

Milan Urban Food Policy Pact

The first international agreement among cities from all over the world, committed to developing sustainable, inclusive and resilient urban food systems

The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact is the main legacy of the Universal Exhibition "**Expo Milan 2015**" *Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life*. The Milan Pact is a global commitment of mayors from around the world that considers food as an entry point for the sustainable development of growing cities. It represents the **main framework for cities** and international stakeholders active in the definition of innovative **urban food policies**.

Milan Pact framework for action

The Milan Pact is the result of a participatory process among 46 cities that worked together in 2014, under the guidance of a technical team of international experts, on the definition of **37 recommended actions structured into 6 integrated categories**:

- Governance
- Sustainable diets and nutrition
- Social and economic equity
- Food production
- Food supply and distribution
- Food waste

The Pact's framework presents a holistic approach towards the food system. A dedicated Monitoring Framework supports cities in better structuring and assessing the impact of their food policies.

Governance and Membership

Today the Pact gathers more than 220 cities, representing a total of 400 million inhabitants over the 6 MUFPP regions. The governance of the Pact is ensured by a Steering Committee which is elected every two years and has the duty of representing signatory cities at global level. It is composed of 13 members, 2 per each MUFPP region besides the Mayor of Milan that is the permanent Chair.

MUFPP Global Fora

Global Fora are a fundamental moment for the MUFPP network, an opportunity for our signatory cities to meet, exchange knowledge and practices, participate in technical workshops, share progresses and build partnerships. Over the years, the MUFPP Global Fora have become a regular occurrence for cities and key actors in the global urban food agenda. As per tradition, the Global Forum hosted each time in a different Milan Pact city. The city of Rio de Janeiro will host the 8th MUFPP Global Forum on 17-19 October 2022.



2015, Milan. Signing ceremony of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact.



2016, FAO, Rome. 2nd Global Forum.



2017, Valencia. 3rd Global Forum.



2018, Tel Aviv. 4th Global Forum.



2019, Montpellier. 5th Global Forum.



2020, Milan. 6th Global Forum Online.



2021, Barcelona. 7th Global Forum.

Regionalization process

Cities face similar challenges and seek appropriate solutions for their specific geographical and socio-economic contexts. Therefore, the Milan Pact promotes a regionalization process allowing signatory cities and regional stakeholders to meet and exchange knowledge regularly within their respective regions, in strong coordination with the Steering Committee representatives. In 2021 the first MUFPP Regional Action Plan was prepared and discussed during the Global Forum.



Africa

In 2016 the 1st MUFPP Regional Forum was held in **Dakar**, Senegal. The objective was to create a network of African cities to exchange best practices and to work on the themes of the Milan Pact particularly linked to the challenges of the African context. Other forums followed in **Brazzaville** 2018, **Niamey** 2019 and **Ouagadougou** 2021.



2016 Dakar regional forum of African cities

Europe

Within **Eurocities**, the European association of cities, the debate around food and cities is today particularly dynamic. Thanks to the inputs of the MUFPP, a **Working Group Food** has been established in 2016. It is chaired by **Milan** and **Warsaw** and it encounters **51 cities** that gathered 10 times in **Brussels, Birmingham, Valencia, Amsterdam, Lyon, Ghent, Montpellier, Almere, Milan** and **Barcelona**. This working group focuses on sharing knowledge; on promoting joint projects; advocating towards the European bodies. The next meeting will be held on 22-24 June in Almere during the Floriade Exposition 2022.



2017 Valencia regional forum of European cities.

South America

The 1st Regional Forum of South America was hosted by **Rio de Janeiro** in 2019. The forum aimed at promoting the dialogue between South American cities to improve food governance in the region.



2019 Rio de Janeiro regional forum of South American cities.

Eurasia & South West Asia

The 1st regional forum was held in **Kazan**, Russian Federation on the topic "Healthy Cities. Healthy Nutrition for Children".

Asia Pacific

Cities in the region are increasing their interest in urban food policy within a context of significant urban growth. The MUFPP is working to disseminate knowledge and to foster cooperation on these through the European programmes: IURC and ICP. The Milan Pact leads the **Asia Pacific Food Policy Training** throughout 2022-2023 to strengthen the diffusion of best practices and innovative food policy actions in the region.



