

Milan Urban Food Policy Pact

The first and foremost 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.



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



2016, FAO Headquarters. 2nd Global Forum.

Governance and Membership

Today, the Pact gathers more than **260 cities**, representing a total of **460 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 responsibility of representing signatory cities at global level. It is composed of 13 members, 2 per each MUFPP region together with the Mayor of Milan which is the permanent Chair.

MUFPP Global Fora

Global Fora are a fundamental moment for the network, an opportunity for our signatory cities to meet, exchange knowledge and practices, participate in technical workshops, share progress and build partnerships. Over the years, the MUFPP Global Fora has become a regular occurrence for cities and key actors in the global urban food agenda. As per tradition, the Global Forum is hosted every time in a different Milan Pact city. In 2022, the city of **Rio de Janeiro**, Brazil, hosted the **8th MUFPP Global Forum** from 17th to 19th October with the theme "Food to Feed the Climate Justice: urban food solutions for a fairer world". Past Global Fora have been hosted in Milan (2015), Rome (2016), Valencia (2017), Tel Aviv (2018), Montpellier (2019), online (2020) and in Barcelona (2021).



2022, Rio de Janeiro. 8th Global Forum.



Read the
MUFPP text

[milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Milan-Urban-Food-Policy-Pact-EN.pdf](https://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Milan-Urban-Food-Policy-Pact-EN.pdf)

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.



Download here
the Action Plan

<https://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/resources/mufpp-regionalisation-process-action-plan-2021-23/>

Africa

In 2016, the 1st MUFPP Regional Forum was held in **Dakar**, Senegal. Next Regional Fora took place in **Brazzaville** (2018), **Niamey** (2019) and **Ouagadougou** (2021). The MUFPP is also partner of the Horizon project **AfriFOODlinks**, aimed at improving food and nutrition security and transforming the food environment by involving 5 hub cities (**Cape Town**, **Kisumu Mbale**, **Ouagadougou** and **Tunis**) along with other 10 sharing cities in Africa and 5 sharing cities in Europe.

Europe

Within **Eurocities**, the European association of cities, the debate around food and cities is today particularly dynamic. In 2016, thanks to the inputs of the MUFPP, a **Working Group Food** was established. It is chaired by **Milan and Warsaw** and it encounters 51 cities that gathered 11 times in **Brussels**, **Birmingham**, **Valencia**, **Amsterdam**, **Lyon**, **Ghent**, **Montpellier**, **Almere**, **Milan**, **Barcelona** and **Almere**. The working group focuses on sharing knowledge, promoting joint projects and advocating towards the European bodies. The City of Milan, to promote the commitment of the MUFPP, is leading **Food Trails**, an Horizon 2020 European project working in **11 European cities** with **3 universities** and **5 European stakeholders** to translate the Pact's vision through the implementation of food policies and pilot projects in the 11 municipalities.

South America

In 2019, the 1st Regional Forum of South America took place in **Rio de Janeiro**. The forum aimed at promoting the dialogue between South American cities to improve food governance in the region. The second meeting of the region was held during the 8th Global Forum held in Rio de Janeiro focusing on the identification of contexts, common challenges, presentation of experiences, and discussions on the next steps of food security policies combined with the agendas of climate justice and inclusion. On that same occasion, the city of **Rosario**, Steering Committee representative for South America, announced its intention to hold the next Regional Forum in 2023.

Eurasia & South West Asia

The 1st Regional Forum was held in **Kazan**, Russian Federation on the topic "Healthy Cities. Healthy Nutrition for Children". In 2022 thanks to the collaboration with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, the MUFPP welcomed 11 Indian cities, the winners of the EatSmart Cities Challenge, an initiative that aims to support smart cities to develop a plan that supports a healthy, safe and sustainable food environment.

