



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

SIDE EVENT

Integrating Sustainable Food System in the Urban Development.

October 16, 2016, 1.00 - 2.30 pm

Room B, "One UN" Pavilion, Quito Habitat III

Sustainable urban development significantly relies on the implementation of sustainable, inclusive and nutrition-sensitive food systems that build on the urban-rural relationship. Cities are highly impacted by food systems efficiency and sustainability, while they are also key influencers of the prevalence of quality and quantity of food, its availability, price and overall demand and consumption patterns. Promoting food systems in the urban development is crucial for achieving food security and nutrition, as well as economic and social development for both the urban and rural areas.

Lifestyles in cities are directly connected with the way food systems functions. City dwellers are experiencing the "double burden" of undernourishment and over-nutrition (overweight and obesity) with greatest impact observed among the urban poor, especially women and children.

Food security in urban areas is closely connected to urban poverty and to the financial access -purchasing power-. In the Global South, a large majority of the urban poor rely on informal sector activities and casual labour, which commonly produces low and irregular earnings.

Cities are largely contributing to the global greenhouse gas emission. Food systems are one of the sets of activities and operations that use more transportation within cities. Two thirds of the organic waste produced in the world originates in cities. Therefore, food systems for cities can play an important role for promoting sustainable "urban metabolism".

Food was placed at the centre of the urban and territorial sustainability within the New Urban Agenda, which is an historical crucial change that calls for clear understanding, commitments, and multi-stakeholders partnership at all levels.

This side event aims at raising awareness, sharing knowledge and identifying key issues for future planning. It will provide a rapid review of the on-going FAO activities in the era of urbanization and it will establish a discussion on future challenges. FAO's work on urban forestry, food systems and planning, healthy diet, nutrition and urban/peri-urban agriculture will be discussed. Networking and partnership with relevant stakeholders, research activities, publications and field projects will be also highlighted.

DRAFT AGENDA

1:00 – 1.20	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS : THE NEED OF PRIORITIZING FOOD IN THE NEW URBAN AGENDA
<i>Moderation</i>	Jorge Samaniego – FAO representation in Ecuador
Keynote speech	Cesar Hernandez <i>Director of city planning, Medellin Municipality</i>
1:20 – 2.00	FAO WORK AND FUTURE CHALLENGES for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda- Roundtable
	Trudy Wijnhoven <i>Healthy diet and Nutrition in Cities</i> Cecilia Marocchino <i>Integrating Food into Urban Planning</i> Makiko Taguchi <i>City Region Food Systems approach</i> Simone Borelli <i>Urban Forestry</i> Joaquim Oliveira Martins <i>Territorial Approach to Food Security –FAO-OECD-UNCDF project</i>
2:00 – 2.20	Discussion Plenary
2:20 – 2.30	WRAP UP AND FINAL REMARKS Jorge Samaniego