2021 Kazan regional forum of Eurasia & South West Asian cities.

Milan Pact's international commitment

The Pact is fully involved in the definition of the global food agenda. Over the last years, the Secretariat has been working to raise the attention on urban food policies and catalyze the energies of the international stakeholders towards the Pact's objective.

International partnerships and projects

Over the years, it has consolidated an increasing number of partners ranging from international organisations, to universities and research centres to NGOs. The Pact acts as driver, gathering the opportunities coming from its partners and linking them to its signatory cities.

Thanks to its strong network, the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact is constantly promoting the creation of international consortia to gather to spur the Milan Pact's objectives through city-to-city exchange.

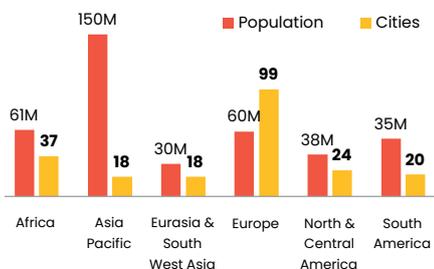


The global food agenda

The Pact is constantly striving to highlight and emphasize the major role of mayors in the transformation of the food system, thus contributing to the achievement of the SDGs. At the same time, it is committed to mobilizing resources and attention within the international community to support the work that cities are undertaking.

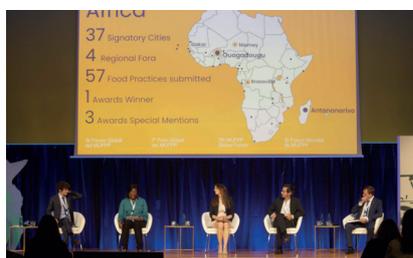


Recordings of the UNFSS session
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UNFSS Pre-Summit

On the occasion of the UNFSS Pre-Summit, the MUFPP Secretariat has organized a plenary session "City and Local Food Systems" focusing on the role of cities as key drivers of the food system transformation. It involved mayors and representatives of international stakeholders who addressed the main concerns about the issue and highlighted the importance of bringing together different stakeholders along with the need of planning across different levels of governance to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Thanks to the contribution of our signatory cities (Milan, Bristol, São Paulo, Seoul, Addis Ababa, Copenhagen, Quelimane) the Pact has been able to showcase its cities' efforts and solutions to the entire international community.



Sharing knowledge among the Signatory Cities

Milan Pact Awards: 370 practices shared

One of the most important goals of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact is to stimulate the **exchange of practices and learning** between signatory cities. Therefore, since 2016 the City of Milan and the Cariplo Foundation launched the **Milan Pact Awards (MPA)**. The aim is to recognize the most creative efforts and monitor cities' improvements since they joined the Pact. Every year the practices submitted are evaluated by an **international evaluation committee**, that awards the most innovative practices. Moreover, the Awards are an opportunity to show to international stakeholders the proactivity of the MUFPP cities and their leadership role in shaping food systems. Year after year the Pact gathered 370 practices, creating a **unique library of food policies** officially approved by mayors. This library represents the Pact's common knowledge. The increasing participation demonstrates the growing enthusiasm towards food policies and their relevance in the mayoral agenda.



2019 Milan Pact Awards ceremony in Montpellier.

Milan Pact Talks on Covid-19 food responses

In 2020, the **Milan Pact Talks** have been launched as the pandemic showed that food policy teams from the MUFPP cities had to face unexpected challenges to provide concrete solutions to citizens' needs. The Talks collected **109 videos on Covid-19 food responses** worldwide. They are a tool to share knowledge about the measures undertaken to face, adapt and mitigate food system shocks.