Asia Pacific

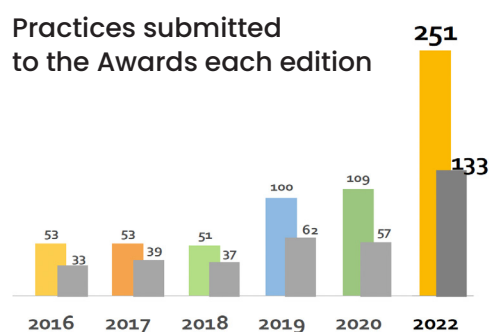
The MUFPP is working to disseminate knowledge and to foster cooperation through the European programmes: IURC and ICP. Within this framework, Milan is supporting on a variety of topics the cities of **Bangkok**, **Chiang Mai**, **Seberang Perai** and **Singapore**.

In 2022, the Milan Pact together with the IURC Programme developed the **Asia Pacific Food Policy Training**, a series of webinars aimed at cities in the region willing to enrich their knowledge on food policy development. The online training featured a total of 7 webinars directly linked to the categories of the Milan Pact, gathering over 400 attendees from 50 cities in the region. In August 2022, the **1st MUFPP Asia Pacific Regional Forum** was held in Bandung, Indonesia.



Sharing knowledge among the Signatory Cities

Practices submitted to the Awards each edition



Milan Pact Awards: 621 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, in 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** who 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 621 practices, creating a **unique library of food policies** officially approved by city 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.



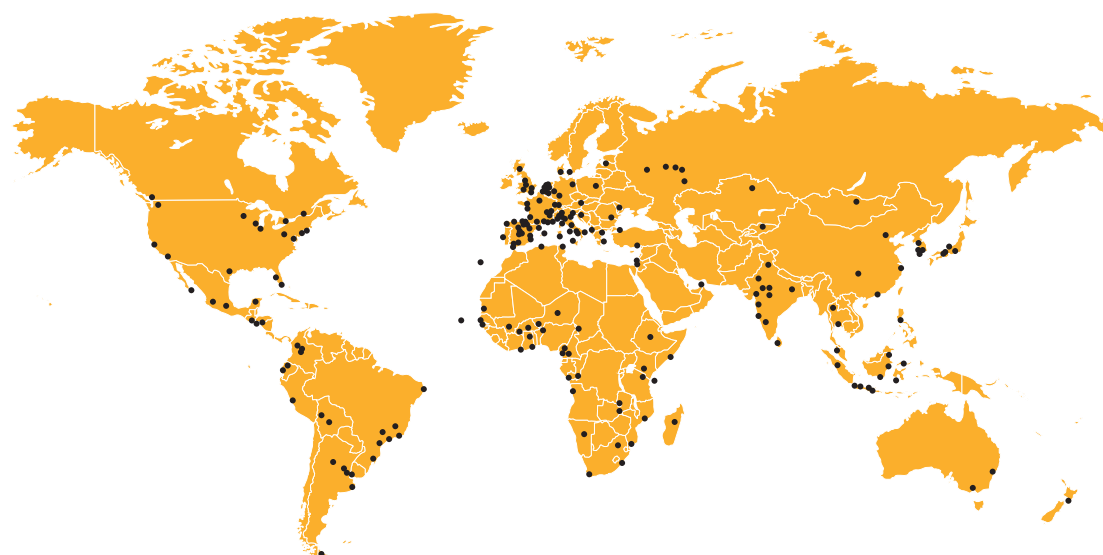
2022 Milan Pact Awards ceremony in Rio de Janeiro

Milan Pact Awards 2022

In April 2022, the Secretariat opened the call for the 6th edition of the Milan Pact Awards. **133 MUFPP signatory cities** submitted **251 practices** in the six MUFPP categories. The **Milan Pact Awards Ceremony** took place in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) during the 8th MUFPP Global Forum on 17-19 October. The six winners of this MPA edition are **New York City** (United States), **Addis Ababa** (Ethiopia), **Rourkela** (India), **Yeosu** (South Korea), **Rosario** (Argentina) and **London** (United Kingdom). 18 cities also received a special mention from the Evaluation Committee for their important achievements. In 2023, the winning cities are invited to Milan to take part in the **MPA Retreat** - aimed at sharing their knowledge with the MUFPP network and developing innovative food systems solutions.

