance effectiveness of distribution and food storage in the food systems in our Cities.

For this purpose, we hope for the support of the network of MUFPP signatory Cities on the implementation of a monitoring system suitable for these objectives.

The representatives of African Cities cite as well the following priorities, considered as essential entry points for the implementation of food policies by African local authorities:

Ref. Guideline 1 – Enhance the competence of policy-makers on urban food policy;

Ref. Guideline 7 – Promote awareness raising campaigns on healthy dietary habits aimed at urban population;

Ref. Guideline 17 – Support active policies for the realisation of the right to food for all in the urban area;

Ref. Guideline 19 – Support technical training on local food systems at all levels;

Ref. Guideline 23 – Promote the culture of consultation of town and land planning for the development of sustainable food policies;

Ref. Guideline 29 – Support the implementation of policies aimed at control the quality of food, taking into account the fundamental role of informal sectors in the food systems of our Cities.

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