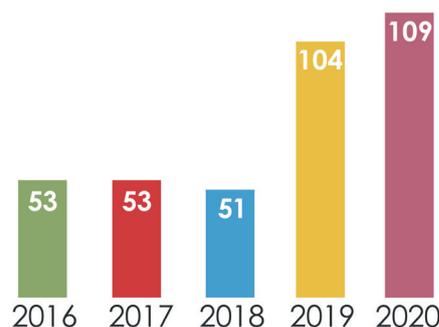
Observing the video submissions, it is possible to cluster the actions undertaken during the emergency in three main fields of action: **ensuring food aid** to the population in need, **promoting healthy diets** and food habits at the time of **pandemic and recovering** the food economy. The full library is available on the MUFPP YouTube channel.

Milan Pact Awards 2022 & Fellowship Programme

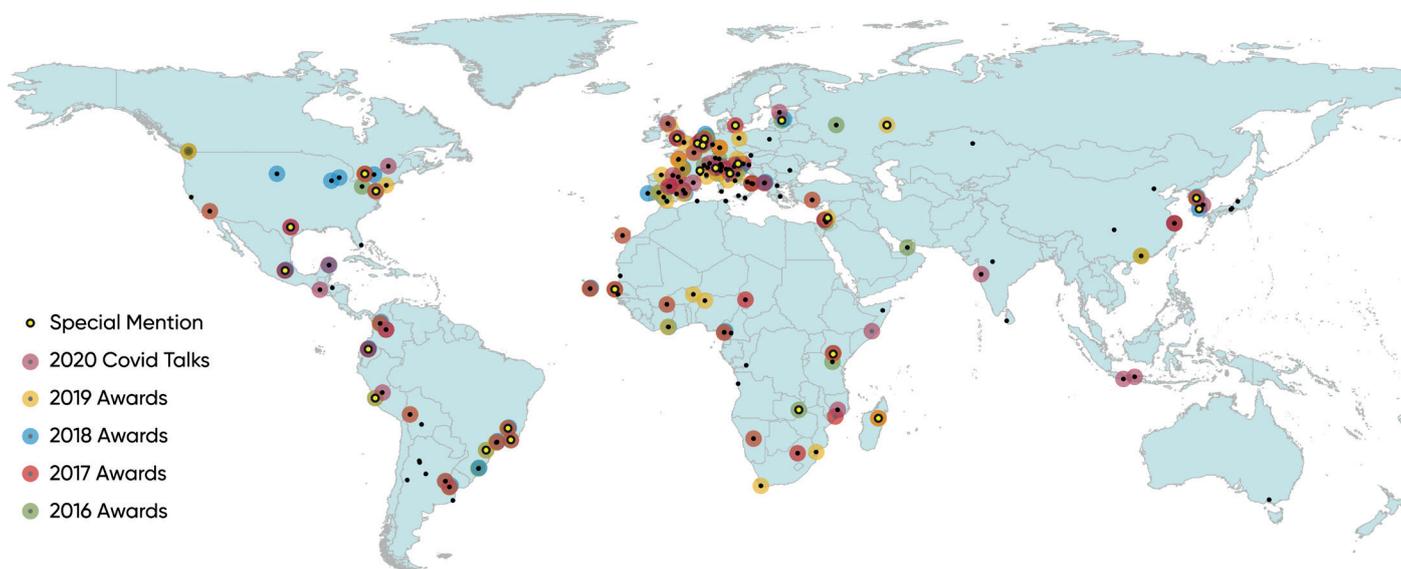
The call of **6th edition** of the **Milan Pact Awards** is open to submission. MUFPP signatory cities can **submit up to 3 practices** connected to the six MUFPP categories.

The **2022 Milan Pact Awards Ceremony** will be hosted in **Rio de Janeiro** (Brazil) during the 8th MUFPP Global Forum from 17-19 October.

The highest scoring practice for each of these six MUFPP categories will be awarded with the participation to the MPA Retreat in Milan during 2023. The **MPA Retreat** will be the trigger for the development of the MUFPP Fellowship Programme.



Practices submitted at the Awards per year.



- Special Mention
- 2020 Covid Talks
- 2019 Awards
- 2018 Awards
- 2017 Awards
- 2016 Awards

7 Years of activities 225 Signatory Cities 6 MUFPP Regions 7 Global Fora 16 Regional Fora 13 Steering Committee cities 370 Practices collected