Watch here the video of the Ceremony

<https://youtu.be/T0yip7F13Nw>



8 Years of activities

260 Signatory Cities

6 MUFPP Regions

8 Global Fora

19 Regional Fora

13 Steering Committee cities

621 Practices collected

Fellowship Programme

The MPA Retreat is the trigger for the development of the **MUFPP Fellowship Programme** - a comprehensive learning and capacity building program involving the winning cities, as mentors on each of the six categories, and a set of mentee cities interested in transferring knowledge, experiences, skills and enabling joint problem solving.

The MUFPP Fellowship Programme runs throughout **2023 and 2024**, and engages MUFPP cities in **capacity building activities**, in order to develop and strengthen their skills and capacities, acquire tools and knowledge to achieve their food policy objectives.

The Fellowship Programme includes various activities such as: field visits, webinars, workshops, online and in-person training, peer-to-peer exchanges, participation in research and mapping activities, publications, networking opportunities, joint organization of events.

All those activities are facilitated by the MUFPP Secretariat together with the important **contribution of MUFPP key partners**. Indeed, MUFPP partners - based on their field of work and areas of interest - will have the possibility to join forces with the MUFPP, and work together with MUFPP cities, streamlining our efforts and finding new synergies.

Shaping the Global Food Agenda

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 international stakeholders towards the Pact's objective.



Read the 1st MUFPP
Asia-Pacific Regional
Forum Report

<https://www.milanurbanfoodpolicycompact.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/REPORT-1st-MUFPP-Asia-Pacific-Regional-Forum-BANDUNG-2022.pdf>

International processes and advocacy actions

The Pact is constantly striving to highlight 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.

On 3-4 August, within the framework of **Indonesia's G20 Presidency**, the MUFPP organized the **1st Asia Pacific Regional Forum in Bandung** titled "Improving City Food Security and Creating Work Through Urban Farming Based on Culture and Technology". Moving from the **U20 objective** to strive for a more **equitable, sustainable and resilient future**, the Forum represented a unique opportunity to advocate G20 leaders about the importance of improving access to food in cities and obtaining greater food security through urban and peri-urban agriculture. The main priorities and concerns resulting from the Forum have been gathered in a set of recommendations in the **U20 Communiqué**.

The MUFPP played a primary role within the UNFSS process. Among the different activities developed, within the **UNFSS Pre-Summit** the MUFPP Secretariat organized "**City and Local Food Systems**", the unique plenary session focusing on the role of cities as key drivers of the food system transformation. It involved mayors and representatives of international stakeholders who highlighted the need of planning across different levels of governance to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Thanks to the contribution of our mayors, the Pact has been able to showcase its cities' efforts and solutions to the entire international community.

The Milan Pact is also committed on the advocacy at international level. In March 2023, the MUFPP together with **Eurocities** organized in Brussels the event "**Bringing urban food policy to the table**", gathering **eleven deputy mayors** from European cities and **eight cabinet members and policy officers** from the **European Commission** discussing what cities are doing on food policies and how they can contribute to the upcoming proposal for a **Sustainable Food Systems Framework law** which will highly impact the context of urban food policies. The event reiterated the key role of cities to work with all levels of governance and all food stakeholders – from producers to distributors to consumers.



International partnerships and projects

Over the years, the Pact has consolidated an **increasing number of partners** ranging from international organizations to universities, research centers and NGOs. Significant in this regard is the agreement signed in 2022 with the **Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)**. This strong alliance will further support the MUFPP in its mission to support cities' actions all over the world focusing on developing more sustainable and inclusive food systems. Indeed, the MUFPP acts as a driver, gathering the opportunities coming from its partners and linking them to its signatory cities. Thanks to its strong relations, the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact is constantly promoting the development of international consortia, projects, advocacy and capacity building activities to gather and spur the Milan Pact's objectives through city-to-city exchanges. The strong network of partners supports the MUFPP in co-creating and developing the Fellowship Programme.

